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WE regret to hear that the number of Stewards for the Boys' School Festival is not yet up to the mark. We hope that a goodly gathering will yet manifest markedly how unchanging is the sympathy of the Craft for one of the most needful, most valuable, and most useful of our great Charitable Institutions. The education and care of the children of our deceased or destitute brethren is a work and duty that must commend themselves to the mind of the philanthropic and genuine Freemason, in that, Freemasonry being a profession of friendship and goodwill to our Brotherhood, the children of those whom adversity has blighted, or death has smitten down, seem to constitute a lasting appeal to us, in respect of those Masonic virtues we profess to admire, and promise to imitate. Of course, there are times and seasons for all things, and we somewhat doubt in our own minds whether these little exhortations of ours are not resented by some, who think they know their own duty, and are prepared to perform it to the best of their power and ability. Still, the *Freemason* has always been distinguished for its sympathy with, and interest in, the great Charities of our Order, and has rejoiced to record and witness their remarkable advance and their striking development. It is to-day, then, with every aspiration for success and with every expression of goodwill, that it deems it to be its duty to press upon its readers the claims of the Boys' School, now in the highest position of efficiency and thoroughness, for their enlightened patronage, and their ready and active support.

WHAT a wonderful fact it is often to realize the long array of years which have passed away since first we met in a Masonic lodge and formed those fraternal associations and welded together those friendly links of sympathy and good will, which, though Time with its changes and chances may have somewhat affected and tinged them with its earthly colours, fading and ephemeral, it has never been able to destroy, how many cases there are extant to-day as fresh, as living, as vigorous as ever. We can recall the hour when, with "bated breath" and wondering mind, we poor neophytes first saw the light of Masonry. We remember the kind old Master, smiling and serene, a long array of decorated P.Ms. and distinguished visitors, the Wardens cheery and communicative, the Deacons thoughtful and attentive, the impressive Inner Guard, the consolatory Tyler, and the ubiquitous Master of the Ceremonies, and last, not least, all those good brethren so friendly, so amiable, and so hilarious. Alas! how since that hour the inevitable Fates, have dealt with all the "dramatis personæ" of that not to be forgotten episode in our little life. If we visit that good old lodge to-day, how few survive who welcomed our entrance and cheered our progress. How many, alas! "have joined the majority," good men and true, kind mates and pleasant brethren, whom we could ill afford to lose, whom we sorely miss, and whose genial presence, warm hearts, and kindly interest, no newer faces can replace, no younger members can restore. And yet why should we complain, when we know beforehand such is the inevitable lot of mortals all? Everything changes here and passes on, and fades away. The friends, the homes, the happiness, the associations we pride ourselves the most upon, the very things which are nearest and dearest to our hearts, all that we call our own, everything, in short, of earthly tenure or possession, or companionship, has to give way to the ceaseless, the immutable law of our being, and endure for a little season only, and then pass out of sight, if *not* out of mind. No, we who are gifted, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., with the inestimable privileges of Freemasonry, and are subdued and softened, and enlightened by those pleasanter recollections which shed their grace and beauty and elevating influences on our career, and on every Masonic mind, let us then cherish our Masonic memories, as linking us indissolubly, as Time comes and departs, with some of the best and kindest of men, and let us rejoice to have been permitted to take friendly counsel together, to have shared the work, to have been admitted to the inner social circle of that good Old Lodge, which, still to the front, in a fresh old age, maintains its high repute, and is still a friendly beacon for many wayfarers here, always ever foremost in the excellent outcome of Masonic loyalty, beneficence, work, and hospitality

FIFTY years constitute a long spell of actual Masonic membership and work. We were reminded by an old Masonic friend the other day of friendly work in a certain good town and province 50 years ago. We had to deny the soft impeachment. We admitted 40, we could not subscribe to 50. But our kindly correspondent could do so. He had met us hard at work in Masonry (alas how time flies) in 1845, he himself having being initiated in 1833. He is still a member of his mother lodge, being a W.M. of 1835! He was exalted in 1834, and for many years was the only member surviving or remaining of a chapter from 1851 to 1865, and yet now that chapter has nearly 50 subscribing members. Such a Masonic career deserves noting and remembrance. Our brother has, as he tells us, seen four Grand Masters and five Prov. Grand Masters. To him who has witnessed the earlier and rougher work of Freemasonry, and now beholds its triumphant progress and stately march, such facts as we have mentioned constitute a veritable history, alike moving and affecting. All honour to the good old loyal brother who clung to his Order through evil report and good report, and may peace and prosperity gild and soothe his now declining years.

THE London season of Masonic work and gathering is verging to its close. In a few weeks our lodges will be closed for the summer recess, and our brethren will be scattering or scattered far and wide. It is often affecting to note and realize how we meet contentedly for years, having parted to meet happily again and again, and then part to meet no more. But the lodge goes on. Its work, its prestige, survive those who make it or have made it; and it is, in truth, the "old, old story;" it is "history repeating itself;" how the "young succeed the old;" and how no one is absolutely necessary for any work or post on earth; but that others are equally available to fill our places, as other men enter on our labours. There are those of us who sometimes are apt to think that nothing can get on well without them, and that without their amiable patronage or personal support, nothing can prosper, nothing can succeed. To them the peaceful triumphs and the well considered name of some distinguished lodge or chapter are entirely owing, and without themselves they hardly like to fancy or fathom what must be its many drawbacks, its gentle dulness, or its sere decay. And yet all the while the lodge survives, even when some of its most favoured and distinguished members pass away. In this we have a good lesson for us all. When NAPOLEON I. parted with BOURRIENNE, his well-known Secretary, he said "I can't have the world think you are absolutely necessary for me, and that I cannot get on without you." And, humbling as the truth often is to our vanity or our egotism, while we are ourselves active and energetic and bustling, it is good for the lodge and for us all as friends, associates, brethren, to realize, that when we do go, when the inevitable hour of separation comes, we are not after all indispensable to the lodge, others take up the work where we left it, and if, the truth be told, often carry it on and complete it better than we accomplished it, or could have done. With these mingled feelings let us bid good bye to another pleasant season of labour and sociality coming to a close, and let us look back pleasantly in after time to the "seria mista jocis," to the pleasant assemblies of the kindly, the cultured, and the agreeable, to the warm hearts we have so long companioned with here, but some of whom, humanly speaking, we may not be destined to greet again, when another season opens of work and friendship, and when our Domus returns to its yearly cycle of Charity, ceremonial, and hearty welcome to all who take part in its labours, or share its social outcome.

WE recently announced that the consecration of the Cama Lodge was fixed for Monday, the 15th inst. Further arrangements, however, have necessitated a change, and the actual date has yet to be settled.

OUR attention has been drawn by Bro. J. TYDEMAN, P.M. 1327, 1437, P.P.G.P. Essex, to a scheme for the restoration of Queen Eleanor's Cross, at Waltham Cross. The cost, including purchase of adjacent property, so as to make the Cross still more conspicuous, is estimated at about £3000, and Bro. TYDEMAN's suggestion is that every lodge should contribute a guinea from its funds to assist in restoring and preserving what he rightly describes as a "national monument." Bro. TYDEMAN grounds his proposition, firstly, on the great interest which our Craft has in all ages taken in Operative Masonry, and also on the fact that Queen Eleanor was the mother of the first Prince of WALES, heir apparent to the British Crown. The proposition is an excellent one, and we have much pleasure in drawing to it the attention of our readers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Manchester, held this Provincial Grand Lodge at the Town Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, the 11th inst., under the banner of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, of which Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg is W.M.

The arrangements for the reception of the brethren of the province were entrusted to a Committee, consisting of Bros. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, T. Phipps Dorman, T. Emery, H. Brown, and G. Butcher, Secretary, and everything passed off in a most successful manner.

The work of decorating the hall was confided to Bro. T. Emery, and seldom had a large room been seen to present such a pleasing and attractive and even somewhat unique appearance. Bro. T. Phipps Dorman cheerfully assisted in the work. The floor was covered with a large carpet of a black and white tiled pattern, and the brethren sat around the sides under the respective banners, and in the preparation of the latter great taste and judgment had been exercised by Bro. Emery. In addition to those banners, which formed a very pretty feature in the decoration, several shields, bearing Masonic emblems, were attached to the side walls, and pieces of statuary were here and there effectively displayed. The civic flags were fixed to the Mayor's gallery, and there was also a number of flags and banners to be observed around the room.

His Grace the Duke of Manchester occupied a seat on a raised dais at the platform end of the room, and the platform itself formed a very pretty back ground, being nicely set out with plants and flowers. At the other end of the room a good effect was produced by mirrors draped with muslin curtains, and surmounted by a canopy of flags, banners, &c. Muslin also adorned the sides of the partition dividing the hall at the lower end, and immediately underneath the mirrors were some large palms, ferns, &c.

The Eleanor Cross Lodge was opened at half-past twelve, and the Provincial Grand Lodge at a quarter to one o'clock.

