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THE recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia is a proof, if proof were needed by any, with what fairness and dignity, and how in harmony with Masonic law and precedent, the Grand Lodge of England always acts. How far the multiplication of Grand Lodges is a good or an evil Time only can show. There are confessedly two views on the subject, and further and beyond there is the grave question of "local self-government," and the advance of prosperous colonies into great and independent communities. So long as all matters proceed in due Masonic form and loyal adherence to the enactments of the Book of Constitutions, so long as a clear majority of English lodges and brethren in a district at a distance from the mother country expresses a desire for independence, the Grand Lodge of England, true to its principles and practice will accord a friendly and Masonic recognition to those who feel and think themselves strong enough to form an independent Grand Lodge. But it naturally objects to and repels hasty schemes and ill-matured plans, too often the outcome of private ambition, petty cliques, and personal egotism, and, holding firmly by concordats and understandings legitimate and honest, it seeks to proclaim to the world that by no body of men are the mere acts of underhand agitation or abnormal chicanery so opposed and disavowed as by loyal Freemasons, and especially by that Mother Grand Lodge of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry,—the Grand Lodge of England.

THE study of Masonic archæology is progressing, if slowly, amongst us, and the value of Masonic literature seems to be rising, as they say, in the "home market." It takes a great deal to overcome the apathy and obscurantism of years. Masonic studies never have been popular even in our good Order, and there are those worthy brethren of ours who discourage all labour but that connected with ceremonial, who put on one side all æsthetic and literary tastes except those which serve to develop the tone and the finish of the "Menu." It has always seemed to us there is room for all these things and a good deal more. Ceremonial is good and improving, the social circle is desirable and pleasant, but why stop here? Why should we not offer a field for the ingenuity of the thinking, the studies of the antiquary Freemason? Why confine ourselves to a repetition and a reiteration, which sometimes must pall on the senses and tastes of our Fraternity? There are many portions of our wonted work in lodge which require happy illustration or elaborate explanation; and lodge lectures often serve to dispel the mere tedium of sameness, and to impart freshness, vigour, reality, and life to matters which may often drift into dead routine or careless acquiescence. We ought always to have a reason for our faith. Bro. GOULD in his amusing onslaught on those who differ from him on certain important or unimportant point of Masonic history, offers them for a motto the paradoxical one, "Credo quia incredibile est." But the truth is, that the faith of the bulk of Masons as regards their Order is not even built on any exercise of the reasoning process. "It is because it is," said to be our fair sisters' general system of induction, is the far too favourite conclusion of a large class of us all. We venture to think that Masonic life and energy will never find their fullest vent amongst us until the true position of Masonic literature and the increase of libraries and museums display the laudable intention of the Craft to progress with the times. Of course, we are aware how different in practice is the theory, however good and pleasant to contemplate. Many of our lodges find it easier and more convenient

by the hire of a room for the evening only, and the use of the accommodation of a hall or hotel, to supply all their wants, carry out their ceremonial work, and enjoy the amenities of the social circle. Masonic halls are very expensive adjuncts to a lodge, and the only possibility of their success, except in rare instances, appears to be where two or more lodges combine to make a central home for Masonry. We acknowledge the difficulties, and yet many would be the advantages of a more cultured Freemasonry amongst us. The possession of a library and a museum would create an interest where often now little exists, would remove apathy, would incite energy, would enlist in our service many of archæological tastes, and the whole government of Freemasonry would receive both a strengthening and a bracing up, which, we feel sure, would do it good. Let us hope that the time is not far distant when the movement in favour of lodge libraries and museums will receive a decided impulse, and become a marked feature of our Masonic generation.

THE loss of worthy brethren week by week is a matter of sincere regret to the thinking Freemason. We part with them in lodges sometimes to meet no more, and a pleasant intercourse is ended, a life friendship is closed. Hardly a *Freemason* appears which does not announce the death of some old friend, whose services to Freemasonry have been many and great, whose warm heart was always open to a plea for Charity, and whose love of Freemasonry lingered with him to the last, as he slowly passed onwards, after a long and well-spent life, "to the majority," leaving behind him the graciousness of a well-known name, much Masonic desert, and a void in the hearts of many Masonic friends, associates, and brethren.

THE grant of £1000 to Grand Lodge for the internal fittings of the Preparatory School for Boys is not only an earnest of the interest of the Craft generally for what is confessedly a great and useful Institution, but will serve as an incentive to the many friends of the Institution to make the approaching Festival a reality and a success. The Boys' School has prevailing claims on the Craft, in that it is likely to be more required and useful as years succeed to years, and the needs of our body seems always on the increase, in respect of educational aid and eleemosynary assistance. The school is well managed on a large and liberal plan, fully subserves its "raison de être," and under its head master has latterly taken a high place in the arduous race of competition examination and scholastic efficiency. We feel sure that increased utility and future successes will be its characteristic.

OUR attention has been specially called to a statement in the last report of the General Board of the Grand Mark Lodge, which appeared in the *Freemason* for June 6th, p. 279. It is there averred that "the Grand Lodges of Britain and Ireland have always been guided by the principle, that the Mark Degree "ought not to be compulsorily merged into the more modern Degree of Royal Arch Masons." Though we quite agree with the report in feeling that there is no necessity or propriety in merging the "Mark Degree in the Royal Arch," we cannot confess to understand, actually or historically, these specific statements and allegations, for in truth they are contradictory of all published history. Doubtless we think it right to add their repose on some foundation, or they would not have been inserted in the report of the General Board of Mark Masters. Still, the facts alluded to being unknown to us, and new to the majority of Masonic students, we think some authority for such averments should be offered us, and some indication of books or MSS., where the subject can be looked up and studied, would be very desirable. Recent investigations serve to enhance considerably the antiquity of the Royal Arch Grade, while, as far as England is concerned at any rate, the early history of Mark Masonry is very hazy indeed. There may, however, be sources of information unknown to us and Masonic students generally, but open to the writer of the report, and we should be truly glad to be permitted to be acquainted with such very important evidence, whatever form it takes.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Saturday, last at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, under the presidency of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Sir Francis Burdett, who had the support of the following:

Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; James Inglis, P.P.G.S.W., as P.G.S.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.J.W.; Rev. R. Fawcett, P.G. Chap.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas.; J. W. Lambert, P.G. Reg.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec.; A. G. Fisher, P.G.S.D.; A. Bryant, P.G.J.D.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Swd. Br.; E. M. Lott, G.O., P.G. Org.; W. H. Lee, P.G.A. Sec.; J. Featherstone, P.G.A.D.C.; and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler. Amongst others present were the following Past Prov. G. Officers: Bros. G. Cordwell, P.P.G.R.; D. W. Fenn, P.G.R.; W. Coombes, P.P.G.S.B.; F. C. D. Crespigny, P.P.G.C.; W. H. Green, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Stedwell, P.G.J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.D.; J. George, P.G.O.; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Tickle, P.P.G.R.; J. W. Baldwin; F. W. Levander, P.P.G.S.D.; Edwin Gilbert, P.P.G.S.; C. W. Pridmore; C. J. Axford; W. A. Rogers; W. Taylor; J. B. Ryley; C. Graham; T. W. Cooper; J. J. Marsh, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Nolan, W.M. 1309; Geo. Tegg, W.M. 1237; F. Knight, S.W. 1326; J. J. Wilson, J.W. 382; W. H. Rohrs, P.M. 946; H. W. Nicholson, I.P.M. 382; J. C. Jessell, P.M. 1512; K. R. Montgomery, W.M. 1871; C. Stevens, I.P.M. 1793; C. A. Walter, P.M., Treas. 865; R. H. Williams, J.W. 865; J. Ferguson, P.M. 1691; G. Gregory, P.M., Sec. 2087; Spencer R. A. Butler, S.D. 1310; W. Angus, P.M. 1310, 619; J. Etherington, S.W. 1310; T. G. Holdsworth, S.D. 1310; H. A. Pitkin, 382; R. C. Hall, S.W. 382; G. J. Jenkins, 382; T. Aitken, 382; Joseph Lonsdale, P.M. 382; James Taplin, J.D. 382; E. Cotton, W.M. 382; Charles Veal, Sec. 1549; E. Stanton, 778; A. Bailey, Org. 382; G. Clark, jun., P.M. 1777; Harston, S.W. 865; F. J. Parks, I.P.M. 1777; R. Bilby, 1702; J. J. Schloss, 1702; P. W. Morfitt, 1861; J. T. Briggs, S.D. 1503; J. A. Wilson, 1326; E. Baber, P.M. 1238; F. G. Mitchell, 1226; Scurrah, J.W. 2048; H. H. Room, I.G. 1777; W. J. Spratling, J.W. 1293; G. Fehrenbach, P.M. 382; C. C. Cruickshanks, P.M., Sec. 1777; W. Cassila, J.W. 1326; John Guest, 1777; S. Larcombe, P.M. 788; W. S. Dunkley, W.M. 1777; J. Galt Fisher, P.M. 1191; M. L. Larham, P.M. 1777; J. Finch, J.D. 1793; J. Osborn, W.M. 1897; E. Rogers, J.W. 1238; C. Corston, P.M. 865; J. Proffitt, P.M. 1359; J. Woodmason, 1639; C. S. Buck, W.M. 1702; John Hill, Sec. 1702; W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702; J. Hepburn, P.M. 1702; C. J. Knightley, 1744; H. D. Cama, 255; N. D. Fracis, J.W. 255; G. T. Clayton, I.P.M. 1782; and others.

After the formal opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the calling over the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and of lodges of the province, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and verified, and the reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were read and confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then voted £10 to a distressed brother.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that, after many years' connection with the province, Bro. Buss had resigned the Prov. Grand Treasurership, and he regretted that ill-health was the cause of it. He hoped, however, that Bro. Buss might be spared for many years to visit Provincial Grand Lodge in the character of Past Prov. Grand Treasurer. He had looked round with a view of proposing some fit and proper brother for the post, and he had much pleasure in proposing Bro. Archer, P.P.G.W., as Prov. Grand Treasurer, vice Bro. Buss.

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. TICKLE raised a discussion on the advisability of electing a new Grand Treasurer every year, instead of re-electing the same brother.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER ruled that the question was not before the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Archer was then unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The following brethren were invested Provincial Grand Officers for the year ensuing:

Bro. W. A. Rogers	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. S. Saunders	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. S. Buller	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. B. Archer (elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Proffitt	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. F. H. Woodward	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. Lee (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" W. Coombes	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. Graham	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. W. Baldwin	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" C. A. Walter	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. T. Buck	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Larcomb	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Axford	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
" Lonsdale	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Jessett	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd.Br.
" J. Osborne	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. W. Pridmore	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. Stevens	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Featherstone	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Ed. Gilbert (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
Bros. R. H. Williams, 865; J. G. Fisher, 1194; Dr. J. B. Ryley, 1423; J. Ferguson, 1691; T. Goodchild, 1793; and K. R. Montgomery, 1871	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. J. Gilbert	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Twenty guineas were voted to the memorial fund being raised for the late Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec., on the motion of Bro. H. Lovegrove.

The sum of 15 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, a similar sum to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the like sum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

On the motion of Bro. TICKLE a Committee was appointed to consider the best means of recognising the services of Bro. Buss to the Province of Middlesex.

On the motion of Bro. Buss a Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After some further business, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Chequers Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, after dinner, proposed "The Health of the Queen," and of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," whose efforts on

behalf of the Order of which he is the head he highly commended, and referred with satisfaction to the initiation of Prince Albert Victor by the Grand Master as a proof of the interest he took in the Craft.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. H. G. Buss, Past Assist. G. Sec., and Past Prov. G. Treas. Middx., who said that the toast should really have found a respondent in Bro. Thrupp, who was of higher rank in the Craft than he. But as the Master could do no wrong, and as the Prov. Grand Master had called upon him (Bro. Buss) to reply, he felt bound to do so. Sir F. Burdett having referred to his (Bro. Buss's) services to the Province of Middlesex, he thanked him very much for his kind observations. The brethren had so fully exhausted the subject of the qualifications of those who held office in the Craft that any words of commendation from him in responding for those Grand Officers would not be necessary. The Prov. Grand Master had spoken of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom in terms which every member of the Craft would know they were entitled to; both were most excellent Masons and Grand Officers, and were always willing to do everything they could for the service of the noble Craft. On their behalf he therefore thanked the Prov. Grand Master and brethren, but he regretted his name had been coupled with the toast, because if Bro. Thrupp had had to respond the brethren would have been favoured with a speech worth listening to.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, P.G.D., who was loudly called for, said the brethren had already had a very good reply from an old and experienced Mason, but as the brethren required a few more words he would add that all the Grand Officers appreciated the encomiums passed on them at the banquets wherever they went, as well as the high estimate they experienced of the efforts they made for the Order.

Bro. E. M. LOTT, Grand Org., also replied, in answer to repeated calls.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, D.P.G.M., proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master." All Provincial Masons had known Sir Francis Burdett for a good many years, but no brother, however humble in the lodge, even if he had been only a year in the Craft, could say that he did not receive a hearty greeting from the Prov. Grand Master. That was one of the distinguishing characteristics of the Prov. Grand Master for Middx. He had always a kind word for every brother in the province, and that was the reason there was such a large gathering at the table that evening, even though they met in such a remote part of the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in reply to the toast, which was most warmly received, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of him, and also thanked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his kind words. He felt he did not deserve them, though he could confirm the statement that he was always ready to receive every brother that came among them, whether he was a junior or a senior member of the Order. He was also glad on all occasions to see brethren of the higher grades and the older members of the province. As long as he could see the brethren rally round him as they had on that occasion, he should do all he could for the province and the brethren. He was now an old member of the province, and he must say it had gratified him very much to see the advance the province had made, in the last six or eight years especially. They were now out in the far districts of the province, and he could not have expected to see so large a number of brethren assemble at such an inconvenient place; but as they had come, and so readily, too, he must thank them most sincerely. He had believed there would be a very different attendance in consequence of the difficulty of getting there; but it might yet be better when other railways came down there. There was no difficulty coming down from Paddington at present. The Provincial Grand Chapter took place at the Mitre, Hampton Court, on the 22nd of this month, and he would be very glad to see Royal Arch Masons there. He then proposed "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master," a genial, kind-hearted Mason, who if anything was wanted to be done was always ready to do it, not only the ordinary working of Masonry, but in every instance he was perfectly up in the work he was asked to perform. He did not think there was a brother in the province so efficient, and he (the Prov. Grand Master) felt very small indeed by the side of him.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, responding, said there was a very strong body of Prov. Grand Officers, and they all endeavoured to keep up the prestige of the province. They were only too proud and pleased to work for the good of the province. Every one of them did all he could to promote the welfare of the Craft in the Province of Middlesex, and so long as they had Sir Francis Burdett to preside over them, they would continue to do everything they could to promote its interest.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Visitors," and apologised for cutting the toasts so short, accounting for it by the circumstance that the brethren were all going to leave by the 8.20 p.m. train. They were much gratified to see the visitors, and should be gratified to see them again. When these banquets took place the brethren of the province were not more gratified with them than they were to see visitors enjoy themselves. He hoped on the next occasion there would be even more visitors than there were at present. He called upon Bro. H. Massey to respond.

Bro. H. MASSEY, P.M. 619 and 1928, in reply, said that, though he was there as a humble member of the roll of visitors, he believed there was no visitor present more competent to acknowledge the hospitality of the Grand Lodge of Middlesex, as no visitor had experienced more of it. On all occasions he had been received in the province with the most unbounded hospitality, and, though he was never fond of replying to toasts, he was glad on this occasion to have had the opportunity afforded him of, even though inadequately, acknowledging so much past kindness.

The Prov. G. Tyler, Bro. GILBERT, then gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

An excellent programme of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Past Prov. Grand Organist, by Bros. Collins, Arthur Weston, Colson Philips, and Franklin Clive.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

The annual Provincial Grand Meeting of the several chapters in the Province of Suffolk was held at Woodbridge, on Friday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Supt., Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who was assisted by Comps. W. P. Mills and S. R. Anness, and supported by a large number of the fraternity, including Comps. J. Neal York, Prov. G. Supt. Cambridgeshire; W. Clarke, P.Z. 376; W. Boby, P.P.G.H., Treas.; N. Tracy, P.G.S.E.; W. J. Nunn, Z., P.G. Org. 1008; B. Gall, P.Z., P.G.S.B. 81; W. H. Hessey, J. 81; B. P. Grimsey, H. 376; E. St. G. Cobbold, H. 81; J. H. Staddon, P.P.G.H. 376; Ewd. Smith, P.S. 81; A. A. Bennett, P.Z., P.G.S. 956; S. H. Wright, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S. 376; W. M. Dods, P.Z., P.P.G.H. 1631; W. P. T. Phillips, P.Z., P.P.G.H. 81; A. Barnes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. 81; R. Allen, A.S. 81; A. J. Grimwade, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. 376; H. J. Wright, Z. 376; G. Abbott, P.G.A.S. 225; C. Byford, P.Z. 225; W. E. Smith, 376; A. Barber, P.P.G.S.B. 223; A. E. Smith, 376; G. Booth, 81; J. C. Norman, 376; F. Bloomfield, 225; H. W. H. Elwes, 1361; and W. Minter, 555.

After the transaction of some routine business, the Prov. Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. W. P. Mills, P.P.G.J., 1631	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. J. Nunn, P.P.G.O., 1008	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" N. Tracy, 376	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. St. G. Cobbold, H. 81	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. J. Wright, Z. 376	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" H. O. Hinton, Z. 1631	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" E. J. Brown, Z. 959	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" W. H. Hessey, J. 81	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. Byford, P.Z. 225	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" B. P. Grimsey, H. 376	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. W. Clarke, P.Z. 376	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Collins, 81	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. Halls, 81	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. W. Boby was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The roll of the chapters was then called over, and it appeared that there were 144 members in the province, and a hope was expressed that the number would be increased by present members drawing the attention of Freemasons generally to the virtues and advantages of the Order.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered an address to the companions, in which he expressed his satisfaction with the present position of the province, and said the Committee who had had in hand the matter of a memorial in Clare Church to the memory of the late Duke of Albany had decided to set up a very handsome brass.

Comp. W. CLARKE expressed the great pleasure it gave him to find that Suffolk had recently taken so high a place in the Charities. Much credit was due to Comp. Grimwade for the progress the county had made.

Comp. E. ST. G. COBBOLD endorsed the remarks as to the value of Comp. Grimwade's work, and the PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT spoke to the same effect.

The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where a banquet was held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent.

Comp. PHILLIPS, in proposing "The Health of the Rev. C. J. Martyn," said the name of Martyn, wherever it was known, was honoured. The career of their Chairman began at Oxford; he had been Grand Chaplain of the Craft, he was D. Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, and member of he would not like to state how many lodges in England. They all knew the interest he took in all matters pertaining to the Craft, and as to the Charities, he was a sort of perennial Steward of them, and he found he was the holder of no less than 307 votes in the Institutions out of 1380 in the county.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in proposing "The Charities," said that as an instance of the way in which Freemasons helped the helpless, he might repeat the statement made in Grand Lodge, that in the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales, during the past nine or ten years, no less than £350,000 had been subscribed to the Masonic Institutions.

In the course of the evening those present subscribed £10 10s. to the Girls' Institution, entitling the Province to a Life Governorship.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

This Provincial Grand Chapter, of which the lamented Duke of Albany was First Principal, was opened in ancient and solemn form on Saturday, the 30th ult., in the chapter room of the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, M.E. Comps. Reginald Bird, P.Z. 357, Prov. G.H., as Prov. G.Z.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.Z. 340, 357, as Prov. G. H.; L. G. Bruton, P.Z. 340, Z. 1399, as Prov. G.J.

The M.E. Comp. L. G. Bruton was then obligated and installed in the chair of Prov. G.J., and Comp. Emberlin was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the following companions nominated and invested:

Comp. E. L. Hawkins, P.Z. 357	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. Jenkin, P.Z. 340	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Rev. T. H. Jukes, P.Z. 357	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Rev. J. A. Lloyd, Z. 357	...	...	Prov. 1st G.A.S.
" T. Eley, J. 340	...	...	Prov. 2nd G.A.S.
" Emberlin, Treas. 340	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. H. Osmond, Stwd. 340	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. O. Crane, H. 1399	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Rev. F. H. Penny, H. 357	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. E. Baynes, J. 357	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Plumridge, J. 1399	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Norwood	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

CONSECRATION OF THE HARLESDEN LODGE, No. 2098.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Monday, the 8th inst., at the lodge rooms, National Schools, Harlesden. The Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, was the Consecrating Officer, and was assisted by W. Bro. J. M. P. Montague, P.G.D., as S.W.; W. Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, A.G.D. of C., as J.W.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; W. Bro. Frank Richardscn, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. W. B. Stanger, No. 197, as I.G.

The following brethren were also present: Founders—Bros. Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M., P.D.G. Chap.; Fred. Levick, P.M. 404, P.P.G.S.D.; W. O. Lyon, P.M. 34; Henry J. Reed, P.M.; the Rev. H. Courtenay Atwool; Dr. H. Branthwaite, P.M. 1041; Henry Hughes, S.W. 869; Major C. Abercrombie Cooper; Arthur Ball, J.D. 5; G. Goldney-Cary, and F. S. Long. Visitors: V.W. Bro. A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcester; Bros. D. S. Skinner, P.M. 665; C. E. Botley, I.P.M. 1996; M. W. Chubb, P.M. 709; C. Kempton, I.P.M. 1287; G. Carter, P.M. 382; John Hodges, P.M. 1706; H. S. Pearce, 1672; W. Soden, 1287; W. H. Writton, 34; John Fisher, 2029; M. B. Chubb, 1863; John H. Hughes, 404; Thos. Pink, 1791; Albert Moore, 107; J. Court-Medway, 1678; W. D. Wedlake, 1599; Herbert Goodwin, 1669; W. Memory, 2029; J. Reynolds, 635; Theo. Distin; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The ceremony of consecration was performed in a very impressive manner.

The musical arrangements for the evening were made by Bro. W. O. Lyon, P.M., and were exceedingly well carried out. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," was rendered by the choir with excellent effect.

After the consecration the V.W. Grand Secretary installed, as the first W.M., Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, who appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. C. A. Cooper, S.W.; Arthur Ball, J.W.; H. T. Reed (after ballot), Treasurer; W. O. Lyon, Secretary; G. Goldney-Cary, S.D.; and F. S. Long, J.D.

Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and three candidates for initiation. The Bye-laws Committee was appointed, and the lodge being then closed, the brethren, with their guests, adjourned for refreshment.

After the customary loyal toast of "The Queen and the Craft,"

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who, he rejoiced to say, was not only an ornament to Masonry, but a working Mason, taking an interest in the general well-being of the Craft, and also able to take the chair as Master of a lodge, and—as he had lately done in the case of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor—perform the ceremony of initiation in a solemn and impressive manner. The Craft owed much to his Royal Highness, and he hoped that for many years the M.W. the Grand Master would occupy his present position.

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with this toast the name of V.W. Bro. Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., who, after a glee had been sung, responded in an eloquent and appropriate speech.

Bro. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, then rose, and said he would begin his speech with a new and original remark, which probably had never been heard by any of the brethren present, and it was that he was now about to propose the toast of the evening in earnest; and that was "The Health of the Worshipful Master." It was a great honour for any brother to have conferred on him the position of first W.M., for this might be regarded as the foundation upon which the lodge was to be built. The founders had paid a great compliment to Bro. Cooper in selecting him as their chief; but as an old District Grand Officer (whom he had known for years) who had worked in New Zealand, Australia, and Canada, he might speak of him as a perfect type of a cosmopolitan Mason, bringing the experience of a keen and energetic Masonic career to bear upon the working of the new lodge. He (Bro. Clerke) had had great pleasure in recommending the granting of the warrant, and felt additional pleasure in coming down to launch the ship. He wished the lodge and the Worshipful Master every prosperity.

Bro. Canon COOPER, W.M., in reply, said that, although the position he occupied that evening was not a new one to him, still he felt new responsibilities and the difficulty of occupying worthily so important a position. He had been for more than 30 years a Mason, and had founded and been the first W.M. of Lodge 1666, in New Zealand; then he had been W.M. of Glen Innes Lodge, New South Wales; but never before had the grave character of a W.M.'s obligation been so impressed upon him. His desire had always been to work up to the highest principles of the Craft, to make Masonry a great reality, and to raise the tone of any lodge with which he was connected. These high aims he would continue to keep before him, and, while he most heartily thanked his brethren for putting him into the honourable position of their first W.M., he had no doubt each one of them would help in the great work of building up upon the foundation laid that evening a lodge of the highest character, which would exercise a great and good influence upon themselves and the neighbourhood; for, let men talk as they would, Masonry was a great power, and if its members lived up to its high principles it must be a regenerator of Society. He would again most heartily thank his brethren for their kindness, and the Grand Secretary for the flattering way in which he had spoken of him.