There were present the Right Worshipful Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Manchester, and

Bros. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, P.P.G.S. Norths and Hunts, Leicester and Rutland, P.M. 1911, W.M. 1764; Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, P.Z. 360, Prov. G.H.; and G.S.B. Eng.; Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, W.M. 360, P.M. 1911, 1764, P.P.G.C.; J. A. S. Bouverie, W.M. 1911, P.G.J.W.; M. A. Boéme, 360 and 1764, P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; H. Brown, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 1764, S.D. 360; G. Ellard, P.M. 360, Prov. G.D.C.; T. Emery, J.D. 1764, P.G.S.D. Norths and Hunts; H. J. Atkins, P.M. 1764, P.G.S.W.; J. U. Stanton, P.M. 360, Prov. G. Treas.; G. Butcher, Sec. 1764, P.G. Org.; J. Haviland, 1764, W.C.N. Vikings Lodge; Brook Sampson, P.P.G. Org., 1764, 1911; W. Jackson, W.M. 737; E. R. Adams, 373; G. T. Wouldridge, 373; J. W. Kirby, W.M. 442; T. Oldham, W.M. 445; J. W. Fisher, 737; C. Matthews, 737; W. Packwood, 737; H. Dainty, 737; J. W. Ingram, D.C. 373; J. R. Shearman, 1010, 360; C. Roberts, S.D. 466; H. A. Robinson, Treas. 360, I.P.P.G.S.; A. Cockerill, J.D. 360, P.G.St.Br.; C. Roberts, 360; H. Myers, 1180; S. J. Harding, W.M. 445; H. Bowles, P.P.G. Org., 276; D. Bloodworth, P.M. 466; G. Lewis, 445; J. C. Royce, J.W. 466; J. Woolston, 466; E. Peirce, S.D. 455; E. Roberts, 360; J. Snow, Stwd. 360; H. Martin, Stwd. 360; J. C. Price, W.M. 473; T. D. Hensman, 360; H. T. West, 1764; F. W. Gooch, 466; T. Wetherill, 360; P. J. T. Henery, 1911; J. Eunson, 1911; W. H. Bullock, 1911; E. Montague Browne, 1911; C. Heald, 588; Lee F. Cogan, 1764; S. Gough, 293; R. J. Johnston, 1764; C. W. Lane, 455; T. Cook, 442; C. Foote, 442; J. E. Cusance, 442; E. Harrison, 442; T. W. Harrison, S.W. 442; J. Harrison, 442; T. Franks 360; G. Leopold Michel, 360, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.J.D.; W. Robertson, D.C. 442; R. Ayres, 373; H. S. W. Preedy, 455; H. Rose, 67; A. Coulson, 466; A. Jones, 1764; H. Hodges, 1764; B. Thompson, 1764; F. Laycock, 1764; C. F. Cox, 1911; E. J. Orford, P.M. 466, P.P.G.S.W.; G. A. Eldred, P.M. 455, P.G.S.; J. Wheeler, P.G.S. of Works, 442; H. J. Eunson, P.G.S., 1911; A. G. Evans, P.M. 445, P.P.G.P., P.G.S.B.; W. Dixey, P.M. 445, P.P.G.S.; D. W. Ward, P.M. 466, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Green, P.M. 373, P.G.J.D.; R. Croft, S.D. 1764, P.G. Org.; J. T. Smit, J.W. 412, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. J. Jenkins, P.G.A.C., 445; H. Sheppard, P.M. 445, P.P.G.J.W.; J. C. Jones, P.M. 445, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Bunting, P.M. 373, P.G.J.W.; J. Marson, P.M. 373, P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G.D.C.; J. J. Hart, I.P.M. 360, P.P.G.P.; W. M. Crowley, P.M. 445; J. T. Green, P.M. 360, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Osborn, P.M. 445, P.P.G.S.W.; T. C. Beasley, S.W. 1764, J.W. 1911, P.P.G.C.; F. G. Buckle, P.M. 442, P.G.S., &c.; G. Cotton, P.M. 360, P.Z., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Watson, J.D. 466, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Norton, P.M. 466, 1265, P.P.G.J.W. Norths and Hunts; A. C. Knight, P.M. 737, P.P.G.D.; W. W. James, P.M. 737, P.P.G.D.; R. McClure, 360, P.G.S.B., 445; J. Slinn, P.M. 737, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Smith, P.M. 373, P.P.G.R.; J. F. Ains, P.M. 360, P.G.S.B., 445; J. Bingley, P.M. 360, P.Z. 360, P.P.G.J.D.; W. H. Linnell, P.M. 445, P.G.J.D.; R. Griffin, P.M. 442, P.P.G.D. of C., P.P.G.S.W.; H. Wright, jun., P.M. 466, P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. W. A. Howes, P.M. 445, P.P.G.C.; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G.D. of C. Herts; G. C. Caster, 442, P.G.S.; S. S. Campion, 1764; W. A. George, 360; H. V. Tebbutt, I.G. 1764; W. A. Howe, 1764; T. Cockerill, 1764; Rev. R. H. Cox, 360; W. Goldney, D. of C. 1764; J. Clayson, 360; H. Manfield, 1764, P.G.S.; Wilcox-Smith, 445; E. C. Ashford, 360; J. Jeffery, 360; H. W. K. Markham, 1911; G. H. Percival, P.M. 1911; W. A. Smith, 445; J. C. Franklin, 1764; H. W. Todd, 360; J. Faulkner, 360; and others.

Immediately after opening the lodge, and before the reading of the minutes, a pleasing incident took place. A deputation, comprising the Masters of all the lodges in the province proceeded, under the guidance of the Director of Ceremonies, to make a presentation to the worthy D. Prov. G. Master, who had been appointed Grand Standard Bearer of England. The deputation was headed by Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, as Master of the senior lodge; Bro. Buckle, P.G. Sec.; and Bro. G. Osborn, the oldest Past Master in the province, and the former, addressing the Duke of Manchester, spoke in highly laudatory terms of the conduct of Bro. Butler Wilkins as Deputy, the impartiality of his decisions, and the integrity of his government. Turning to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, he wished him long life and health to enjoy his honours, and expressed the pleasure the province felt at his elevation.

An address (appended) was then read by Bro. BUCKLE, and the gift, which also comprised a complete set of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was offered to Bro. Wilkins by Bro. Osborn, and Bro. Wilkins immediately proceeded to array himself in the clothing. The brethren then, under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, saluted Bro. Wilkins as the Grand Standard Bearer of England, and the business of the lodge proceeded.

The address was beautifully illuminated on vellum. The border was specially designed, introducing the Provincial Masonic colours of purple and gold. In the centre were the arms of the Grand Lodge, and at the bottom Bro. Wilkins's jewel of office in Grand Lodge. At each corner were the emblems of the different offices Bro. Wilkins had filled—those of P.M., P.Z., D.P.G.M., and Prov. G.H. The address, which was in a handsome gold frame, was as follows: "To the Worshipful Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, P.Z. 360, Prov. G.H. and Grand Standard Bearer of England. Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother,—We, the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and brethren of the Province of Norths and Hunts, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express to you our congratulations on your appointment to office in the Grand

Lodge of England, and offer for your acceptance the Grand Lodge clothing and other gifts which accompany this address. We rejoice in the 'tribute of merit' thus awarded. Your career in the past as one of the rulers of the Craft in this province, the impartiality of your decisions, the genuine goodwill at all times exhibited, the energy for the good of Freemasonry increasingly displayed, the qualifications necessary for a ruler so worthily manifested—these have inspired us one and all with feelings of the highest fraternal esteem and affection, and have deservedly earned the distinction which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to bestow on you in appointing you to the office and rank of a Grand Standard Bearer of England. That it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to grant you long life, health, and strength to enjoy your dignity, and a continuance of all the blessings of the past, is our earnest and united prayer.—Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Northampton, June 11th, A.L. 5885, MANCHESTER, P.G.M.; F. G. BUCKLE, P.G. Sec."

The following officers of Grand Lodge were then appointed and fully invested by his Grace the Duke of Manchester:—

Bro. W. Jackson, W.M. 737	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. A. S. Bouverie, W.M. 1911	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, P.M. 1911	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. Jenkins, 445	...	...	Prov. G.A. Chap.
" J. U. Stanton, P.M. 360	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. Oldham, W.M. 445	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. G. Buckle, P.M. 442	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. Emery, J.W. 1764	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Green, W.M. 373	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" A. J. Harding, W.M. 455	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. Ellard, P.M. 360	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. T. Smith, 442	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. C.
" A. Cockerill, 360	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. C. Caster, 442	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" G. Butcher, Sec. 1764	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. L. Gooch, 466	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.

It was stated that next year the Grand Lodge would be held at Kettering, under the banner of the Perseverance Lodge.