"The Health of the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.," was then proposed by the W.M., who said that although he had frequently, in his position as District G.C., been present at the consecration of lodges, he never had heard the ceremony so solemnly and impressively given as it had been that evening by the Grand Secretary. He considered that the position held by Bro. Clerke was one of the greatest importance to the Craft; how well and ably that position was filled every Mason could testify. The high administrative ability, the brotherly solicitude shown in the welfare of the Craft, the perfect manner in which the ritual of every ceremony was carried out, combined to exalt their brother to the nearest approach to a perfect

Mason that could be found, and he most heartily expressed the desire that for many years to come he might be spared to exercise his important functions.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in responding, spoke of the special reasons that induced the M.W. the Grand Master to add one more to the existing London lodges, now numbering 350, a number that rendered the issuing of a new warrant a matter of great difficulty, but the petition from a number of influential Masons living in this district received every consideration from his Royal Highness. There was one point he would impress on the members of the lodge, and that was, to be extremely careful as to whom they would admit, not seeking to make the lodge merely numerically strong, but to be careful as to the moral and social position of every candidate seeking the honour of admission. He was much pleased with the arrangements made for the working of the lodge, and he thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which his name had been received. He would make a suggestion which had just occurred to him. At the moment he was speaking, the youngest Master Mason in England was H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, who had been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason that evening in Cambridge. It would be an interesting circumstance for them to record that, on the night their lodge was consecrated, H.R.H. had received the Third Degree, and he thought it probable they would like to drink his health.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER immediately proposed "The Health of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor," and said that it was a remarkable and interesting coincidence, that the youngest lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England was enabled to drink the health of the youngest Master Mason in England, and that that Master Mason was the eldest son of the M.W. the Grand Master.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and accorded full Masonic honours.

"The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was then given by the W.M., and responded to by M.W. Bro. GODSON, D.P.G.M., and Bros. STANGER and SKINNER.

The next toast was that of "The Officers of the Lodge," replied to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and Bro. P.M. SEVICK, who, as acting I.P.M., spoke of the great interest he had taken in the formation of the lodge, and that he would at all times be ready to give every help in his power to further the welfare of the lodge.

The W.M. then said the lodge was to a great extent under obligations to the two brethren who had that evening been appointed to the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. After many years' experience of officers, many of them very zealous, he could truly say that in all his Masonic career he had never met such energetic and well qualified officers as Bros. P.M. REED and P.M. LYON, and it was with the greatest pleasure he proposed their health, feeling assured that their having so kindly undertaken their respective offices would be of incalculable benefit to the lodge.

Bros. P.M. REED and P.M. LYON returned thanks in truly Masonic and eloquent speeches.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening, the proceedings of which were enlivened by recitations by Bro. Kempton, songs by Bro. Soden, and a selection of glees and part songs by the choir, under the direction of Bro. Chubb.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRAMSTON BEACH LODGE, No. 2101.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at the Public Hall, Bridge-street, Godalming, on the 5th inst. Owing to indisposition the Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., was unable to officiate, and Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, performed the ceremony of consecration, in which he was assisted by Bros. the Rev. G. P. Merrick, as Prov. Grand Chap.; John G. Horsey, P.P.G.D.C., acting as Prov. Grand Sec., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Charles Greenwood; Bro. Pulley, Prov. G.D.C.; and other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren assembled at 2.30, and in due course the W.M. designate, Bro. Payne, P.P.G.P., was installed into the chair, the S.W. and J.W. respectively being Bros. James Gould and T. Dodd. Amongst those present were Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hampshire (after whom the lodge was named); his Deputy, Bro. J. Le Feuvre, and Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.

The brethren re-assembled at 5 p.m., at the Angel Hotel, where a banquet was served.

THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL AND THE NEW HALL AT WOOD GREEN.

The proceedings on Saturday next, when the Stewards and their friends will pay their annual visit to Wood Green, and the prizes won during the past year by the successful pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be distributed by Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Past G.J.W. of England, and Past Prov. G.S.W. of Wiltshire, will take place in the new Hall, which, though not furnished and appointed as it will be shortly for permanent use, is sufficiently advanced towards completion to allow of its being turned to account for the temporary purposes of a Speech Day celebration. On such occasions even the best ordered and most methodical of institutions have a knack of being completely turned upside down—always, of course, in the most orderly fashion—in order to accommodate the concourse of visitors who are present, and many of whom would judge unfavourably, if not meanly, of an establishment which was not prepared for once in the way to have the whole routine of its daily life thrown out of gear for their special edification and pleasure. Thanks, however, to the additional accommodation afforded by the new building, there will this year—and in future years likewise—be less of this necessary disturbance than on previous Speech Days. The Hall will be reserved for the prize distribution, and the Gymnasium, formerly devoted to that purpose, will be turned into a refectory, where will be dispensed that simple but comfortable hospitality which is a regular part of all important Masonic functions. Thus it will be possible to carry on the preparations for the fête without

seriously disconcerting the ordinary work of the School; and given fine weather, and the usual numerous muster of the fair sex, whose presence may be regarded as almost indispensable at these gatherings, we may reasonably hope that, under the genial presidency of the Lord Mayor, the first act of the Boys' School Anniversary for 1885 will prove successful.

Before proceeding to discuss the prospects of the second and concluding act, which will take place at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. for Derbyshire, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., it will not perhaps be considered amiss if we say a few words about the premises now in course of erection, of which the Hall above referred to is a part, for the purposes of the proposed Preparatory School. These premises comprise two blocks of building, one being the Hall, to be used by the whole School for Divine service and as a General Assembly Hall, and the Preparatory School proper, which is intended for the residence and accommodation of the junior branch of the Institution. So much progress has been made with the latter that a capital idea may already be formed of its ample extent and suitability for a first-class boarding school, nor is there the remotest doubt as to its being ready for immediate occupation when the additional boys are ready to occupy it, which, of course, will not be till some time after the October election. The Hall, however, which will be available for the temporary requirements of Saturday next, has only to be fitted and furnished in order to be complete for its appointed uses, and when seen, even in its present state, will, we anticipate, create a most favourable impression. It is a well-found substantial structure, spacious and lofty and well-proportioned, unpretending in its general character, yet a goodly, comfortable building to look at, and one that has evidently been designed and put up by skilled masters in the art of operative masonry. Architecturally, it harmonises well with the older School premises to its left and the new block in progress of erection to its right. It will be used chiefly, as we have said, for Divine service and such important gatherings as that of Saturday next, when it is desirable or necessary that the boys of the Institution and its friends and supporters among the Craft of Speculative Masons should be brought face to face together; and having regard to the very considerable increase which, there is good reason to believe, must sooner or later take place in the numerical strength of the School, it is undoubtedly a wise act on the part of the Executive to have had an eye to the possible future rather than the actual present requirements of the Institution in ordering the erection of this new Hall. Judging from the experience of the last 15 or 20 years, we may consider it is tolerably certain the School will some day be from 300 to 350 strong, and it is sound economy, while the bricks and mortar are about, to build for that number rather than for a smaller one and then have to enlarge for further increases. As to the dimensions of the building, they are as follow: The extreme length, including the porchway entrances, is 121 ft., but the Hall itself is 85 ft. long by 42 ft. 6 in. wide, by 48 ft. 6 in. high to the ridge line of the roof. At the upper end and beyond this there will be a dais, with space left behind it for an organ, and two retiring rooms, one on each side, and each measuring 13 ft. 6 in. by 12 ft. The walls are of massive brick, tastefully diapered at regular intervals, and the roof, which is of open woodwork and will be varnished, is supported by hammerbeam elliptical arched main ribs with curved hammerbeam braces. The windows, including the large south window, which is 21 ft. 6 in. high by 14 ft. wide, of white Ketton stone and very handsome, will be filled with cathedral glass bordered with Masonic blue, though it is to be hoped that ultimately this will be replaced by stained glass, if at any future time the funds of the Institution will permit of the necessary expenditure or some of its wealthier friends and supporters will undertake it. As regards the arrangements for lighting the Hall, two systems will be provided, which may be used separately or together, one being by means of star-burners, and the other by lamps supported by brackets affixed at intervals along the walls. Every care has been taken that the building shall be well and properly ventilated, but, as to its acoustic properties, these can only be tested under such conditions as will exist on Saturday next, when the building is occupied and there will be something else than bare walls and the roof to regulate and direct the conveyance of sound. In short, the Hall, so far as it is possible to judge of it in its present state, seems admirably adapted for the purpose to which it will be devoted; it is lofty and commodious; its character is in keeping with the older building; and as the first outcome of the successful effort of 1883 towards enlarging the Institution, will no doubt be regarded as—to put the matter in the plainest and most business-like manner—a most satisfactory return for the money expended. To the architect, Bro. Berridge, the contractors, Messrs. Prestige and Co., of Cambridge Wharf, Grosvenor-road, S.W., and last, but not least, to the House and Building Committee who must have outlined their wishes before Bro. Berridge could prepare his plans and drawings, must be awarded all possible credit for the share which each has had in the work now so nearly on the eve of completion, and the formal inauguration of which is fixed, as we have said, for Saturday next under the kindly auspices of Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler.

It remains for us to offer a few remarks about the prospects of the Festival on the 24th inst., and we may say at once, without any circumlocution, that they would be the reverse of promising even if the approaching anniversary were of an ordinary character—that is to say, if the contributions invited were only meant to satisfy the ordinary expenditure of the Institution and nothing further. Even in that case, we should be justified in considering a diminution in the number of Stewards from the 290 who served in 1884 to little more than 250—the precise number being 256—within a fortnight from the appointed day as being ominous of anything but a good result. We know there is a very wise injunction against trusting too confidently in mere appearances, and it is on the cards that the 256 Stewards of 1885 may

raise as large a total as the 290 of last year. But, without wishing to be alarmists, we cannot help drawing attention to the fact that whereas, at the Festival of 1884, the Board of Stewards comprised 130 London brethren, 156 brethren from the provinces, and four from foreign stations or outside Degrees—that, is 290 all told—the Board for this year, as at present constituted, musters only 110 London brethren, 143 brethren from the provinces, and 3 representatives from outside stations or Degrees. This diminution in number is very serious, and affords us but little encouragement to hope for a full subscription list such as even the ordinary requirements of the Boys' School demand. But the approaching Festival is of more than ordinary importance. Before the year is out the sum of between £14,000 and £15,000 which was raised up to the end of 1883 for the Preparatory School Building Fund will have been expended. The new buildings will be ready for the reception of the pupils, and the approved candidates are on the list and quite ready, we may be sure, to be admitted. But an increase of 25 boys means an increased expenditure of something like £1200 per annum, and where are these additional funds to come from, if there is no increase in the Festival returns, or, as seems still more likely, if they happen to show anything like an appreciable decrease? If nothing comes of nothing, which will be the state of the case if there is no increase over an average total, how much may be expected from less than nothing, which will be the case, if there is a falling off in the total? The Building Fund will have been exhausted, perhaps even more than exhausted, for it did not include, as originally contemplated, the cost of purchasing Lindum Villas and the ground they occupied; and the £1000 voted by Grand Lodge on the 3rd inst. must be devoted to furniture and fittings. The Executive have no heavy balance at their bankers, and the invested capital of the Institution is very small. But the money required for the additional expenditure will have to be provided, or the election of the additional boys postponed, and the new premises kept vacant and unprofitable for it may be a prolonged period of time. Will the Craft, having so loyally backed up the Executive in their efforts to meet the growing demands for admission into the School, stop short of completing the success which has been achieved thus far, and by so doing render virtually useless what has and is being done at so much cost of money and anxiety? Or will they go just the one step further it is necessary they should go, in order to make profitable what has been accomplished already? There is none to answer these alternative questions but the Craft itself, and that answer will be known very speedily. Let us sincerely hope and trust it will be in the direction indicated by the latter of the two queries.

REVIEW.

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

The Second Chapter, which runs from the 339th to the 400th page, is equally important as the preceding First Chapter, and contains a great deal not only to make Masonic students think much and long, but tends markedly to enhance the critical ability and skillful dissertations of the careful and accurate writer.

The more we think over the problems dealt with in the last chapter, the more we venture to hold that the balance of probability and actuality, if we may so say, is against Bro. Gould's hypothesis of the Scotch origin of our gradal terms, and, though we are not insensible, as we have already said, to the very curious coincidences between the Scottish and English Masonic terms as they appear in early eighteenth century English Freemasonry, and to which Bro. Gould so ably and lucidly calls our special attention, yet there is a sufficient English use of analogous terminology, it appears to us, which will fairly account for an independent use of the same words in England in 1721, and up to 1725.