At three o'clock the brethren attended Divine service at All Saints' Church, marching in procession with their different banners from the Town Hall. The sacred edifice was well filled. The prayers were read by the Rev. R. B. Hull, the vicar, and the lessons by Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg. Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders preached the sermon, basing his discourse on the words, "Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern."—Ezekiel xliii. 10. He said:

It was with great pleasure he had accepted the invitation to preach to the brethren that day, and yet he felt considerable difficulty in choosing a subject on which to enlarge. It had occurred to him, however, that the work of the day, being the business of an annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was a work more especially of enquiry and review. They had already engaged in their business into the stability and prosperity and progress of each lodge within the province, and they were at that time met together to worship and to witness the sincerity of their religious professions, and to witness that there was nought in the whole circle of their Masonic rites and teaching inconsistent with their faith, but rather that everything which was transacted within the tyled recesses of their meetings had that as a natural consequence. They did not claim that Masonry was a religion; but they did claim that it was a religious system, a system based on, and utterly useless and having no meaning if it were not based on, religious feeling and worship. He would treat that part of their annual meeting as a time of review, and take as a basis for that review the text he had chosen from the book of Ezekiel. The most Masonic of the prophets he might be called, so abundant were the illustrations he used from buildings, and so intimate and thorough his knowledge of architectural art. How could the few minutes of that service be better spent, he said, than in "measuring the pattern," considering the glories of their ancient institution, and weighing well the noble principles on which it was founded, and examining whether or no they themselves were acting up to the grand standard they beheld? If they were not, let them be "ashamed of their iniquities," and amend. And let them think it not strange he should thus speak of possible defection from the genuine and ancient principles of the Order. They might say the Order, which had stood so many centuries with so many sworn to be guardians of its ancient landmarks, was in no danger of falling now, and yet was it not a fact among those who claimed to belong to their ranks in other countries there were found those who denied the very first articles of their creed. He supposed they knew as well as he did that it would be in vain that he who denied the existence of a God, or denied the continuance of this life into another, should knock for ever at the door of a tyled lodge. No possibility was there of admission being granted to such an unhappy man in this country, and yet for want of this "measuring the pattern" they had the mournful example of some foreign lodges falling away from the faith, and the necessity of excommunication being uttered by their own country's Grand Lodge and nearly all the Grand Lodges of the world. So, while they claimed the glories of antiquity and prided themselves on their principles, let them not be content with history or with grandeur of ritual, but seek the underlying truths which it embodied, and shape their conduct by them. And while he yielded to none of the brethren with regard to the distinguishing work of the Order, he still raised a word of exhortation to "measure the pattern." Without the real influence of the Masonic spirit Masonry could not live. Was there not a work in the world for Freemasonry? From the bottom of his heart he believed there was a future yet before it. The present was an age of increasing difficulty; with increasing Atheism; when the study of the mysteries of science was being conducted sometimes with a spirit not akin to that Masonic reverence instilled into the brethren of the mystic tie; when men of the world met together, and the name of God was never heard in the midst of their meetings; when they were told that religion was admirable for private persons, but that it had, and it ought to have, no control over bodies of men; when classes were becoming estranged one from the other, and there was an urgent need of their being drawn and banded together; when there was increasing uneasiness that the solidity of kingdoms was being relaxed, or if presenting an externally solid appearance, only presented that appearance from sheer despotic pressure; when even the eternal principles of right and wrong were treated as indifferent matters by communities of men; when the lessons of loyalty, brotherhood, reverence, truth, and charity needed re-stating with increased emphasis in every variety and form. Here then was room and scope for Freemasonry. Its ancient principles need not be altered to suit the times. They had only to "measure the pattern." He knew many had conscientious objections to Freemasonry in their half knowledge of its principles and aims, but he asked—could they afford to do without help like that in the state of affairs they found themselves in? Would they not welcome an aid which might be powerful for good; powerful in teaching reverence, humility, and in welding together otherwise divided classes, and inculcating self-sacrifice, self-devotion for the common good? If Freemasonry was to exert its legitimate influence upon the age and the society in which they lived, what a responsibility devolved on them who by their solemn promises had sworn themselves to uprightness. Let them "measure the pattern;" let them see that brotherly love, relief, and truth be practised in all their integrity, and, while thankfully recognising the past of the Order, let them not be content with simply gazing on the splendours which had gone, but let them see where improvements could be made, adaptations to present needs be effected, and proceed, albeit in Conservative spirit, courageously to the task. When men asked what was the value of Freemasonry, let their life be an example to which they might point. Men might ask, and rightly, where was the proof of their life, where was the proof that they were anything better than a mere Social Club. Had they any proof of their influence in making men the better, the more godly, and the more scrupulous in their dealings with their fellow men? If they could not give an honest affirmative answer to those questions, then what objection could they raise when they heard, as they did hear, the impatient cry, "Down with it, down with it even to the ground." But, determined to carry out

the principles of their profession, with hearts set on the things of God, with minds intent on instruction and swift to put those things into practice, they need not fear. In conclusion, the preacher said their cause was good, let them be true to themselves and to their fellow men, and they then might look forward to the future with undisturbed minds, and would see the building of social righteousness and integrity rising under their hands.

The collection was in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund, and the sum realised was £18 5s.

At five o'clock a grand banquet took place at the Peacock Hotel, to which about 120 brethren sat down, the catering of Mrs. Forth giving the greatest satisfaction. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins, presided, in the absence of the Duke of Manchester, who had been obliged to return to London, and was supported by Officers of Grand Lodge.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured,

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," jocularly remarking that his Royal Highness was said to have done a jolly good thing for that province. (Laughter.)

Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. SANDERS gave "The Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and Officers of Grand Lodge," and said that was the first time for many years they had had some person present who could respond personally for the toast.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Grand Standard Bearer of England, Bro. WILKINS, responded on behalf of Grand Lodge. He said he was very grateful for the honour conferred upon him, not only individually, but for the whole Province of Norths and Hunts. The first thing that struck him on taking his seat in Grand Lodge was the perfect fraternal spirit which prevailed. He pointed out that all could aspire to provincial purple. Provincial Grand Lodges had now been formed, so that among other purposes the services of brethren might receive some recognition. Referring to the presentation made to him that day, he said he trusted that he might be able so to fulfil the important duties which had been entrusted to him as to merit the continued confidence and respect of his brethren. (Applause.)

Bro. BUCKLE, Prov. G. Sec., gave "The Prov. Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Manchester."

The toast having been duly honoured,

Bro. TIMPSON, of the Pomfret Lodge, gave "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past."

To this toast Bro. W. JACKSON, of the Wentworth Lodge, replied, and in the course of his observations alluded to the splendid hospitality of the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge.

Bro. H. J. ATKINS gave "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions," remarking with pride that the province, for its size, had been one of the largest contributors to those Charities.

Bro. J. TERRY replied. He said that during the time he had the honour to represent them in London they had had five cases, and, with the exception of one case, the whole were admitted on the first application. He referred to the great support given to those societies by Bros. Atkins and J. U. Stanton, who had acted as Stewards, and strongly urged the claims of the Institutions upon the brethren.

Bro. S. S. CAMPION proposed "The Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. TYNDALL, St. Peter's Lodge, replied.

Bro. KINGSTON proposed "The Worshipful Master and the Brethren of the Entertaining Lodge—the Eleanor Cross—and the other Lodges in the Province." He said he thought they owed a debt of gratitude to the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge for the preparations they had made, and he was pleased to see the success which had attended their efforts.

Bro. the Rev. T. C. BEASLEY responded to the toast, and then proposed "The Worshipful Masters of the Sister Lodges of the Province."

Bro. T. OLDHAM, Fidelity Lodge, acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the gratified surprise with which he had witnessed the attendance of the brethren that day, and the general success of the arrangements.

Bro. BIRD, of the Chicheley Lodge, in a humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. PREECE, of the same lodge, in an equally humorous speech, replied.

The toast of the Tyler brought the after-dinner proceedings to a close.

At eight o'clock in the evening a conversazione was held at the Town Hall, when ladies were admitted. The company numbered between two and three hundred, and the scene presented was of a pretty and animated character. The Art Loan Exhibition and all the rooms of the hall were thrown open to visitors. The proceedings opened with an address of welcome by the Rev. S. WATHEN WIGG. He said, on behalf of the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, he bade them welcome. The brethren were deeply sensible of the honour which his Grace the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master had done them in consenting that year to hold his Grand Lodge under the Eleanor Cross. They could claim neither the experience nor the antiquity of many lodges in that province; they could not hope to rival them in anything but their zeal for Masonry, and their desire to entertain their brethren with hearty goodwill. They had ventured, notwithstanding their youth and inexperience (for they were only seven years old, and the seventh unworthy Master stood before them), in fear and trembling, but with all the audacity of early childhood, to throw open their doors to that part of the population which, certainly since the days of Solomon, King of Israel, had been carefully excluded from their gatherings, and denied admission to their Fraternity—he meant the ladies. (Applause and laughter.) But that night not only had they invited ladies to be present to see them arrayed in blue and crimson, in purple and gold, but they were prepared to let them into all their secrets (all at least which they thought they might be trusted to keep) before they left that hall. (Laughter.) To adopt the usual words of a Professor of Legerdemain, they would inform them "exactly how it's done"—(laughter)—and should trust them to keep those secrets in the same faithful manner as they had kept those which they had already confided to them. (Laughter.) Masonry had many great and valued privileges, but none they prized more than the interest their antient and honourable Fraternity always excited in the breasts of the ladies, and the confidence they (the ladies) reposed in them. The brethren of the Eleanor Lodge especially claimed to be their devoted servants. There was not a single brother in the lodge—if they were single when they joined they insisted upon their getting married immediately—laughter—and he could offer them no greater proof of their devotion and attachment, further than that they had placed upon their banner and bore

upon their breasts the memorial of that noble and gracious lady Queen Eleanor, as an example of self-devotion and a tribute to her heroic courage. (Applause.) They ventured to hope that the simple entertainment which they had provided them that evening would be agreeable to them, and if it was he was sure the brethren whose speeches they had so mercilessly curtailed at the banquet would forgive them, for "No mortal can more the ladies adore than a Free and an Accepted Mason." (Applause.)