In the Second Chapter Bro. Gould very skilfully introduces and ably dilates upon the most important question of the Third Degree. Bro. Gould sees, and sees clearly, that the theory of the compilation of the Third Degree, as an after-thought and a completion, is, archaically and critically, an utter impossibility, and therefore adopts the idea of a bi-gradal usage, which practically makes the Second and Third Degrees interchangeable in themselves; in fact, as the schoolmen say, "convertible terms."

Before we pass on, we cannot help pointing to this fact with some little pride and satisfaction, as at one time, almost alone in England, the *Freemason* upheld the position which Bro. Gould now approves of, and confirms, by his high authority, that the antiquity of the Third Degree, comparatively speaking to the others, is beyond all doubt, and that if there be modernity in any sense of compilation or rearrangement, it applies rather to the First and Second Degrees. In America, curiously enough, the majority of students have adhered to the views expressed in the *Freemason* on this very moot and interesting point.

Bro. Gould's contention in the Second Chapter professedly is, that as there were, he thinks, two grades in Scotland, so there were also two originally in England,—Anderson drawing on his Scotch experiences,—and that the present tri-gradal system constitutes a development, a supplementation brought about by the necessities of the case; but does not really date before 1723, or thereabouts. He seems to think, moreover, that when Anderson uses the word "Master," he means the Master of a lodge, though in this, we believe, he is in error, and are of opinion he sets far too much store by the parenthetical explanation, ("being also the Master of a lodge"), which can in no sense be identical with, or explanatory of, the term "Master Mason;" but, according to our opinion, points to quite another explanation altogether, and settles decisively the whole question as regards the integrity and independence of the Third Degree.

On the other hand, Anderson is undoubtedly very careless and lax in his use of the words "Master Mason and Fellow Craft," "Fellow Craft and Master Mason." As he employs the terms, they may be either identical or different Degrees, and, though all early minutes are indistinct, too, since at times we find an entry that such a person was "made Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft," or "was made a Master Mason," "was admitted an Apprentice," "was passed Fellow Craft," "was passed a Fellow Craft and Master," it is to be regretted that Anderson did not speak more distinctly on

the point. On the authority of the additional MS. 23,202, originally published by the late Matthew Cooke, we must come to the conclusion that there was a difference in 1724 between the Fellow Craft and Master, and that Master could not mean the Master of a lodge. Bro. Gould very properly calls special attention to Anderson's peculiar use of Master and Fellow Craft, instead of Fellow Craft and Master, the normal usage. It may mean a good deal, but it may also mean little or nothing, and we feel inclined to put it down to Anderson's somewhat slipshod way of expressing himself.

To show how indifferently and laxly the terms are used in England so late as 1797,—we are quoting from the minutes of a private Lodge, (Antient,) a certain person is accordingly "made an Entered Apprentice, passed Fellow Craft, and passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason." It is true that the word "passed" was used indifferently both of Fellow and Master, and we believe that actually thus far the earliest evidence of "raised" comes from Scottish Masonry, as a technical term, where up to date its ceremonial use seems to be anterior to that of English Masonry. But as Anderson left the whole matter, and perhaps designedly, in much haze and uncertainty, so it has ever since remained, so it still endures, and it is impossible for any of us, and Bro. Gould very properly shrinks from the task, to speak dogmatically or decisively on the subject; all we can do is to suggest fair and careful hypothesis in regard of this "moot point," which will both stand the test of reasonability and pass the scrutiny of criticism. We should never forget, as we often do in our haste and petulance to-day, when all is not clear at once to the anxious student, that our forefathers wrote, if they wrote at all, purposely and avowedly to conceal any "aporreta" or uncommunicable facts, as they held them, from the eyes of the unexpert and the profane. The experts and initiates were alone supposed to understand their curt sentences, their mystifying allusions, and their obscure hints, but no one else, and we need not be surprised, and ought never to complain to-day, if, after such a lapse of time, much is hidden which we cannot realize, a great deal is enigmatical which we should wish to be plain, and much more must always constitute an almost inexplicable crux, designed apparently to call into being a school of Masonic students and critics, to animate industry and encourage research. We may fairly, however, expect more evidence to turn up to throw light upon a subject so uncertain and incomplete in itself, and until then we can cheer ourselves with the ingenious, though not infallible solutions of the enquiring Freemason, the commentaries of students, and the cautious suggestions of historians.

We are often tempted to ask ourselves the question, when Ashmole calls himself the "oldest Fellow present," what does he mean? Was it merely the generic term for a "Fellow of a Fellowship," a "Company or Mystery," the "Socius" of a "Societatis," a "Guild Fellow," or had it a gradal meaning and bearing? Were the meetings at Warrington, in 1646, and at Basinghall-street, in 1682, the only meetings he attended? or only those which he has recorded? and did he attend any meetings which he has not recorded?

In the present state of the evidence, and of our often amusing "Battle of the Grades," we are still left in much uncertainty both as to the use of terms and the realism of facts. Several questions arise to which at present no one can give a satisfactory reply, though we are inclined to think much evidence about the movement in 1717 still exists stowed away somewhere.

Where did Anderson, for instance, obtain his authority for the proceedings he cites between 1717 and 1723? The record does not exist in Grand Lodge, or has not been found up to date.

Have we even now the true history of the 1716-7 Revival?

What is the mystery about Sir Christopher Wren? Sir Christopher Wren only died in 1723, and must have been perfectly well known to Payne, Desaguliers, Anderson, &c., and is it possible, is it probable, is it even reasonable to assume and suppose, that those distinguished men, and our other noble and able rulers in 1738, would have given their consent, and put their hands to a *lie*, a *lie* palpable, self-evident, and so easily exposed by Wren's contemporaries, descendants, and friends, as to say he had been a Freemason and Grand Master if he had never been admitted into Freemasonry at all?

Surely, the weakness and unreliability of merely negative criticism can no further go! We believe the truth will be found to depend on the somewhat tried life and experiences of our Bro. Sir Christopher Wren from, as Anderson rightly puts it, about 1708 and downwards. There are several pamphlets and even books extant, which the curious may read, alluding to some very disagreeable questions in which Sir Christopher Wren was mixed up with his employes and Operative Masons and artificers, alike English as Foreign, and find their vent in such works, now scarce, as "Frauds and Abuses of St. Paul's," &c. There has always been an explanation of Sayer's Grand Mastership in 1717 that he was elected by the Operatives as an Operative Grand Master in opposition to Sir Christopher Wren. Some have thought he was of the firm of Sayers', engravers; but he certainly was not in a very exalted position, as he was relieved by Grand Lodge a few years later.

If, then, Sir Christopher Wren had offended the body of craftsmen, it would account for his supersession in 1717, and the oblivion manifested of him, so far as we at present know, in 1723 and at his funeral. These points have yet to be cleared up. Governor Belcher, who seems to have been initiated in London (at least, presumably so) about 1704, would seem to witness to a certain amount of Masonic activity and life then, which agrees with Anderson's general, though incomplete, statements, and we cannot but once more avow our honest opinion that, though capable of some modifications, Anderson's statement in 1738 of pre-1717 English Masonry is reliable in general, and he certainly was nearer the time he wrote than we are, and less likely, for very many reasons, to make determinate misstatements. We confess we do not lay quite so much store as our esteemed Bros. R. F. Gould and D. M. Lyon seem to do on Anderson's statement that the key of a Fellow Craft is that by which the secrets contained in the ancient lodges could be unravelled, as, no doubt, the actual order and arrangement of the gradal ceremonies have been modified and revised as time ran on; but it certainly seems to show that much was inchoate which is now complete, and much was in outline by imperfect repetition which is now re-ordered and filled up.

Had Anderson always all through used the words "Master Mason and Fellow," we should be disposed to think that Bro. Gould had made out a very good case; but Anderson also uses "a Fellow Craft and a Master Mason," thus "taking away with one hand what he gives with the other." We have, however, said enough to point out the real and abiding interest of Bro. Gould's great work, and which we recommend Freemasons to study and ponder over themselves.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS.

THE R.W. BRO. GEN. J. STUDHOLME-BROWNRIGG,
C.B., Provincial Grand Master.

Notice is hereby given that
A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
Will be held at
S. MARK'S SCHOOL, ST. ANDREW'S ROAD,
SURBITON,
On SATURDAY, the 27th day of JUNE, 1885,
At 2.15 o'clock in the afternoon.

By command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.G.S.B.,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

61, Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road,
May 30th, 1885.

MORNING DRESS.

A DINNER will take place at Five o'clock. For Tickets,
apply to Bro. Dr. GIBBS, P.M., P.G.J.D., Surbiton Hill,
enclosing 7s. 6d. (which will not include Wine). N.B.—
Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken
Tickets, and no Tickets will be issued after June 24th.

The R.W. P.G. Master requests the attendance of the
brethren at Divine Service at S. Andrew's Church, Sur-
biton, at Four p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the
W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to
appear in Masonic Costume at Divine Service.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1885.

To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over—
Lodge of Truth, No. 521.
Neptune Lodge, No. 1264.
Opening of a new Masonic Hall at Northgate, Elland.
Trans-Atlantic Masonic Congratulations.
Review—The Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemason" (Christchurch), "Keystone," "El Taller,"
"Allen's Indian Mail," "Moniteur de la Chance Universelle,"
"The Musician," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Voice of
Masonry," "Hull Packet," "Jewish Chronicle," "Pall Mall
Gazette," "Sunday Times" (London), "Broad Arrow," "Calendar
of the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and
Malta in England and Wales, 1885-1886," "Citizen," "Court
Circular," "The Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," and
"The Evening Telegram" (Toronto).



605] **THE GRAND LODGE LAWS OF 1744.**
If my esteemed Bro. Speth will send me the MS. I will
endeavour now to print the documents carefully and con-
tinuously. Ed. N. AND Q.

606] **DEGREE TERMINOLOGY.**
In the present state of the controversy about the Degrees,
if any brother who has leisure could give me a few extracts
from Lodge Minutes of the use of such technical words say
before 1750, he would confer a great obligation on
MASONIC STUDENT.

607] **THE REV. JETHRO INWOOD.**
In making researches for various purposes recently, I
came across evidence of the death of this worthy brother.
He was rector of Horningbold and curate of Tugby and
Norton, in Leicestershire, and died in May 1814. The exact
date may easily be found on reference to local papers.
J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

608] **COWAN.**
"Masonic Student" thinks the term "Cowan" of
Scotch origin. In my mind I trace it back to a much
earlier period, to that of the Temple, when the "Cowan,"
or "Cohain," (Hebrew for priest) was a person of con-
siderable importance, and not likely to regard with favour
any institution or observance varying from that ruled by
the priestly sway. The "Cowan," or priest, would at that
period be eager to ascertain the nature of the Masonic
ceremony, &c., and as this might have entailed serious
consequences, no doubt the Masons took precautions
against the "Cowan." E. J. WALFORD.