The following excellent programme was then gone through: Grand March (on the organ), Bro. Brook Sampson, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., P.P.G.O.; duet, "When the wind blows in from the sea," Bro. and Mrs. Myers; song, "The message," Bro. J. J. Hart, P.M. 360; song, "The mariner," Bro. Myers; song, "Oh! haste, ye birds," Mrs. Myers; song, "The harbour bar," Miss Florence Wilkins; duet, "I've wandered in dreams," Bro. and Mrs. Myers; song, "Down deep with the cellar cool," Bro. S. Gough; song, "Bid me discourse," Mrs. Myers; recitation, "At the ringing of the curfew," Miss Hope Wilkins; song, "I fear no foe," Bro. Myers.

That portion of the evening's entertainment was brought to a close by Bro. T. Phipps Dorman, P.P.G. St., Treasurer, giving an exhibition of some excellent dissolving views with a powerful oxy-hydrogen lantern. The views were of an exceptionally interesting character, and were very cleverly manipulated. They called forth repeated rounds of applause, and this was especially noticeable when the figure of the Prince of Wales, dressed in full regalia, was depicted.

Dancing commenced at ten o'clock to the strains of Mr. Bonner's band, and was kept up until the small hours.

The programmes were nicely got up, and around the edges were many apt and appropriate quotations from Shakespeare.

THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Last week we drew attention to the paucity of the brethren whose services as Stewards Bro. Binckes had succeeded in enlisting for the Boys' School Festival on Wednesday next, and the very unpromising outlook with which we are confronted as regards even an average subscription list, much less one such as the special circumstances of the year would seem to call for. We noted that, while in 1884 the Board of Stewards, all told, consisted of 290 brethren, namely, 130 London, 156 provincial, and 4 outsiders, only 256 had at the time tendered their services, 110 of them hailing from London, 143 from the provinces, and 3 from outside stations or Degrees. We append the list as constituted at the time of going to press, and from this it will be seen that a slight change for the better has taken place already, though, if we are to have a result at all approaching to that of 1884, we must trust to the efforts of members of the Board, individually and collectively, rather than to the influx of any considerable number of new Stewards between now and Wednesday next. We return to the subject this week because, as we pointed out in the article referred to, the circumstances of this year's anniversary are of more than ordinary importance. In the first place, the funds required for the expenditure of the Institution at its established strength must be raised; and, in addition, there must be forthcoming the further sum which the proposed increase of the School by 25 boys will render necessary. Otherwise, such proposed increase will have to be postponed till the times are more auspicious, and, in the interim, of course, the Preparatory School Buildings, which are being erected at so much cost, must remain untenanted. In the latter event, we shall have in October next, a long list of candidates with only the usual limited number of vacancies to be filled up, and, the extra money not having been obtained, the claims of a majority of the unfortunate children will have to be deferred till next year. This is what *must* happen if the celebration of Wednesday next is not productive above the average of such Boys' School gatherings, unless, indeed, some *deus ex machina* should kindly furnish a means of escape, as yet unseen, out of the ugly difficulty. There is, however, only a slender chance of any such good fortune happening, and it remains that we should address ourselves to the position as we find it, and offer those further suggestions which have occurred to us after a still more careful scrutiny of the Stewards' list.

Taking the London section of the Board of Stewards first, we find that of the 118 brethren composing it, there are as many as 33 Unattached to any lodge, chapter, or other Masonic body, while one Steward, Bro. William Roebuck, P.G. Steward, one of the recently appointed Trustees, represents the Committee Dinner Club. This leaves only 85 brethren acting as representatives of lodges, chapters, &c., of whom one, Bro. E. M. Money, has tendered his services as Steward both for Lodge 28 and Chapter 28, while 81 brethren and a lady do duty for 80 lodges, the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642, having as Stewards Bro. and Mrs. D. P. Cama, and the Southgate, No. 1950, Bros. E. Woodman and R. P. Forge. There are also two chapters represented by as many companions, so that, as a matter of fact, only 81 London lodges and three of its chapters have volunteered their assistance for Wednesday, and this is very much below the average representation for this section of the English Craft. Including the Harlesden, No. 2098, which was consecrated on the 8th inst., there are exactly 340 lodges in the London district. From these, however, must be deducted, in the first place, the four which were not included in the Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year at the date of its publication, and then a further ten lodges which did not figure in last year's list. These must be allowed time to set themselves in order before they can reasonably be expected to send up Stewards to our Festivals, though—to their great credit be it said—seven out of the latter ten have already done so, and some of them on more than one occasion. Thus, only a *fourth* of the 326 lodges constituting the London district in November, 1883, when the 1884 Grand Lodge Calendar made its appearance, have come forward to assist the Boys' School Executive on Wednesday next, the precise number of unrepresented London lodges being 245, or, if we give the lodges the benefit of chapter representation, 243. If

PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR AND MARK MASONRY.

[BY SPECIAL TELEGRAM.]

CAMBRIDGE, June 18th.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Isaac Newton University Mark Lodge, No. 112, at Cambridge, this day. The Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, was present, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Grand Officer of the year, and many other distinguished members of the Degree. The ceremony was most admirably performed by the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. T. Trevor Jones, and the officers of the lodge. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were elected honorary members of the lodge, and gracefully returned thanks for the honour.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT NORTHGATE, ELLAND.

On Thursday, the 7th ult., a large and influential gathering of brethren assembled in Elland to welcome the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., it being the first official duty he had performed since his grand installation at Leeds. The hall in question, which is connected with the Savile Lodge, No. 1231, consists of a magnificent lodge room, upwards of 15 yards by 13, well-lighted, and furnished in the most elaborate style, carpeted throughout in the mosaic style, with a beautiful border of crimson. The East end is raised, and arranged for the W.M., with seats on each side for the Past Masters and distinguished visitors. It is lighted by a magnificent gaselier, in the form of a grand blazing star, in brass, with the letter G, in scarlet on a white ground, in the centre, also brackets round the room, with shades of glass beautifully cut with Masonic emblems. When the walls are perfectly dry and properly painted, we have no hesitation in saying it will be one of the most beautiful lodge rooms in the province. There are two ante-rooms of large size, which can be thrown into one large banquet room by the aid of revolving shutters, along with a lavatory, very handsomely fitted up. The furniture and all other arrangements reflect very great credit upon those brethren who have had the management of this important department of the work. Savile Lodge possesses very fine musical and elocutionary talent, and this, combined with the beautiful rooms, will render a visit very pleasing, for the open-hearted, generous welcome given to all visiting brethren is quite proverbial in the province.

After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in due form by Bros. Tew, R.W.P.G.M., as W.M.; G. Normington, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 1302, as S.W.; J. Sedgwick, P.P.G.P., 1302, as J.W.; G. Hoyle, as S.D.; T. Sutcliffe, as J.D.; T. Whalley, M.D., as D.C.; J. L. Garsed, as Treas.; S. Dyson, as Sec.; S. W. North, as I.G.; J. Watson, P.M. 61, as Tyler; T. Feather, as S. Stwd.; J. Rhodes, as J. Stwd.; A. Mills; G. Hallas; T. Buckland; J. Mortimer; H. Taylor; A. Maude; H. G. Pike; S. A. Radcliffe; J. T. Milner; F. Battye; L. Savile, I.P.M.; J. T. Walker, P.M.; J. Dodgson, P.M.; E. Farnell, W.M.; J. Emsley, S.W.; W. E. Smithies, J.W.; along with the following visitors: Bros. H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec.; T. Pickles, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 258; G. Dyson, 1301; J. Haigh, W.M. 1736; W. H. O. Horsfall, 1302; H. S. Holdsworth, P.P.G.D.C., 408; W. H. Wainhouse, W.M. 1302; J. H. Bolton, 1736; J. W. Baime, 61; J. G. Robinson, 1514; S. Midgley, 307; H. Rickard, 61; J. Drake, 448; and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree by the R.W. P.G.M., Bro. Tew, who occupied the chair during the whole of the lodge meeting. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The patent of the appointment of Bro. Henry Smith, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, was read, as well as a list of the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The ballot was taken for Mr. H. L. Wilson and Mr. J. Haigh, which proved unanimous.

Bro. T. S. WALKER gave notice of certain alterations in the new bye-laws.

Bro. Dr. WHALLEY, D.C., then called upon the brethren to salute the R.W.P.G.M., which was done in grand style.

Bro. TEW then rose and said, Brethren: I thank you for your invitation this afternoon. It has enabled me to visit a lodge I have never entered before. I appreciate this opportunity of making your Masonic acquaintance and of offering my respects to your W.M. I am obliged for the greeting so kindly accorded to your new Prov. Grand Master. It is a matter of satisfaction to myself that my first visit, after my installation, should be to inaugurate new Masonic quarters for this lodge, and that the efforts of my predecessors in this office are about to be continued, that every lodge should have its own proper, separate, and conveniently appointed rooms in some suitable building, solely set apart for the purposes of Freemasonry. I congratulate you on this movement and on the transfer of your warrant to these Masonic rooms, I cannot doubt that the setting apart of these rooms must conduce in the future to the stability and respectability of the Savile Lodge and the greater comfort of its members. The date of your warrant is August 29th, 1868, signed by Lord Zetland, Grand Master of England. You were the 50th lodge on the roll of this province. In 1884 you initiated nine new members, ten were in arrears. You have 12 Past Masters and Worshipful Masters, and a roll call of 38 active members. I am glad to see your name on the list of contributing lodges in the total amount of £1242 of the Sir Hy. Edwards Presentation Fund. I thank all the West Yorkshire Lodges for the spirited manner in which that fund was taken up by the 68 lodges under our gallant late Commander-in-Chief's jurisdiction. I take this occasion of expressing my acknowledgments to the representatives of lodges around me for the splendid support accorded to Grand Lodge in the election of a Grand Treasurer on the 4th of March. I am very grateful to the 150 West Yorkshire brethren who went up to London to vote for the principle involved in that election, by which a northern brother secured that collar, by 745 votes against 424. I must also express my admiration of the noble and generous manner in which this lodge, and all other lodges, supported Lord Lathom at Leeds on the 24th of April; nothing like that demonstration has been seen before in a provincial town, and the Grand Lodge Officers then present were much impressed by that imposing spectacle. The order and regularity observed was a marvel of voluntary Masonic discipline, and I hope

no brother will ever regret the events of that auspicious occasion. The obligations of our Charity Committee are due to Bro. Thompson Whalley, M.D., Director of Ceremonies of the Savile Lodge, 1231, for £5 5s. to the 97th Festival of the Girls' Institution, May 13th, 1885, and also the endowment of the W.M.'s chair of the Savile Lodge, 1231, of £21, to the Aged Freemasons' Fund, when Sir M. H. Beach was in the chair, and when £17,770 was announced as the grand contribution of 2091 lodges on the roll call of the Grand Lodge of England. It is well to remember that West Yorkshire has 13 male annuitants, 15 widows, 17 girls, and 14 boys, all recipients of our benefactions. We are to them their guardians, and responsible for their welfare and education; without these Institutions our Charity would be sounding brass or tinkling cymbal. He then spoke of the new bye-laws and Book of Constitutions, and the initiation of new members; and continuing, said he must continue to exemplify kindness, courtesy, and brotherly love towards all our brethren, genuine Charity for the faults and failings of our fellows, and for the material relief of the distressed, and we must pursue and persevere in an ardent advocacy of confidence and trustworthiness in our lodges. Let us hope that as this lodge has removed to such new splendid and commodious quarters, it will add strength to the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, uphold respect for truth, and exemplify the principles of the Craft, then the prosperity of Freemasonry may be assured within this temple, and so continued through all the years of coming time.

Bro. Tew resumed his seat amid loud and continued cheers. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.50, when the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet.

Bro. TEW gave "The Queen," and Bro. Dr. WHALLEY, D.C., "The Prince and Princess of Wales."

The other toasts were given in due course, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, Bros. Buckland, Rickard, Pickles, and others rendering some first-class songs, and Bro. Dr. Whalley contributed some of his well-known recitals.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., the regular meeting was held under the following officers: Bros. E. Farnell, W.M.; J. Emsley, S.W.; J. L. Garsed, J.W.; S. Dyson, Sec.; G. Hoyle, S.D.; T. Sutcliffe, J.D.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; S. W. North, I.G.; J. Rhodes and T. Feather, Stwds.; Buckland, Taylor, Hallas, L. North, Maude, Pickles, Savile, Dewhurst, Walker, Crossley, and Dodgson.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, when Mr. W. H. L. Wilson and Mr. J. Haigh were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. The N.E. corner was given by Bro. Walker, working tools by Bro. Dyson, the charge by Bro. Hallas, and the tracing board and historical part of the First Degree by Bro. Dr. Whalley, D.C. The lodge was then closed.

The prosperity of this lodge is due to a large influx of new members since 1883, who not only possess the talent, but also the desire, to render the various ceremonies in a most impressive style, thus rendering a visit to this most hospitable lodge a treat not easily forgotten.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Driver, of the Lodge of Union and Generosity, Grand Junior Deacon of Grand Lodge, took the chair of Junior Vice-President.

The other brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. of China; A. Lucking, A.G.P.; Henry Garrod, G.P.; Edw. F. Storr, P.M., Treas. 22; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; T. B. Darrell, P.M. 781; G. P. Britten, P.M.; W. H. Perryman, P.M.; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Jubal Webb, W.M. 55; Robt. W. Sutton, W.M. 1446; F. Knipser, W.M. 1044; G. H. Masters, W.M. 13; H. McPherson, P.M. 890; Frederick J. Wray, I.P.M. 1257; A. C. Halestrap, W.M. 1471; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; John Brock, I.P.M. 299; George Edwards, W.M. 1507; Walter Mostin, W.M. 157; Thomas Loring, W.M. 171; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; William Wallace Copland, W.M. 1834; Clement Godson, W.M. 1591; W. D. Becket, W.M. 780; H. S. Hunter, W.M. 1321; G. Stacey, P.M. 209; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 1541; Alfred L. Annett, P.M. 180; Edward Davies, P.M. 228; George A. Cundy, P.M. 901; W. Nevins, W.M. 1076; Alex. Longton, W.M. 140; Joseph J. Marsh, W.M. 1326; John L. Anderson, W.M. 206; A. Freemund, W.M. 1050; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1732; C. Woolner Williams, P.M. 1275; Albert Escott, P.M. 1593; Thos. Weeks, W.M. 1641; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

The Board first confirmed recommendations made at the May meeting, to the extent of £260.

The new list contained 29 names. The petitioners' lodges were at Kingston, Jamaica, East Stonehouse, Hereford, Liverpool, Kew Bridge, Welchpool, Huddersfield, Sherborne, Driffeld, Malta, Widnes, Ireland, New York, Dartford, Dulwich, Wandsworth, Birmingham, Demerara, Dudley, Woolwich, Totnes, Greenwich, and London. Two of the cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £703. One grant was for £75, one for £40, one for £5, and one for £3. Three grants were for £30 each, five for £50 each, six for £10 each, and nine for £20 each.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Friday evening, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.P.G. Reg. Applications with respect to eight children of deceased Freemasons to be placed on the list of candidates for election on the foundation of the Institution at the July Court of Governors were unanimously granted, these cases involving an increased annual expenditure of £77. A grant for the advancement in life of one boy who had been educated through the instrumentality of the Institution was also agreed to, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

THE MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

The annual fête and distribution of prizes of this admirable Institution took place in the grounds at Ball's Bridge, Dublin, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, was unable to be present, as in former years; but his place was taken by Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Dep. Grand Master, and Lady Guinness very kindly distributed the prizes to the successful pupils. Two spacious pavilions had been erected for the accommodation of the visitors, and the preliminary part of the proceedings was of a highly interesting character, and, as at our Girls' School Fête, the calisthenic display proved the chief attraction of the day. The musical portion of the programme, both that contributed by the pupils, the concert, and the performances of the band of the 18th Hussars, gave every satisfaction. A vote of thanks to Lady Guinness for her kindness in assisting at the fête was carried by acclamation, and the National Anthem having been sung, the calisthenic display was repeated, and then an hour's promenade in the grounds and dancing in one of the pavilions brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to its close.

Among those present were the Committee—Bros. Robert W. Shekleton, Q.C., D.G.M.; C. Capel Macnamara, LL.D., Hon. Secretary; J. T. Banks, M.D., G. Dir. of Cers.; Francis L. Beatty; William L. Beatty, G.O.; Samuel H. Bolton; Anderson Cooper; W. C. Crawley, LL.D., G. Swd. Br.; George Crowe, George Drury, Graves S. Eves, Thomas Fitzgerald, Rt. Hon. Gerald FitzGibbon, Rev. A. S. Fuller, D.D.; Rev. J. A. Galbraith, G.C.; John G. Gibbon, LL.D.; Harry Hodges, J.G.D.; John A. Hogan, Alexander D. Kennedy, George H. Kidd, M.D.; Edward H. Kinahan, Thomas W. Kinahan, John M'Curdy, J. Creed Meredith, LL.D., G. Stwd.; H. Minchin, M.B.; George Moyers, LL.D., S.G.D.; S. B. Oldham, Dep. G. Sec.; John Rigby, Thomas S. Sibthorpe, G.I.G.; G. A. Stephens, G.S. of W.; Thos. Valentine, Robert Warren, G. Treas.; Geo. T. Whitestone, and Joseph H. Woodworth. Stewards—Bros. Wm. M. Battersby, J. H. Bolster, Thos. C. Brennan, Henry S. Butler, George Carson, Robert K. Clay, Wm. Comyns, Frank Day-Lewis, Marinus DeGroot, Charles J. DuBedat, J. Samuel Edge, William E. Ellis, LL.B.; Rev. W. J. Ewing, LL.D.; James W. Fair, T. Wilson Fair, Thomas Falls, Henry E. Flavelle, Oliver Fry, J. Fox-Goodman, Henry Hunt, Sir Robt. Jackson, C.B.; Robert S. Jacob, Walter Kirke, F. Kirkpatrick, Wm. H. B. Kyle, Hugh Leonard, F. Lochrane, R. Macalister, LL.B.; A. J. M'Cormick, Henry M'Cormick, Alfred M'Dermott, Bruere V. Mackey, Hastings F. Molloy, R. Montgomery, M.D.; Hugh S. Moore, James Morris, Albert E. Murray, Geo. Newcomen, Andrew W. Newton, James H. North, T. G. Phillips, John J. L. Robinson, S. G. Robinson, Wm. Shannon, Charles J. Smyth, Charles S. Stanford, Herbert Stanley, Andrew Thompson, Wm. F. Wells, Wm. Grove White, James Creed Meredith, Grand Steward, and a numerous gathering of visitors.

TRANS-ATLANTIC MASONIC CONGRATULATIONS.