609] **THE MARK DEGREE, &c., 1774.**
Bro. William Logan, W.M. 124, Durham, has kindly
sent me excerpts from the records of his lodge, which interest
me much, and are certainly both curious and valuable.
Though it was not warranted until September 16th, 1763,
minutes go back to June 24th, 1738, when 16 brethren
"formed themselves into a lodge," so Bro. Logan tells me,
and "made" their first Mason on that day. No mention
of Degrees takes place in the minutes until February 20th,
1764, when the Secretary recites that "Bro. John Lang-
horn was past ye two First Degrees of a Mason." This is
not to be wondered at, for unless old lodges had some con-
nection, directly or indirectly, with Grand Lodges, the
members were not likely to know aught respecting the
Three Degrees until the middle of the last century. The
old lodge at Alnwick never worked the modern Rite. The
lodge thus dates from 1738, continuously working until the
present time; and the records contain the earliest reference
known to the Mark Degree. Until Bro. Logan sent me
his interesting communication the earliest minute of a Mark
Lodge in this, or any other country, was noted by Bro.
Gould in his Atholl Lodges relative to No. 142, London,
and particularly by Bro. T. B. Whythead,* who gave all
the extracts (on the authority of the lamented Bro. H. C.
Levander), the first being of August 9th, 1777, and from
that period there occur many references to the Degrees of
"Mark Masons and Mark Masters," in the minute book
(*be it noted*) of St. Thomas's Craft Lodge, then No. 193.
Prior to that discovery, mine was the earliest of 1778 at
Banff, of those two Degrees. Now Bro. Logan furnishes
earlier still, viz., 1774, January 18th, "Master's Lodge.
Also at the said lodge Bro. Henry Smith, and Bro. Geo.
Watson were made Mark Masons and paid accordingly."
July 4th, 1775, "General Lodge.—The same evening Bro.
Richard Carnforth was made a Mark Mason, and paid
accordingly." In bye-laws revised in 1775, "Order" 27,
7c Tyler's fees—"And one shilling for every Brother that
is Entered, Pass'd, and Rais'd, or advanced into any De-
gree in Masonry, excepting that of a Mark Mason." Bro.
Whythead considers a record of August 14th, 1777, in the
books of No. 142 proves that the Mark Degrees "formed
an appendage of the Second, or Fellow Craft, Degree." I
am not of that opinion myself, because, though the minute
declares that "the Secretary and Treasurer present worked
in the First and Second Degrees," it does not follow that
those who took the Mark Degrees were only Fellow Crafts,
any more than at the "General Lodge" referred to at Dur-
ham, July 4th, 1775, Apprentices were "advanced" as
Mark Masons. I am not aware of any record last century
which states that the Degree of Mark Master was con-
ferred on any below the Degree of Master Mason, either in

England or Scotland; hence, in the absence of direct evi-
dence to the contrary, I assume that the same custom was
observed in London, A.D. 1777. Of course, if the records
prove that the brethren "marked" as Mark Masters
afterwards became Master Masons, I shall be bound to
withdraw my statement. The "Order of Heredom," Bro.
Logan tells me, was worked at Durham, as per lodge
minutes, from April 12th, 1773, the ceremony being termed
"Raising," the officers being described with the same
titles as the regular lodge. I hope Bro. Logan has more
in store for us.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* "Notes on the History of the Mark Degree," 1880.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF AMITY (No. 171).—The brethren
of this lodge met at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tues-
day, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. E.
Wendover, W.M.; T. Loring, S.W.; J. R. Tannahill,
J.W.; J. Van Essen, J.D.; H. Dipple, I.G.; P.M.'s:
Bros. J. Clever, J. W. Clever, Whiteley, Batty, Harcourt,
Maddick, Dodd, Smith, Farlow, J. W. Frigout, Horn,
Arnold, Carter, and Wilmer.

Bro. Wilmer was passed to the degree of F.C., and
Messrs. Sidney Scott and Robert Fox initiated, after which
Bro. Clever, P.M., installed Bro. T. Loring in the chair of
K.S. according to ancient rite. The centenary warrant
granted by Grand Lodge was duly received.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the
banqueting table, which was spread in the sumptuous
manner for which the Amity Lodge has so long been cele-
brated. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed
in very happy terms by the W.M.

The toast of "The Health of the W.M." was proposed
by Bro. E. Wendover in appropriate terms, during which
he alluded to the fact that the W.M. was initiated at the
meeting following the one on which he (the I.P.M.) was
initiated, and that since that time he had many times
admired the zeal the W.M. had displayed in Masonic
matters. His working was well known, as well as his social
qualities.

There were several visitors, and the toast given in their
honour was responded to by Bro. Sadler Wood and others.

A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. E. Wendover, and
the honouring of the customary toasts, interspersed with
some excellent songs and recitations, occupied the re-
mainder of the evening, the musical arrangements, which
met with the warmest approbation, being under the direc-
tion of Bro. Van Essen, who was assisted by Bros. Tanna-
hill, Dipple, Frigout, Carter, Wilmer, and Bermingham.

DUDLEY.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).—A
meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., at
Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street, when the following were
present: Bros. G. T. Owen, W.M.; Jas. Turner, S.W.;
R. Stevenson, J.W.; W. E. Walker, P.M., Treas.; S.
Smith, P.M., Sec.; S. Bagott, S.D.; J. Warham, J.D.;
M. Smith, D.C.; W. Swallow, I.G.; T. Chambers, Stwd.;
F. Garner, Tyler; S. Spittle, Asst. Tyler; R. G. Walker,
I.P.M.; Edwin Turner, P.M.; Wm. Smith, P.M.; Wm.
Waring, P.M.; T. F. Higgs, P.M.; G. Bagott, P.M.;
H. Bagott, J. Russell, J. Bywater, B. Barratt, H. Swin-
chatt, W. Hanson, E. J. Chambers, J. Jones, A. J. Baird,
R. Preece, J. Sidaway, G. Morgan, and T. White. Visi-
tors: Bros. A. Green, P.M. 498; W. Waldron, P.M. 573,
Prov. G.A.D.C.; W. Mould, P.M. 662; and D. Mould,
662.

The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the
previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the business
arising out of the same being disposed of, Bro. T. White
was duly raised to the Sublime Degree by the M.M. in a
very able and impressive manner. Bros. G. T. Owen,
W.M.; Thos. F. Higgs, P.M.; and E. J. Chambers were
elected to serve as the representatives of the lodge on the
Provincial Charity Committee, and the last named—Bro.
E. J. Chambers—was selected to aid the Charity Secretary
as local correspondent, &c. A recommendation of the
petition of a widow of a deceased brother to the Board of
Benevolence was signed by the W.M., officers, and majority
of brethren present, and the Secretary was requested to see
the same duly forwarded. Some other business was then
despatched, and visitors having expressed their "Hearty
good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren
devoted the remainder of the evening to the pleasures of
the banquet and fraternal good-fellowship.

KINGSTON.—Grove Lodge (No. 410).—The
installation meeting of this ancient and prosperous lodge
was held at the Sun Hotel, on Saturday, the 30th ult.
Though the attendance of the members and visitors was
large and entirely satisfactory, yet it was undoubtedly
affected by the fact that the Provincial Grand Chapter of
Surrey was being held simultaneously, under the auspices
of General Brownrigg, the P.G.S., at Chertsey, where
several members of the Grove Lodge holding high office
at the Grand Chapter found it their duty to be present.
Some members of the lodge were, however, enabled to reach
Kingston after finishing their congenial labour at Chertsey
in time to be present at the installation, previously to which
the W.M., Bro. H. C. Tepps, had vacated his chair in
order to allow Bro. H. T. P. Dumas, P.M., to initiate his
son, Mr. Henry J. F. Dumas, after which Bro. Tepps
proceeded with the business in hand, including, as it did,
the passing of Bro. Porter and the installation of the new
W.M., Bro. Thomas Moreton. The usual excellent
standard for working in the Grove Lodge was well main-
tained, that of the Deacons being specially praiseworthy.
A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. H. C. Tepps in
recognition of his eminent services in the chair as W.M.
All business being satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren
and visitors adjourned to an excellent banquet, at, and
after which, the Entered Apprentice was honoured by toast
and song.

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—The
last regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic
Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the fol-

lowsing brethren being present: Bros. Jos. Barnes, W.M.; W. Dornan, S.W.; Thos. Sharples, J.W.; James Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032; P. Yates, P.M.; R. Irving, P.M.; J. B. Withnell, P.M.; A. Hall, P.M. 1032; T. Forrester, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. M. Kerr, P.M.; Treas., Prov. G. Supt. of W.; J. Bradshaw, S.D.; L. Eccles, Sec.; G. Tootell, J.D.; J. Willis, I.G.; J. Monks and C. Richmond, Stwds.; Dr. Farmer, George Yates, J. Scott, H. Bourne, L. Fairclough, H. Nightingale, J. Bromley, J. Westall, E. C. Thwaites, J. Jolly, Tyler, and others. Visitors: Rev. Hughes, 113; Mayor, 959; A. G. Bird, J.W.; and W. P. Grimshaw, J.D. 1032.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the correspondence was also read and considered. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. Dornan, S.W., owing to domestic affliction and pressure of business, expressed a desire to waive his right for another year, whereupon Bro. Thomas Sharples, J.W., a very old member, and highly esteemed amongst the brethren for his genial manner, generosity, and interest in the Craft, was elected by an almost unanimous vote. Bro. J. M. Kerr was re-elected Treasurer (fourth time) by a unanimous vote. Bro. P. Yates, P.M., was re-elected Almoner, and Bro. J. Jolly, Tyler, Bro. Joseph Eatock was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Joseph Westall was raised to the Sublime Degree. Dr. Whitham was balloted for and elected for initiation, and the lodge was closed in the customary solemn manner.

CAMBRIDGE.—Isaac Newton University Lodge (No. 859).—Raising of Prince Albert Victor.—Soon after the initiation of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor by the Grand Master of England in the Royal Alpha Lodge, the Prince became a joining member of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, and the prospect of his Royal Highness being passed, or raised, in the University Lodge was anticipated with unusual interest in the Province of Cambridgeshire. The Second Degree, it will be remembered, was conferred at Great Yarmouth. The honour of conferring the Third Degree was reserved for the Isaac Newton, and that it was thoroughly appreciated in Cambridge was patent from the large assembly which met there on Monday last. It was originally intended that the ceremony should take place in the customary lodge room at the Lion Hotel; but so strong and universal was the desire on the part of brethren in the locale to be present at the ceremony, that the W.M. of the Isaac Newton, Bro. B. Anningson, M.D., wisely determined to make application for the holding of this emergency lodge at the Guildhall, which, it is needless to say, was promptly granted by the authorities of the province. The large Assembly Room was accordingly fitted up, and in the matter of ample space served admirably for the purpose; whilst there was the additional advantage of the town organ at command, although it was sometimes felt that the acoustic properties of the hall were not all that could be desired.

The brethren assembled at six o'clock, and, at a moderate computation, there could not be many under 300 who signed the book. They included several Officers of Grand Lodge, besides the majority of the three Cambridge lodges, and a goodly number of visitors from distant parts, as will presently be shewn.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire (with Bro. J. Neal York, D.P.G.M., at their head) marched in in procession, and took up positions on the immediate right and left of the chair. Shortly afterwards Bro. Philbrick, Bro. Martyn, and other Grand Officers were admitted, and a little later the Earl of Kintore, Sub. Grand Master of Scotland, together with Bro. W. L. Morgan, W.M. of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, and other brethren from the sister University.

Bro. Prince Albert Victor occupied a seat near to the W.M.'s chair, amongst the Officers of Grand Lodge. The proceedings commenced with the initiation of Messrs. Dumas and Finch, which was impressively carried out by the W.M. The First Degree concluded, we passed to the Second, and Prince Albert Victor was called up. The Royal candidate having answered and retired, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree and properly prepared. The accessories of the hall admirably answered the purpose, and perhaps nothing could have been more appropriate for the ceremony of raising.

Bro. Anningson and his officers went through their work carefully and well, and the proceedings throughout were sublime to a degree, affording the liveliest satisfaction to those present.

A recherché banquet was afterwards served up in the lodge room, at the Lion Hotel, by Bro. A. H. Moyes, P.M. The chair was ably filled by the W.M., Bro. Anningson, on whose immediate right was the newly-raised, Bro. Prince Albert Victor. The following were also present: Bros. Earl of Kintore, Sub. G.M. of Scotland; Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M.; J. Neal York, D.P.G.M. of Cambridgeshire; Martyn, G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Dr. Meadows, G.S.D., S.W. University of London Lodge; Col. Harding, G.D.C.; W. L. Morgan, W.M. Apollo Lodge, Oxford; Baynes, S.W. Apollo Lodge; Wakeman, W.M. Westminster and Keystone Lodge; J. McConnell, J.W. University of London Lodge; G. McCallum, W.M. Scientific Lodge; C. A. Vinter, W.M. Three Grand Principles Lodge; Welchman, W.M. Good Fellowship Lodge; Spratting, P.M.; Riach, P.M.; C. Strange, P.M.; C. Rogers, P.M.; B. Chennell, P.M.; Kirchoffer, P.M.; Borrison, Dalton, G. Morgan, Davies, and F. Piggott (Freemason).

Also the following officers, Past Masters, and brethren of Isaac Newton Lodge. In addition to the W.M., the officers were Bros. J. H. Gray, I.P.M.; Trevor Jones, S.W.; Geldard, J.W.; Armitage, S.D.; C. A. C. Jones, J.D.; Coombe, I.G.; Cunningham, Chap.; A. Gray, P.M.; Treas., D. Hall, P.M., Sec.; G. B. Courtney and P. P. Alexander, Assist. Stewards, and D.C.'s Past Masters—Bros. H. Morse, F. C. Wace, R. T. Caldwell, G. Ainslie, F. Foakes-Jackson. Members of the lodge—Bros. W. M. Fawcett, Lucas, Howard, Moul, Mann, G. M. Garrett, Oscar Browning (S.W. Alma Mater), Rouse Ball, Lemon, Henniker Rance, Meyrick, Haviland, Green, Graystone, Deighton, Anson, Dyer, Bostock, Parker, Bell, Rogerson, Hoyle, Brook, Stericker, Roger, Kerr, H. O. Jones, with three Fellow Crafts and two Entered Apprentices.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and afterwards, "The Grand Master of England; the Deputy, Grand Master; and all

the Grand Officers." The latter was responded to by Bro. Philbrick, who spoke of the deep interest which H.R.H. the Grand Master took in the Craft, as evinced recently in his initiating his eldest son.