The following communications from the two Masonic lodges at Newbury Port, Mass., U.S.A., have this week reached the Secretary of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., in response to addresses adopted by the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope in February last, congratulating their Masonic brethren at Newbury Port on the approaching celebration of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of that town:—

"St. Mark's Lodge, F. and A.M.,
Newbury Port, Mass., U.S.A.,
April 27th, 1885.
"To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, Berks, England.

"Greeting—
"Your kind communication of February 25th, 1885, addressed to St. Mark's Lodge, F. and A.M., congratulating the lodge upon the 250th anniversary of the settlement of our town, and also upon the prosperity of Masonry in our community, was duly received and read in open lodge, and, by unanimous vote, it was ordered to be spread upon the records, and the Secretary was directed to draft a reply.

"In compliance with those instructions, I am very happy to report that the brethren of St. Mark's Lodge fully appreciate the fraternal congratulations of our sister lodge in old Newbury. We sincerely thank you for your good wisher, and should any of your members visit these shores, we hope to meet with them, and to have the pleasure of extending a Masonic welcome.

"We wish you all prosperity and every blessing, and assure you that of all the memories of this anniversary, none will be more warmly cherished by us who are Masons than that of the kindly words we have received from the Loyal Lodge of Hope.

"Yours fraternally and truly,
"MOSES BROWN, W.M.
"GEO. H. CRAIG, S.W.
"RICHARD S. DODGE, J.W.
"JOS. L. JOHNSON, Secretary."
Newbury Port, Mass., U.S.A.,
13th May, 1885.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,—
"At a meeting of St. John's Lodge, in open lodge assembled, the kind and fraternal congratulations of Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, were read, and the undersigned were appointed a Committee to reply to the same. Craft Masonry is substantially the same the world around; its signs and symbols may everywhere be recognised; its bond of sympathy and fraternal regard is ever a joy and comfort. The W.M., officers, and brethren of St. John's Lodge were highly pleased at this recognition, and heartily reciprocate your good wishes. May every success attend your lodge, and may it ever be a beacon light, shining more and more brightly till faith shall be lost in sight and hope in complete fruition.

"We are, dear Sir and Brother, truly and fraternally yours,
"JOHN PIKE,
"GREEN DAVIS,
"SAMUEL BROOKINGS, JUN. } Committee.
"To Stephen Knight, Secretary Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, Newbury, Berks, England."

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.

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To Correspondents.

"Masonry in the Soudan," and several other communications stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Musician," "Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Die Bauhütte," "Hull Packet," "Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times" (London), "Citizen," "Court Circular," "The Freemasons' Repository," "Keystone," "Allen's Indian Mail," and "Proceedings of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Granting of Warrant 459 to African Lodge."



SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MARK GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The paragraph in the report of the General Board, to which you direct attention in your last issue, was perhaps not worded as clearly as it might have been. It may, however, be grammatically read thus, and certainly this is what was intended: "This Grand Lodge can only continue to re-assert the principles which have always guided the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, viz., that a minority of lodges cannot be coerced by a majority into joining a new organisation. That a Grand Lodge to be a lawful body must be constituted in accordance with the laws of the State. And, as regards the Mark Degree [this Grand Lodge can only continue to reassert the principle], that Mark lodges have a right to a separate charter or warrant should they desire it, and ought not to be compulsorily merged in the more modern Degree of Royal Arch Mason."

As to the historical accuracy of the last statement, I would have thought that there could be no doubt whatever. A Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland reported in 1865: "In this country, from time immemorial, or long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (in 1736), what is now known as the Mark Masters' Degree was wrought by the Operative lodges of St. John's Masonry."

In A.D. 1598 William Schaw, Master of Works to King James VI., orders the marks of all masons to be inserted in their work.

In the seventeenth century Mother Kilwinning Lodge made members choose their marks, and charged them 4s. each for the same. The Banff Operative Lodge gave the Mark Degree in 1778. It was given at Durham in 1774 in a Craft lodge. There was no such thing as a Grand Chapter till about 1760, and the Royal Arch Masons of that date did not claim to work the Mark Degree, which, as I have shown, was worked in Craft lodges. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was not formed till 1817. It now works the Mark Degree in conjunction with the Craft Grand Lodge.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A MARK MASTER MASON.

PROVINCIAL KALENDARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I quite agree with Bro. Lloyd in his letter, as published in the Freemason of the 6th inst., as to the Immediate Past Master of a lodge not being an actual officer of the lodge, and that the I.P.M. should not be included amongst the officers of the lodge, either in the Provincial Calendars or in the list of officers usually published by the lodge.

But if this be an irregularity, what are we to say to the appointment and investment of an I.P.M. at the consecration of a new lodge, when such an officer could not possibly exist?

I have noticed this anomaly on several occasions within the past few years, but it is an innovation of a recent date, and should be dealt with accordingly.—Yours fraternally,

ROBERT CASE, P.M. 417, Prov. G. Sec. Dorset.

Dorchester, 13th June.



THE MAGAZINES.

THE ILLUSTRATED NAVAL AND MILITARY MAGAZINE. No. 12. Vol. II.

The June number of this technical and interesting magazine for the Service comes before us with great freedom of letterpress and effect of illustration. It contains much that is important for the soldier, the sailor, the militiaman, and the volunteer to master and realize, and a perusal will certainly afford both information and pleasure to all whose proclivities or duties lie that way. Without being "Jingoes" or "peace-at-any-price parties." We think all that tends to help on the thoroughness and efficiency of our great Services, extends scientific information, or advances technical proficiency, deserves encouragement and commendation. Soldiers and sailors and volunteers ought to be educated up to their work and for their work, in fact now there is little room for the ignorant or "faineant." Recent episodes show us how a little ignorance, carelessness, "laissez faire," may sacrifice

invaluable lives; and as the greatest merit of the true commander is to save his men's lives and not to lose them, all that assists to make the soldier of all ranks "au fait" to his duty and work will always find laudatory mention in the pages of the Freemason.



610] THE BATTLE OF THE GRADES.

Some time back I took occasion to protest that Bro. Gould and I were not at one on the question of Degrees prior to 1717. I think it only right to mention that, since he has developed his views in Vol. IV., the only point of importance on which we are now at variance is the age of the Hiramic Legend. I hope to give expression to my own opinion before very long. Bro. Gould has ably argued his case, but I am inclined to think has overlooked a few points. G. W. SPETH.

611] THE MARK DEGREE.

As the Editor of the Freemason truly remarks, there is neither necessity nor propriety "in merging the Mark Degree in the Royal Arch," so far as this country is concerned. Those who desired its recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, some 30 years ago, would be among the first now to decline that honour, not only because absorption would ultimately mean extinction, but also because the "Articles of Union" decidedly bar any such action. The position of the "United Grand Lodge of England" is logical and most Masonic by extending toleration, but not recognition, to any Degrees save the first three, including the Royal Arch; leaving the brethren to find out for themselves those additional Degrees which are worthy of support. A sure indication, or test, I suggest, is to examine the registers of members, and note the Masonic character and standing of their adherents. The report of the "Mark Grand Lodge," which is fraternally alluded to by the Editor, is, I should think, intended to apply to the custom of choosing a mark, not to the Mark Degree. I quite think, with that report, that English Mark lodges have a right at the present time to a separate charter or warrant. I do not, however, consider the "Mark Masters," as a Degree, is of more antiquity than the "Royal Arch," but more probably junior in point of age. So far as we can trace the Mark, the earliest minute is of 1774 (to which I referred last week), whereas the earliest known of the Royal Arch records is 1762, added to which, the latter is noted in a work of 1744. I expect to hear of earlier minutes of the "Mark" before long, if brethren will carefully examine old records of Craft lodges, as Bro. Logan has so lately done. The Mark Degree is of special value, because of its preservation of the very ancient custom of choosing marks—a custom that is really ancient; whereas the Degree of Royal Arch and other Masonic Degrees cannot lay claim to records beyond the last century. Speculative Masons selected marks in the seventeenth century, as we know, and had them registered side by side with the Operatives. The Regulations of 1598 (Schaw's) provided for mark books being kept, and with all the old Scottish lodges the selection of marks, even in modern days, was considered a necessary part of the initiation and "passing," hence the attachment to Mark Masonry in Scotland, and its recognition by the Grand Lodge of that country. Bro. Gould's valuable history should be consulted, also Bro. Lyon's noble work. My opinion is that Mark Masonry antedates the formation of Royal Arch Grand Chapters, and therefore the members can fairly claim to work it apart from, though in friendship with, all Grand Chapters. Still, as a Degree it is modern, as with all Degrees; at least, such is my opinion. W. J. HUGHAN.

612] DEGREE TERMINOLOGY.

"Masonic Student" wishes extracts from lodge minutes of the use of technical words before 1750; here is one from the Kelso Lodge minute book: "Kelso, December 28th, 1741.

"Sederunt,

"The Society of free and accepted Massones in Kelso who entered John Forbers, John Linning, Andrew Kerr, and William Kerr, and passed William Mather, Robt. McLwraith, Bartly Ramsay, Andrew Aitchison, John Laidlaw, James Howey, William Kerr, Henry Nilson, William Douglass, James Corbett, and George Hardy.

"Thomas Waitt, by plurality of votes, was nominant Master, James Potts, Warden, and Wm. Mather, Box-master."

If I had time I would no doubt be able to make other extracts, but the above may help to swell the evidence required by "Masonic Student." W. FRED. VERNON.



Craft Masonry.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting of this large and highly prosperous lodge took place at the Criterion Restaurant, Regent's-circus, W., on Tuesday, the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. Sims, W.M.; Dipson, S.W.; Blake, J.W.; John Tuck, Sec.; Coplestone, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; Broadbridge, I.G.; Walkley, Tyler; Shaw, P.M.; Ellingford, P.M.; H. Purdue, I.P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; W. E. Purdue, J. J. West, P.M.; Waller, Cooney, Mayhew, Perrett, Holland, Newland, May, Oliver, P.M., Chambers, Lake, Cliburn, Iredale, Philips, Southwood, and others.

The lodge was opened promptly at 5 o'clock, when there was a large number of the brethren assembled. The minutes of the installation and emergency meetings having been confirmed, Bros. Mayhew and Perrett, candidates for passing, were then examined and entrusted. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Lucas, a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree; Bros. Mayhew and Perrett, being properly prepared, were admitted and passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. Kemp and Eason, candidates for raising, were then

examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bros. Kemp and Eason, being properly prepared, were admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. Sims, W.M., with that great kindness which is only too well known to the members of the lodge, retired from the chair to allow Bro. H. Purdue, I.P.M., to initiate his personal friend, Mr. Lucas, which he did in a manner that was appreciated by all present.

The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when the most interesting event of the evening took place, that of presenting an Organist's jewel to Bro. Oliver, P.M., as a slight recognition of his devoted attention to the lodge whilst acting as Organist. The W.M. spoke in high and eulogistic terms of the ability that Bro. Oliver had displayed in rendering the beautiful ceremonies so impressive, and, when labours had ceased, the banquet table more enjoyable.

Bro. Oliver, P.M., on rising to reply, seemed very much moved by the very handsome jewel the lodge had awarded him, and said he could not find words sufficiently to thank them for their kindness, and that he would, as long as the G.A.O.T.U. spared him, continue to do his duty in the future as he had in the past.

The W.M. rose for the third time, when the lodge was closed, after voting the sum of two guineas to an itinerant brother.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where the banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under their able manager, Bro. Bertini, in a manner so well known to those who attend the Criterion.

TEMPERANCE-IN-THE-EAST LODGE

(No. 593).—The anniversary ceremony of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar. Lodge was opened early in the afternoon by Bro. F. W. Pulsford, W.M., who was well and numerously supported both by officers and brethren of the lodge and visitors. The only candidate who was in attendance was Bro. Smith, an applicant for the Third Degree, which ceremony was, after due observances, ably worked by the out-going Master, Bro. Pulsford. The spacious lodge room now presented a very imposing spectacle, being nearly filled with brethren, and well lighted by a fine sunset. The W.M. having called off the lodge for refreshment, next proceeded to the ceremony of installing as his successor in the chair of K.S. the unanimous choice of the brethren, viz., Bro. George Sidders, W.M. elect, who was duly presented by Bro. G. Graveley, I.P.M. Subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Sidders received the highest honour the lodge could grant him, and was afterwards duly saluted by the brethren according to ancient custom, Bro. Sherwin's instrumentation being, as usual, very effective and bright wherever necessary. Bro. G. Sidders, W.M., then proceeded to appoint and invest as his officers Bros. W. E. Butcher, S.W.; J. Byford, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Dr. Chas. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); J. Carter, S.D.; W. Gordon, J.D.; W. Cadman, I.G.; M. W. H. Sherwin, Org.; H. Rogers, P.M., D.C.; W. Bridges, Stwd.; and H. Stewart, P.M., Tyler (re-elected). The exposition of the moral teachings of the working tools (most ably given) and a careful rendering of the ancient charges brought Bro. Pulsford's arduous labours to a satisfactory and highly creditable finish, and he assumed his seat as I.P.M. amid the hearty congratulations of the numerous brethren.

The following brethren were also present: Past Masters: Bros. G. Graveley, C. Scrutton, Dr. C. W. Smith, H. Rogers, H. Cooper, C. Chapman, B. Carter, J. Newell, and J. Williams. Visitors: Bros. S. W. Lazarus, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 185; J. W. Webber, 1711; W. G. Millington, P.M. 1382; S. C. Hill, S.D. 1385; W. Anderson, 365; W. H. Wilson, W.M. 169; G. Fisher, P.M. 1382; G. C. Pulsford, I.P.M. 1593; J. Clark, W.M. 1178; T. Hallett, 1816; J. L. Anderson, W.M. 206; H. J. Cant, 1816; T. Duffield, S.W. 1571; J. G. Milbourn, S.D. 13; J. A. Keable, I.G. 174; P. G. Blackwell, 445; P. Barlow, 389; W. T. Mimms, J.W. 1604; R. Dixon, I.G. 1257; and G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623.

A handsome jewel recognising Bro. Pulsford's services as Master during the past 12 months was presented by Bro. G. Sidders, W.M., on behalf of the lodge, and gracefully acknowledged. The Audit Committee next rendered their report, which was unanimously received and adopted.

Other business was also satisfactorily disposed of and the lodge was closed. The spacious hall was then prepared as a banqueting saloon, and after the necessary interval the brethren sat down to a well and plentifully served supper, in the preparation and serving of which Bro. Youens greatly distinguished himself. The usual toasts followed and were all heartily honoured, and as usual in this lodge harmony prevailed, Bro. Sherwin again proving an able and obliging accompanist. Bros. T. Clark, W.M. 1178; H. J. Cant, W.M. 1816; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; and W. T. Mimms, J.W. 1604, duly responded for the large number of visiting brethren.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—An

emergency meeting was held on the 11th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Present: Bros. H. Forss, W.M.; W. Pitt, P.M., acting S.W.; J. Salmon, J.W.; Keir, P.M., Treas.; L. Stean, P.M., Sec.; A. Hamilton, S.D.; E. Roberts, J.D.; C. Tichiaz, D.C., acting I.G.; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; G. Taylor, P.M.; J. Guedalla, H. A. Dunn, A. Burr, and T. Draper.

The lodge was opened in due form, the Secretary having read the necessity for the lodge of emergency, Bro. Forss, W.M., initiated Mr. G. R. Ward, previously balloted for, and afterwards raised Bros. H. A. Dunne and J. Guedalla. The lodge was then closed in solemn form. The ceremonies were discharged by the W.M. in a manner needless of comment, as Bro. Forss is known to be one of the best workers in Craft Masonry, which will at once account for his continued success in the chair; also having excellent officers gives a charm to lodge proceedings.

The brethren afterwards had refreshments, and spent a long and joyous evening in conviviality. The musical portion, under the able superintendence of Bro. Egbert Roberts, J.D., who sang some of his own compositions and several old favourites to the pleasure and delight of all.

DUKE OF ALBANY LODGE (No. 1963).—

The fourth installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park Estate, Lavender Hill, on the 21st ult. Till 1882 the

ancient, though "still growing," parish of Battersea was almost a waste so far as Freemasonry was concerned, most of the older lodges having removed out of the district into the City or elsewhere. A charter of constitution was granted to Bro. Voisey, P.M., the present Secretary of the lodge, and under the care of him and his successors, Bros. Vincent and Wilson, the lodge—named by special permission after one of the most eminent and enlightened members of the Order—has been successful and progressive beyond even the high expectations of his founders.

The present W.M., Bro. Robert Stokoe, was installed on Thursday, the 21st ult. He has been engaged in educational work in the district for more than a decade, is as well known as respected, especially by the rising generation, and therefore we predict for his lodge a still greater career of usefulness and Masonic influence. The lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Wilson, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Vincent, I.P.M.; Stokoe, S.W.; Murché, J.W.; Kerry, Treas.; Voisey, P.M. and Sec.; G. Gill, J.D.; Pink, I.G.; and J. J. White, D.C. After the usual routine business, including the very satisfactory Auditor's report, had been concluded, Bro. Robert Stokoe was installed as W.M. by Bro. Wilson, who performed the difficult ceremony in a very impressive and effective manner. All present must have been edified and delighted with the performance of Bro. Wilson, who in his year of office in this lodge "has done all things well." The new W.M. having invested his officers, proceeded to try his 'prentice hand on a new candidate for Freemasonry, and Mr. Fawcett was initiated into its mysteries and privileges with an intelligent appreciation of Masonic ritual that augurs well for the coming year.

The musical arrangements were carried out most successfully by a choir consisting of Bros. Horspool, P.M.; Leonard, F. H. Cozens, R. J. Taylor, P.M.; and Voisey, and the singing of the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful" (Clarke Whitfield) left little to be desired.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Elgar, 1329; Horspool, P.M. 1254; Russell, 72; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; W. P. Dukes, P.M. 15; Brinton, W.M. 1329; Terry, P.M. 507; Molony, 60 (I.C.); Leonard, 1777; Dunnett, 400; Collick, S.W. 1585; Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; H. Stiles, P.M. 1752; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; Castell, J.W. 902; Bate, 1507; Clough, J.D. 217; Runacres, P.M. 1922; Stephens, P.M. 754; B. Smith, 1539; Brown, 1681; Hilton, I.P.M. 1475; Nunn, W.M. 1531; Harman, 1507; Watson, 1641; Cozens, Org. 907; Briant, 1641; and Kettlewhite, 1641.