The W.M. next gave "The Provincial Grand Master; the D.P.G.M.; and all the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was fittingly acknowledged by Bro. J. Neal York, D.P.G.M.

To the toast of "The Visitors," responses came from Bros. W. L. Morgan, W.M. Apollo Lodge; Dr. Meadows, S.W. University of London Lodge; and Martyn, P.M. Churchill Lodge, 478.

The remaining toasts were those of "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Gray, and "The Newly-Initiated."

In conclusion, it may be said that Bro. Anningson was warmly commended for the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of the chair at the ceremony in the Guildhall, under the trying and exceptional circumstances of the occasion.

MARLBOROUGH.—Loyalty Lodge (No. 1533).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. W. S. Bambridge, S.W., P.P.G.O., was installed W.M. The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: Bros. E. B. Merriman, P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; F. A. Brooks-Hill, J.W.; Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Carter, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Andrew Lloyd, Sec.; R. W. Merriman, S.D.; S. Gale, J.D.; Joshua Brooke, D.C.; W. H. Golding, Org.; Lord Frederick B. Bruce, I.G.; H. Woolcott, and Theobald Ringer, P.M., Stwds.; and Meddows Taylor, Tyler.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. A. Plummer, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. There was a large attendance of members, the Marquis of Ailesbury being of the number. The subsequent banquet was well attended, Bro. G. Drake catering excellently.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. Bryce Craig was installed W.M. by Bro. John Barr, P.M. 110, P.P.G.J.W., and invested the following as his officers: Bros. David Bell, I.P.M.; F. T. Allatt, S.W.; W. J. Harvey, J.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; J. Garnett, Sec.; J. Dickson, S.D.; H. J. McKittick, J.D.; J. Bewley, D.C.; D. Tolson, I.G.; J. Johnston, Tyler; and W. I. Smith and J. Wilkinson, Stwds.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. Ed. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; R. Wilson, P.M.; Geo. Lowden; J. Peel; Thos. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; John Paterson, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; H. Burns, W.M. 872; T. Brakenridge, J.D. 872; W. D. P. Field, I.G.; R. Miller, S.W. 119; T. Allinson, J.D.; C. Gowan, W.M. 1089; H. Ward, S.W.; R. Walker, J.W.; T. Temple, W.M. 1400; and others.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Barr, to be recorded, for his services. The W.M. read a telegram which he had received from Bro. J. P. Brierley, P.M. Oldham, containing "Hearty good wishes." Letters of apology were read from Bros. Crowther Morton, the senior P.M. of the lodge, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Ryrie, W.M. 119, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Purs.; and T. Glessall, P.M. 872, P.G. Purs. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, at the invitation of the W.M., afterwards dined.

THORNTON HEATH.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Sargeant, W.M.; H. Baber, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. H. Ranson, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; Hugh M. Hobbs, Sec.; C. Tarry, S.D.; F. T. Ridpath, J.D.; J. Kilvington, I.G.; E. Samuel, D.C.; W. Best and W. Horton, Stwds.; W. Lane, Tyler; F. C. Pascall, P.M.; E. Whitaker, P.M.; C. Daniel, P.M. 65; White, Cox, Pierson, Wadsworth, Wilmot, Horton, Potter, Chamberlain, Griffin, Hoerth, Greenfield, Astington, Shakespeare, Dr. Klein, Davies, Russell, and Gillingham. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. H. Woodward, P.P.G.W. Surrey; J. C. Streeter, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; Byron H. Ridge, P.P.G.A.D.C. Surrey; J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; J. D. Langton, I.P.M. 1073, W.M. 2096; E. Mitchell, P.M. 720; F. T. Laughlin, Org. 1305; E. Hand, Org. 901; R. H. Linnett, 1023; W. H. Edwards, 619; R. Rogers; T. J. Wicks, 184; E. Fielder, 172; J. T. Woodrow, 404; E. R. Holton, 2021; and J. Browning, 1308.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken, and declared unanimous, in favour of two gentlemen for initiation; but as they were not present, the only work done was to raise Bro. J. T. Hoerth, that ceremony being ably performed by Bro. F. C. Pascall, P.M. Bro. W. Foulsham, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland, 30, the Installing Officer, having taken the chair, the ceremony of installing Bro. H. Baber as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the Installing Officer afterwards giving the charges in his well-known admirable manner. Bro. C. Daniel, P.M. 65, most effectively undertaking the office of D.C. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Ranson, S.W.; C. Tarry, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; H. M. Hobbs, Sec.; F. T. Ridpath, S.D.; J. Kilvington, J.D.; E. Samuel, I.G.; J. Wilmot, Org.; W. Horton, D.C.; W. Best and C. A. Wadsworth, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler. During the above ceremonies Bro. J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, presided most ably at the organ.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. In the course of the evening the W.M. presented to Bro. J. Sargeant, I.P.M., the P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the lodge, wishing him long life and health to wear it, and congratulating him on the prosperity of the Old England Lodge during his year of office.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of "The Visitors" being eloquently responded to by Bros. Woodward, Streeter, and Langton.

The enjoyment of the meeting was greatly promoted by some excellent singing by Bros. Shakespeare, Wilmot, Astington, Ridpath, Kilvington, and others, Bro. Frank Laughlin kindly acting as accompanist.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Pountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425, S.W.; W. Batley, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. E. Dehanq, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Lawrence, S.D.; R. W. Williams, J.D.; E. Coleman, I.G.; J. Cruttenden, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; C. W. Hunt, I.P.M. 1425; J. Stephens, W.M. 1425, P.M.; Smout, P.M. 1642; H. Curtis, P. W. Rogers, T. C. Edmunds, Capt. H. S. Andrews, and J. H. Wood.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stephens being candidate. The 4th and 5th Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mickelburgh was elected W.M. for the next meeting on the 15th inst. The lodge was closed in peace and 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 6th inst., when there were present Bros. J. W. Ford, W.M.; J. R. Harnell, S.W.; R. J. Harnell, J.W.; G. Marsden, S.D.; W. Fowles, J.D.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; Frank Gulliford, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Powles worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Frank Gulliford offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that Bro. J. R. Harnell be the W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by Bro. J.W., carried unanimously. W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Matthews', the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston-hill, on Monday, the 8th instant. Bro. John Drevett, J.W. 1638, was in the chair, with Bro. Lane, P.M. 1638, as S.W., and Bro. Hallett, J.W. Bro. Abel Laurence, I.P.M. 1638, was Preceptor, and the First Degree was very ably worked through. Subsequently the first draw for a life-membership of one of the Charities was made, in connection with the Third Kingston Charitable Association, and Bro. Laurence drew the prize. The last meeting of the session of the lodge will be held next Monday evening, when refreshment will follow labour, and the proceedings, which have always been conducted in peace, will be closed in harmony.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. John Alcock, Z.; R. Duxbury, H.; W. Cooper, J.; J. F. Skelton, S.E.; Jas. Newton, P.P.G. Scribe N.; Robert Harwood, P.P.G. Scribe N.; James Horrocks, P.P.G. 2nd Assist. Soj. Also as visitors, Comps. G. P. Brockbank, P.Z. 37, 221, Grand Assist. D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.J.; Nathl. Nicholson, P.Z. 221; and others.

The chapter being duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Nightingale, 146, and having been found unanimous in his favour he was admitted and exalted to the Degree of H.R.A. by Comp. Sillitoe, the duties of P.S. being performed by Comp. Newton. The installation of principals and investiture of officers then took place, the first portion of the installation ceremony being performed by Comp. Sillitoe, and the second by Comp. Nathl. Nicholson, the whole being conducted in an excellent manner. The new principals and officers are Comps. Richard Duxbury, Z.; William Duxbury, H.; John F. Skelton, J.; T. Nightingale, S.E.; John Kenyon, S.N.; James Newton, P.S.; Robert Harwood, Treas.; John Alcock, D. of C.; and Thomas Higson, Janitor.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comps. Sillitoe and Nicholson for their attendance and the services rendered by them. The hearty congratulations of the chapter were tendered to Comp. Brockbank on his recent appointment as Grand Assist. D. of C. All business being concluded the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the refreshment board.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviour-gate. The chapter was opened and a convocate of Installed Principals was formed, when Comp. M. Millington, the H. elect, was installed in his chair by E. Comp. T. B. Whythead, P.Z., Comp. Millington having been prevented by illness from being installed at the regular meeting. Successful ballots were taken for four candidates, and Bro. T. E. Abbey was exalted by the First Principal, the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Whythead, P.Z. A notice was read from the Prov. Grand Scribe E. announcing that the Prov. Grand Chapter would be held at Middlesborough on the 19th inst., and the M.E.Z. invited the companions to accompany him.

After the close of the chapter the members and visitors adjourned to the supper room and partook of an excellent spread provided by the resident Tyler, Bro. Hall, and a social evening followed. The following companions were present: Comps. George Simpson, M.E.Z.; M. Millington, H.; T. B. Whythead, P.Z., J.; J. T. Sellar, P.Z.; C. G. Padel, P.Z.; W. H. Porritt, P.Z. 734, P.P.G.H.; J. Todd, P.Z. 236, P.P.G.J.; Geo. Balmford, P.Z. 236, P.P.G.O.; Jas. Kay, S.E.; John Blenkin, S.N.; W. Brown, P.S.; G. Chapman and S. J. Dalton, Assist. S.; W. Stephenson, Stwd.; W. Lackenby, B. L. Mills, W. B. Dyson, E. Thackray, R. Ware, and F. Pearson, Janitor.

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 4th inst., when there were present Comps. W. H. Den, P.P.G.R. Dorset, Z.; W. C. Hall, H.; G. W. Knight, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; W. Radcliffe, S.N.; R. W. Fraser, P.S.; G. Gregory, P.Z.; H. E. Dehanq, T. Cusworth, S. George, G. Bolton, 813; and T. C. Edmunds, Preceptor.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Sheffield being the candidate. Comp. Bolton was elected a member. The officers for the next fortnight were elected in rotation. The chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

The Prince and Princess of Wales with their three daughters visited the Horse Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Tuesday afternoon last.

Mark Masonry.

KINTORE LODGE (No. 333).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 1st inst., for the purpose of receiving the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, whose R.W. Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., had arranged should hold its annual meeting under the banner of the lodge. Amongst the numerous brethren present were Bros. Thos. Edmondston, W.M.; J. H. Hastie, S.W.; C. Fountain, J.W.; B. R. Bryant, Grand Std. Br., S.O.; Capt. C. H. Nevill, J.O.; G. H. Newington Bridges, I.P.M., Treas.; G. Norrington, R.M.; H. C. Ingram, Sec.; G. J. Venables, S.D.; J. Routledge, J.D.; H. A. Marshall, I.G.; Sydney Hill, Org.; J. E. Lidd, W.S.; W. S. R. Payne, J. S. Holliday, Prov. G. Std. B. Middx. and Surrey; T. Potter, Tyler; and other members. The honorary members present were the M.W. G.M., the Right Hon the Earl of Kintore, Bros. F. Davison, Grand Treas.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; and Henry Lovegrove, P.G. Supt. of Wks. Visitors: Bros. R. J. Voisey, W.M. 22, C. J. Axford, and numerous members of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The lodge having been opened in due form, a portion of the work deferred from the late installation was disposed of, amongst other matters being the reception and adoption of the Auditor's report, which was of a most satisfactory nature. Bro. Newington Bridges completed the ceremony of installing his successor by delivering the addresses to Master, Officers, and members, in his customary perfect style.

The M.W.G. Master having been duly saluted according to ancient form, expressed his gratification at being enabled to pay his unavoidably delayed visit to the lodge, congratulating the members upon the success which had attended its first year of existence, and himself upon the connection of his name therewith. His lordship's kindly remarks and expression of good wishes were cordially acknowledged by the brethren whom he addressed, and will doubtless inspire them with the strongest desire to continue the lodge as it has commenced, honourable alike to the exalted Masonic name it bears, to the Order of which it is an integral part, and to those who are now, and in the future will be, its members.

Shortly after the address of the M.W. Grand Master, announcement was made that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey had assembled, and that its members sought admission, whereupon a deputation was formed to make the necessary introduction, and the procession escorting the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, and his officers entered the lodge room, the several officers of the Kintore Lodge respectively vacating their positions. The business before the Provincial Grand Lodge was then carried out, and on its termination the members of the Kintore Lodge resumed labour, and shortly after the lodge was closed in due form. At the banquet subsequently the Kintore Lodge was well represented.

Rosicrucian Society.

HARROGATE.—York College.—The quarterly meeting of this body was held on the 30th ult. at the Masonic Hall of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Victoria-avenue, Harrogate, which had been fraternally lent for the purpose. At four o'clock p.m. the M.C. was formed as follows: V. W. Fras. J. W. Meek, V., Suffragan; Tudor Trevor, III., Celebrant; C. L. Mason, V., as Deputy; Dr. B. L. Mills, I., Sec.; C. Fendelow, IV., P.A.; Col. J. Monks, II., S.A.; W. F. Tomlinson, I., as T.A.; J. J. Wilkes, II., O.A.; J. L. Atherton, II., C. of N.; Major McGachen, I., T.B.; J. W. Monckman, I., Herald; R. W. Moore, IV.; G. Locking; Rev. W. C. Lukis, VII.; J. R. Dore, I.; and C. Palliser, I.

Amongst the apologies read for unavoidable absence were letters from Fras. T. B. Whythead, Ch. Ad.; W. H. Cowper, Prov. Sec.; W. B. Williamson, W. Brown, W. Fraser, W. Logan, W. Marshall, G. Althorpe, E. H. Drury, and others.

Successful ballots then took place for four brethren, who were all accepted, as aspirants, and two of them being present, were duly received into the M.C. Some formal business was then discharged, and the Celebrant proceeded to read a paper he had given notice of, whose title was "Jachin and Boaz." In the course of it he went in detail into the history and construction of those two remarkable features of the Temple at Jerusalem, their moral signification, &c. Some conversational discussion took place, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Celebrant for his able essay, which it was decided should not be published, but placed in the college archives. Two brethren were proposed as candidates, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, the 19th August, at Pontefract.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Harrogate brethren for the use of their hall, and the members then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel to tea, where they were joined by the Chief Adept, who had been unexpectedly detained by business in York.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE DR. HOPKINS.

The funeral of our lamented Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.M. 41, Bath; 43, Birmingham; 958, Jersey; &c., took place at Locksbrook Cemetery, Bath, on Friday, the 5th inst., the officiating clergyman being Bro. the Rev. Prebendary Anderson. Miss Hopkins (sister to the deceased), and other relatives and friends occupied carriages in the procession, and were met at the entrance to the chapel by the members of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, and a large number of visiting brethren from Somersetshire and neighbouring counties, all of whom were attired in the usual habiliments of mourning, with white gloves and button holes of sprigs of acacia. Several friends were also at the cemetery, in evidence of their affection for the deceased, and not a few of the large assembly were visibly affected during the solemn service, especially at the open grave, in which Mrs. Hopkins was interred in the year 1880. The doctor was a frequent visitor at Locksbrook, and had selected the site for "his last resting place," in a spot well-known to many present as one of the most pleasantly situated on the beautiful grounds, commanding a fine view of the city. Of the large number of the brethren present a few only can be enumerated. They had been invited by circular issued by Bro. C. W. Radway,

P.M. and Sec. 41, who had informed them of the wishes of the doctor that they would accept a pair of white gloves and attend the funeral, which by his will was required to be most inexpensive in character, evidently because of his desire to utilize as much as possible of his estate for benevolent purposes. The Royal Cumberland Lodge was represented by Bros. T. Ames, W.M.; J. Rubie, I.P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M.; J. S. Turner, P.M.; S. G. Mitchell, P.M.; R. P. Floyd, P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.M.; P. Braham, P.M.; C. W. Radway, P.M. and Sec.; R. B. Cater, P.M.; E. J. B. Mercer, P.M.; S. Collis, P.M. 1587; W. G. Patrick, P.M. 1008; Wm. Peach, S.W.; T. E. Wilton, J.W.; and many members. The Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53—Bros. B. H. Watts, W.M.; Isaac Sumsin, P.M. 855; and several members. Lodge of Honour, No. 379—Bros. D. C. Ingle, W.M.; H. Gore, P.M.; H. C. Hopkins, P.M.; and others. Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906—Bros. F. W. Dingle, W.M.; C. Beckett, P.M.; W. A. Scott, P.M.; T. S. Keene, P.M.; E. L. Hill, P.M.; W. E. Sparrow, P.M.; Lawson Howes, P.M.; J. Stuckey, P.M.; J. Knight, S.W.; and several members. Bro. Penly, W.M. 855, Wotton-under-Edge; W. Bradnee, P.M. 1402 (P.Z. of the St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, Torquay, of which Dr. Hopkins was an honorary member); and W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. of England, were amongst those who had travelled many miles to be present on the sad occasion.

The Rev. Prebendary Anderson, contrary to his usual custom, delivered a most impressive address at the grave (on the conclusion of the service), expressive of his esteem for the departed, his appreciation of his justice, conscientiousness, goodness of nature, and active benevolence. Special mention was made of the active part he had taken years ago in the formation of the Royal College of Preceptors, of which he was for long a member of the Council and took a great interest in all that concerned its welfare and prosperity. Dr. Hopkins has bequeathed the sum of 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in the name of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, Birmingham, and 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in the name of the St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 958, Jersey. He also recently presented to the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, of which he also was a P.M., the sum of 100 guineas for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, besides other valuable donations. The bulk of his property eventually goes to the Royal College of Preceptors to found annuitants for indigent teachers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of this province was held on Monday, the 1st inst., under the auspices of the Kintore Lodge, 333, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, presided, and Provincial Grand Lodge was honoured by the attendance of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and many other Grand Officers.

After Provincial Grand Mark Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, held 10th July, 1884, had been confirmed, the roll of lodges of the province was called over, and report made as to the position of each. The Treasurer's accounts were next submitted. They show a balance in hand on account of the General Fund of £69 15s., while there stands to the credit of the Benevolent Fund £10 14s. 8d. The balance-sheet was unanimously adopted.

Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., was formally nominated and appointed as Provincial Grand Mark Master for a further term of three years, and, in acknowledging the compliment, he said he was much obliged for the honour done him. He had been associated with the province since its formation—now 15 years. He was intensely gratified at the progress it had made since he had had the pleasure of presiding over its destinies. At the time he was referring to there were but five lodges in the district; they now numbered 32, with every prospect of still further increasing at an early date.

Bro. Thomas Clark, 173, was appointed Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and a contribution of £10 10s. was voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge in support of his Stewardship. Bro. C. Hammerton, P.G.D.C., was re-elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, which compliment he briefly acknowledged. It was satisfactory to know they had a balance in hand, which was due, in a very great measure, to the exertions of their esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighten. The following were then appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. F. Davison, 7	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" Hector Helsham, M.D., 5	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. H. N. Bridges, 333	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" W. E. Williams, 3	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" James Terry, 315	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" J. Boulton, 173	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. T. M. Gorman, 331	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. C. H. Roberts, 284	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. Hammerton, 144	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. G. Brighten, 4	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. White, 7	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. Clark, 173	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" T. Kingston, 13	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. F. Rumball	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Smith, 176	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. Handel, 181	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Lovelock	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" E. Whittaker, 139	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. W. S. Hoare, 244	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. Quennell, 144	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Bros. J. H. Clutton, 224; C. H. Nevill, 333; J. Shilcock, 4; J. Badkin, 236; H. T. Nell, 176; and Mayer...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

Bros. Lambert, Hogard, Lardner, and Klenck, in addition to the recognised officials, were appointed the Committee for General Purposes, while the following brethren were recommended for appointment as Grand Stewards: Bro. J. Boulton, from the Temple Lodge; Bro. J. Edwards, from the Prince of Wales Lodge; Bro. James Terry, from the Henniker Lodge; and the W.M. elect from the High Cross Lodge.

The next business was to consider the best mode of recognising the past services of the Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. DAVISON, in bringing the matter before

Provincial Grand Lodge, referred to the zeal Bro. Brighten had always displayed. He felt the time had now arrived when a Committee should be formed to arrange for the expression in some tangible form of the sentiments of the brethren. It was then proposed that a sum of 15 guineas should be voted from the lodge funds, and that the General Purposes Committee should decide what form the proposed testimonial should take and arrange for its presentation.

This proposition was seconded, and supported by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who readily bore testimony to the goodwill with which Bro. Brighten entered upon the performance of his duties.

Bro. J. M. KLENCK also spoke in support. He had had some experience of the duties attached to the office of Secretary, and he could bear testimony to the energy Bro. Brighten brought to bear upon their fulfilment.

The vote proposed was unanimously agreed to, and the sum of five guineas set aside for clerical assistance during the year.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of a banquet, after which the usual toasts were done full justice to.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their regular meeting on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, the chair being occupied by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., and Trustee of the Institution. Amongst those present were Bros. F. Adlard, Richard Morris, LL.D.; L. Ruf, C. F. Hogard, S. B. Wilson, William Mann, C. H. Driver, Alfred Williams, John L. Mather, William Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., C. F. Matier, R. Berridge, T. Cubitt, P.G.P., Charles Taylor, George Gardner, Henry W. Hunt, Geo. P. Gillard, H. Harker, C. H. Webb, H. S. Goodall, George Skeggs, A. Millar, J. S. Badkin, F. W. Imbert-Terry, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., Joyce Murray, J. S. Cumberland, G. P. Festa, E. Baxter, Wm. Paas, Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; Herbert Dicketts, James Moon, Henry Venn, G. Cooper, Edward F. Storr, W. H. Saunders, George Motion, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the stated and special meetings read for information, an application was submitted on behalf of one of the boys (R. H. Whiting) for a grant towards his education and clothing out of the establishment, on the ground of his delicate health, and granted. The petitions of 13 candidates were considered, approved, and ordered to be placed on the list for the October election.

The Committee then proceeded to the election of the House and Audit Committees. Owing to the withdrawal of three of the brethren nominated, there was no ballot for the House Committee, which consists of the same members as in March, namely, Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., A. F. Godson, H. W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, J. J. Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., D. Rolls, C. Sanders, M.D., and Henry Venn.

The Audit Committee consists of the following brethren, who, at the close of the poll at 5 p.m., were declared elected by the Scrutineers, namely, Bros. George Cooper, P. Cubitt, C. H. Driver, H. S. Goodall, C. F. Hogard, W. Mann, W. Maple, W. H. Saunders, and C. E. Soppett.

The usual compliment having been paid to the Chairman, the Committee rose.

MASONIC CHARITY IN HAMPSHIRE.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight was held at the Schoolroom, Bishopstoke, on Saturday, the 6th inst., for the purpose of considering and confirming the bye-laws for the government of the Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which, on the motion of W. Bro. Lancaster, a recent Prov. Grand Lodge decided it was desirable to form. There was an attendance of about 70 brethren from Southampton, Winchester, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, Aldershot, &c., the Portsmouth lodges being especially well represented. The R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., presided, supported on his right by the D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Le Feuvre, W. Bros. Major Shalden Smith and W. Gamon acting as Wardens.

The object of the proposed institution is to raise means to be applied to educate, clothe, and advance in life the necessitous children of Freemasons of the province, whether the father be living or dead, and to afford relief or assistance, where considered desirable, to Freemasons of or in the province, and their families, and generally to promote the cause of Masonic Charity. The bye-laws provide that the Committee of Management may pay for the education and clothing of each child any sum not exceeding £15 per annum, and the fund will be invested in trustees. A minimum subscription of five shillings per annum will give the subscribers the privilege of one vote at each election during the year in which it is paid, each additional subscription of a like sum increasing the voting power in proportion, and donations of particular amounts will confer voting privileges as Life Subscribers, Life Governors, Vice-Presidents, and Vice-Patrons. Ladies will be also entitled to votes in respect of donations, and votes are also given to any minister of religion causing a collection to be made in aid of the fund, two being apportioned for every five guineas so obtained.

The bye-laws, as brought up by the Committee, were approved after several verbal amendments, and Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor will be advanced to the Mark Degree in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, at Cambridge, on Tuesday next.

Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, on Wednesday next, the 17th inst.

At the installation meeting of the Hermes Chapter, No. 77, held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on the 10th inst., Ex. Comp. W. H. Dean, P.P.G. Reg. Dorset, was presented by the chapter with a handsome gold P.Z's. jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of M.E.Z. during the past year.



THE SHRIEVALTY.—Bro. Thomas Clarke (candidate for the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex on Midsummer Day next) has been for many years in the Craft, and is now in nomination as a joining member of the Alliance (Guildhall) Lodge. Bro. Clarke is a native of Lincolnshire; he came to London some 20 years ago, since which time he has, by industry and perseverance, amassed a considerable fortune, and, although he now desires to become useful to his fellow-men, both in Municipal life, as also in Parliament, Bro. Clarke has, with true Masonic feeling, not forgotten the poor of his native town, and intends at once to erect almshouses on an estate which he has recently purchased for £12,000, so that those who have seen better days, but are now in decay, may pass the remainder of their life without anxiety or sorrow.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, whose health has much improved of late, left Highclere Castle for his residence in Portman-square, on Tuesday.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., is one of the Vice-Presidents of the newly formed Wimbledon and Merton Branch of the Early Closing Association.

Bro. Justice Field has been prevented by indisposition from attending his judicial duties for some time past, but his lordship was able to resume his attendance in Court on Monday.

Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor-General, laid the foundation stone of a new Congregational Church in the city of Durham, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst.

The Prince of Wales has fixed on July 4th for the opening of the Albany Memorial and other buildings of the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen-square, Bloomsbury.

The Baroness and Bro. W. A. Burdett-Coutts left town for Sheffield in the course of last week, and on Thursday, the 4th inst., opened a bazaar in Cutler's Hall in aid of the funds of the Jessop's Hospital for Women.

Application was made on Tuesday by the Prince of Wales to the Court of Aldermen that his Royal Highness might be "recorded" in the Fishmongers' Company, and the application was at once acceded to.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided on Wednesday afternoon at a meeting at the Mansion House on behalf of the Mary Wardell Convalescent Home for Scarlet Fever, of which H.R.H. the Princess of Wales is patroness.

The Countess of Carnarvon has consented to open the new Grammar School Buildings at Newbury on the 1st July next. A public luncheon will follow, at which Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, who is President of the Board of Governors, will deliver an address.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, K.G., was called to the Bench of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple on Wednesday last, the 10th inst., in the presence of the Prince of Wales, his father, who is likewise a Bencher, and a numerous and distinguished company. A banquet followed in the Society's Hall at 7 p.m.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., will open a bazaar at New Barnet on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., with the object of reducing a debt on the Congregational Church from £5200 to £2000, when a sum of £500, conditionally promised by Mr. S. Morley, M.P., will become available.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the Industrial Dwellings, Chatham-gardens. The event is fixed for Friday, the 26th inst., and the estimated cost of the erection is about £60,000.

Bros. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, Lord Harlech, Sir Charles Mills, Bart., M.P., Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., and Sir H. Drummond Wolff, K.C.B., M.P., were among those present in Charing Cross Station on Saturday evening last to welcome Sir Peter Lumsden on his return home from Afghanistan.

Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G. Std., has undertaken to preside at the 47th anniversary festival of the Benevolent Institution for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Journeyman Tailors, the place and date arranged for the celebration being Freemasons' Tavern and Thursday, the 2nd July proximo.

The Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Edinburgh were present with the Duke of Cambridge at the ceremony of Trooping the Colours in honour of the Queen's birthday, which took place on the Horse Guards Parade, on Saturday last, notwithstanding the heavy rain which fell almost unintermittently during the morning. The Princess of Wales with Prince George and the Princess Louise, Victoria, and Maud viewed the proceedings from the Horse Guards.

Bro. Dr. Whalley, the well-known Dramatic Reader and Shakespearian Exponent of West Yorkshire, was amongst the few who enjoyed the friendship of the late Duke of Albany, and as some remembrance of that acquaintance he was favoured last week with the portrait of her Royal Highness the Duchess and the infant Duke and Princess Victoria of Albany, beautifully painted in water colours. This will be honoured and preserved by him, as a souvenir of the family of one whose friendship he valued so well.

Bros. Lord Wolverton and Sir Charles Du Cane dined with Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., on the Queen's birthday, and Bros. the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., the Lord Mayor, M.P., P.G.W., Justice Cave, P.G.W., the Hon. Sir A. O. F. Liddell, K.C.B., Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., and Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead. At Earl Sydney's state dinner, the guests included Bros. the Earl of Breadalbane, Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Lord Sulfield, K.C.B., Lord Kensington, M.P., and Lord Hothfield, and at that of the Attorney General, among those present were Bros. the Earl of Milltown, Sir F. Herschell, Q.C., M.P., Digby Seymour, Q.C., and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has appointed Sir Knight C. F. Hogard Grand Recorder of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, in succession to Sir Knight Dr. Woodman, who has been elected Grand Treasurer of the Order.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley has had conferred upon him by her Majesty the ribbon of a Knight of the Order of St. Patrick, in place of the late Lord O'Hagan.

The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn have returned to Hampden House from Shillinghe Park, the residence of the Earl and Countess of Winterton.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury has lately issued his annual appeal for funds to enable the Committee of the Ragged School Union to give the children of many of their schools a day's trip into the country.

Bro. Thomas Clarke, candidate for the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex, was awarded third prize for Hacks in class 6 at the Horse Show, Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington.

A portrait, by Mr. Frank Holl, R.A., of Bro. Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Works, City architect, was presented to the Institute of British Architects at a meeting held at their offices, 9, Conduit-street, on Monday evening.

Bros. W. Kuhe and W. Ganz, P.G. Organists, and Carl Rosa were among those present at the funeral in Kensal Green Cemetery, on Tuesday last, of Sir Julius Benedict.

Bro. A. J. Altman, as Chairman of the School Committee of the City of London, presided at the annual distribution of the Mortimer and Beaufoy prizes, in the Great Hall of the City of London School.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Mr. Sheriff Phillips, accompanied Her Majesty's Judges, when in accordance with annual custom they attended divine service in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sunday last.

The Prince of Wales has notified his intention of being present at the meeting, to be held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., in connection with the Beaumont Trust scheme for the technical education and recreation of the inhabitants of East London.

The Prince of Wales has notified his intention of opening on Monday next, the 15th inst., the establishment at St. Ann's Heath, Virginia Water, for the cure and treatment of mentally afflicted persons of the middle classes.

The following dinners took place at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, June 13th:—Monday—60th Rifles; 5th Dragoon Guards. Tuesday—Royal Engineers. Wednesday—18th Royal Irish; 7th Royal Fusiliers; United Lodge. Thursday—Coffee and Eating House Keepers; 90th Regiment; 8th Hussars.

By command of the Queen a Levee was held at St. James's Palace, on Tuesday, by the Prince of Wales, presentation to his Royal Highness having the same force as presentations to her Majesty. The Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge were present, and the Prince was attended by the Great Officers of State.

Bro. F. J. Isitt presided at the 53rd half-yearly meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association. The following evening, under the same chairmanship, seven candidates for the benefits of the Association were elected from an approved list of eighteen.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the distinction of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George on Bro. Lord Carrington, the newly-appointed Governor of New South Wales, and that of a Civil Companionship of the Bath on Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.W., for his services in connection with the International Exhibitions of 1884 and the present year.

Bro. C. T. Harris (the Chairman) presided at the Guildhall Tavern, on Friday last, at the dinner of the Officers and Clerks' Committee of the Corporation of London, Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Alderman Gray, Alderman Cowan, Major Joseph, Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., H. H. Crawford, and T. Beard being among the principal guests.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., accompanied by the Sheriffs and principal officials of the Corporation of London formally opened the Albert Palace, Battersea, on Saturday last. The principal personages present included Bros. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P.; Richardson-Gardner, M.P., and Lord Sulfield, P.G.M. Norfolk.

The Prince of Wales, and Prince Albert Victor of Wales were the guests of Mr. Gladstone, at the full-dress dinner, on Saturday last, in honour of the Queen's birthday, among those present being Bros. the Duke of Leinster, the Marquis of Ailesbury, the Earl of Fife, the Earl of Arran, Viscount Powerscourt, Viscount Sherbrooke, and Lord Monk Breton.

Bro. E. Palmer, S.W. of Pattison Lodge, No. 913, held at the High School for Boys, Plumstead, Kent, was on Thursday, the 14th inst., unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Coupland, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Larder, Tyler. A committee was formed to take into consideration the advisability of building a Masonic Temple in connection with the lodge.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 2.—We unintentionally in our report last week, did a little injustice to a worthy member, Bro. Ames, jun., who by his special service admirably arranged and rendered by himself, in the absence of Bro. Jekyll, P.G.O., greatly aided the effect of the ceremonial and added to the harmony and gratification of the brethren. Bro. Ames is well known as a talented composer and proficient in musical circles.

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Bro. T. Clarke, a candidate for the London Shrievalty, has consented to stand in the Conservative interest for the Spalding Division of Lincolnshire.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., presided at a meeting at Greenwich, on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of establishing a provident dispensary.

Bro. W. Ganz, P.G. Organist, gave his annual concert at his residence in Harley-street, Cavendish-square, on Tuesday evening last, when there was an admirable programme, and a numerous and fashionable audience present.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott has declined the invitation to be nominated as a candidate at the approaching General Election for the St. Austell division of Cornwall.

Bros. M. C. Buszard, Q.C., M.P., Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., Lieut.-General Randolph, and Sir Patrick Colquhoun were among the guests at the dinner given on Tuesday evening by the Curriers' Company.

Bros. Alderman Staples, Major Joseph, and Captain George Lambert were present at the meeting, at Tallow Chandlers' Hall on Tuesday afternoon, of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society.

We regret to hear that Bro. Horace Jones, City Architect, G.S. of Works, has latterly been in somewhat indifferent health, though this has not prevented him from attending to his official duties.

Sir H. W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., has expressed his intention of erecting a cottage hospital at Ruabon as a memorial to his late uncle, R.W. Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, K.G., will preside at the anniversary and inspection of the Warspite Training Ship, on Thursday, the 25th inst., the prizes being distributed by her Royal Highness the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck.

The annual official inspection of the London Rifle Brigade took place on the Guards' Ground, Hyde Park, on Saturday last, the inspecting officers being Colonel Clive of the Grenadier Guards, and the officers in command of the Brigade, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lord E. Pelham-Clinton.

Bro. the Lord Mayor opened on Thursday, the 4th inst. at Waltham Abbey, the annual show of the Essex Agricultural Society, Bro. the Duke of Connaught, who had been announced to be present, being still on his way home from India. His lordship, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, experienced a very cordial reception.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead (Master) presided at a Court of the Fanmakers' Company on Monday evening, when a vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Bro. C. W. Thompson, and a sum of £100 voted towards the fund now being raised on their behalf.

The second meeting of the ladies patronesses of the Royal Caledonian Ball was held at Willis's Rooms, on Monday last, there being present, among others, the Duchess of Atholl, the Countess of Mar and Kellie, the Countess of Lindsay, and the Countess of Northesk, together with R.W. Bro. the Duke of Atholl, president and treasurer of the ball.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead will act as interim Chairman, and Bro. H. H. Crawford (City solicitor) as one of the honorary Secretaries of the fund proposed to be raised for the widow and family of the late Bro. C. W. Thompson, whose early death and generous kindness to others had prevented him making suitable provision for their requirements.

At the dinner at the Lion Hotel, Farningham, on the 5th inst., of the Billingsgate Market Committee, Bro. J. Judd, C.C., past Chairman, and lately member of the Committee, was presented with a handsome silver tea and coffee service and salver, as a testimonial of the respect in which his services were held and the courtesy he had uniformly shown to the members. The salver had on it a suitable inscription expressive of their feelings.

Bro. W. H. Sharp, who has recently become "mine host" of the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, is giving great satisfaction to the brethren who assemble under his roof. The Dobie Lodge and Chapter and the Mozart Lodge and Chapter find there a comfortable and convenient habitat, and some few alterations now in progress will provide still more accommodation. The banqueting room is a handsome and commodious apartment.

Bro. Buszard, of Oxford-street, whose reputation as a confectioner stands deservedly high, is the maker of the wedding cake which will be presented to Princess Beatrice by the Ladies of Kent. The cake, which is really several cakes in one, is a most elaborate structure, a marvel of the confectioner's art, and is very handsomely embellished with shields bearing the armorial devices of the Princess and her future husband, Prince Henry of Battenberg.

Among the principal guests at the banquet given by Bro. the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., to Her Majesty's Judges were Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.W., and Lady Cave; Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.W., and Mrs. Stone; Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., and Lady Ellis; Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. and Lady Knight; Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Staples; Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Std., and Lady Hanson; Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead; Bro. Alderman Savory, Bro. and Mrs. Headon, Bro. Beard, Bro. and Mrs. Altman, Bro. and Mrs. Andrade, Bro. and Mrs. Gooding, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., P.G.W., and Mrs. McIntyre; Bro. Stuart Wortley, M.P., Bro. H. H. Crawford, City Solicitor, and Mrs. Crawford, Bro. Goldney, Remembrancer of London, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Cowan, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., and Lady Monckton, and others.

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