The banquet was excellently served by Bro. Slawson, of the Old Kent-road, in the Bolingbroke Hall, and the usual Masonic toasts were interspersed with agreeable and inspiring songs and glees, under the direction of Bro. Voisey.

ST. MARY ABBOTTS LODGE (No. 1974).—

An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Kensington, W. There were present Bros. Alfred Williams, W.M.; Reuben C. Green, S.W.; D. Shorter Skinner, J.W.; Rev. C. D. Reade, Chaplain; James Green, Treasurer; George C. Harding, Secretary; Algernon C. Bauke, S.D.; J. Townsend-Green, J.D.; Sydney Pitt, D.C.; C. W. Stephens, I.G.; William Beavis, Steward; Thomas Friend, Tyler; Captain A. Nicols, P.M., P.G.D. Supt. of Wks. Punjab; W. Weaver, Sir Algernon Borthwick, W. Cunningham Glen, A. A. Williams, Captain Andrews, F. de Beauchamp Strickland, E. C. Engelbach, J. C. Lynch, L. H. Isaacs, A. F. Pritchard, H. R. Gill, and H. M. Hartcup. The visitors were Bros. H. E. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; James Wakeham, 1767; W. B. Liddiard, W.M. 14; Grand Steward; G. R. Richards, W.M. 839; and Frank Engelbach, 263.

The lodge was opened at 5.40 p.m. The ceremony of raising Bro. F. de Beauchamp Strickland was admirably performed by the W.M. The lodge of emergency was closed, and the members and visitors afterwards dined together at Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester-road.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Capt. A. Nicols proposed "The Health and Happiness of the W.M.," observing that it was a great satisfaction to him, as founder of the lodge, to find the members electing successively ever year such zealous and expert rulers as Bro. Williams had already proved himself to be.

The Worshipful Master expressed his sincere thanks, and hoped, with the assistance of his officers, to conduct the work of the lodge during the remainder of his term of office to the satisfaction of the members.

At the conclusion of the Worshipful Master's reply, the brethren were practically reminded of one of the great objects of Freemasonry. The alms box was placed before the Worshipful Master, and circulated before the toast of "The Visitors" was given, in proposing which the W.M. remarked on the unusually small number of their guests, but observed that there were several good, true, and experienced Masters among them, including Bros. H. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; W. B. Liddiard, Grand Steward; and J. Wakeham. With regard to Bro. Liddiard he wished to remind the brethren that in another place, viz., in the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, he was his Master, and an excellent Master too, under whom to serve as Warden was an honour.

Bro. Dehane briefly thanked the brethren for their hospitality, and complimented the W.M. on his impressive rendering of the ceremony, and strongly advised the officers aspiring to the chair to endeavour to follow in his footsteps, and thereby keep up the prestige of the lodge.

Bro. Liddiard followed, and said that discipline was the mainspring of the Order, and he would return thanks for himself as Worshipful Master of a lodge of over one hundred and fifty years' standing, which did its work according to the old traditions, and did its best to extend hospitality, as well as instruction; but when he visited a young lodge like Saint Mary Abbots, and heard the work done as it had been that evening, he began to doubt whether the hundred and odd years of existence had added more to the renown of the Tuscan Lodge than the few years had to the one he was that evening visiting. Bro. Alfred Williams, as one of the Wardens of No. 14, rendered him great assistance, and he felt sure that neither the Tuscan nor any other lodge could do the work better than it was done in the Saint Mary Abbots.

Bro. Captain Nicols replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," thanking the brethren for the hearty way in which it had been received. He said that only a few days ago he had heard from Bro. Captain Compton, the I.P.M.,

who now resided far away in Dorsetshire, where it seemed that his rank in the Craft and his genial manner had made him a Masonic favourite, for towards the end of his letter he observed: "I have become so skilled in replying to the toast of my health, that I regret not being able to attend the lodge on Thursday next." Bro. Captain Nicols concluded by saying that, though he would very soon have to take a back seat on the bench of Past Masters, his best services would always be at the disposal of the lodge.

Bro. Reuben Green, S.W., answered for "The Officers," who, he said, were simply discharging a very pleasant duty, and he, for his part, looked forward to occupying the Master's chair, after steadily working up for it.

The Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant evening, which was enlivened by some excellent music, and a selection of amusing songs by Bro. Engelbach, rendered in his own inimitable style.

STONEHOUSE.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).

—At a meeting of this lodge on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., Bro. J. Prout was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. George Hawken. Bro. T. Bayly, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A special resolution was passed, on the motion of Bro. C. Croydon, thanking Bro. R. H. Rae, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.A. D.C., for the able and indefatigable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary for a considerable number of years, and the warm interest he showed in the welfare of the lodge. The brethren also showed their appreciation of his abilities and the respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren. The installation will take place on the 13th proximo, and the banquet at Farley's Hotel.

Huddersfield.—Lodge of Truth (No.

521).—The regular meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street. Lodge opened at 6.10, by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Turner, and the following officers: Bros. Abm. Armitage, S.W.; Abm. Graham, J.W.; Jas. Brierley, Treas.; H. W. Wrigley, P.M., for J. E. Cooper, Sec.; Jas. Eccles, S.D.; Humphrey Wood, I.G.; Henry Shaw, P.M., acting as Tyler by request of the W.M.

The minutes of the previous regular lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. S. Wilkinson and Mr. J. Lancaster, and being favourable, they were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. and Bro. Allan Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Bro. Herman Field having answered the test questions, was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. W. H. Jessop, P.M., in his usual careful and impressive manner. Bro. Thomas Harrison, answering the test questions leading to the Third Degree in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Joseph Varley, P.M., the traditional history being given and working tools presented and explained by Bro. George Marshall, P.M. It is needless to say every ceremony was well and impressively rendered. "Hearty good wishes" were given by several visiting brethren. The W.M. instructed the Secretary to send a letter of condolence to a member of the lodge on the severe bereavement he had sustained by the death of his wife.

Business being completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, and after a substantial repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

In proposing "The Provincial Grand Lodge," the W.M. called attention to the small number of Provincial Grand Officers the lodge had been favoured with during the last ten years, and from such a strong lodge he did not consider they got their fair share of provincial honours, but he trusted next year to see Bro. Geo. Marshall, P.M., elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, remarking that there was not a brother in the province more worthy of it, or who could fill the position with greater credit or honour to the Craft.

These sentiments were thoroughly endorsed by every brother present.

Bro. Allen Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., in responding to the toast, said he quite endorsed the expressions of the W.M., and he had long thought the Lodge of Truth had not had its share of provincial honours; he would be very glad to see more Provincial Grand Officers appointed from the lodge, who would attend the meetings, and not let him almost every month have to respond to this toast.

The evening was enlivened by songs excellently rendered from Bros. Joseph Varley, Allen Jackson, J. A. Woolven, J. B. Matthewman, Jno. Shoesmith, and others. Bro. Ben. Walker presided at the piano.

On the brethren separating each and all expressed their pleasure at having been present.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Harbour of Refuge

Lodge (No. 764).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, the 9th inst., when Bro. William Marley, S.W., was impressively installed W.M. by Bro. Dr. Gourley, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.W. At the conclusion of the ceremony the new W.M. chose as his officers Bros. J. F. Wilson, S.W.; H. B. Olsen, J.W.; H. Lamb, Sec.; G. T. Reay, S.D.; W. Hodge, J.D.; J. E. T. Hurworth, Org.; E. Clennett, I.G.; T. H. Simpson, S.S.; and Robert Medd, J.D. Bro. Edward Hudson was the Director of Ceremonies. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet was served by host C. Cabry.

LIVERPOOL.—United Service Lodge (No.

786).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge which happily embraces members who are closely identified with the auxiliary forces, as well as those who are outside the ranks of our "citizen soldiers," was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when Bro. W. H. Tyerman, W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. W. T. Smith, I.P.M.; P. B. Deuchar, P.M.; Dr. F. J. Barley, P.P.G.S.D.; Capt. W. J. Newman, P.P.G.R.; Lieut. C. Wise, P.M.; E. Parnell, P.M.; H. A. Lawton, P.P.G.S.D. Dorset, P.M. 386; Lieut.-Col. W. Townshend, S.W. (the W.M. elect); E. Sherwood, J.W.; W. Ireland, Sec.; T. Sowden, S.D.; C. Forwood, J.D.; and Sergt. Neville, Tyler. The members present included Bros. R. Johnson, W.M. 1013; W. Tomkinson, W. L. Jackson, R. Robertson, and others. The visitors list embraced the names of Bros. E. Purdon, W.M. 245 (ex-Lord Mayor of Dublin); F. C. Compton, P.P.G.O. Surrey; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; Dr. W. S. Limerick, W.M. 1380; R. A. Davies, I.P.M. 1380; Capt. Robertson,

S.W. 950; C. Barry, W.M. 680; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; E. Segar, W.M. 32; Dr. F. J. Irvine, 1609; J. Brotherton, W.M. 241; Major H. J. Nicholls, S.D. 2042; J. H. Tyson, W.M. 1182; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; T. M. Bleakley, W.M. 605; J. Snell, 1013; W. Warburton, 1013; R. Martin, P.G. Treas.; R. Foote, P.M. 1505; J. T. Stowell, W.M. 1350; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; D. Cumming, 1609; G. B. Craven, 605; A. B. Ewart, O. 241; Sub-Lieut. Alison, 537; J. F. Williams, W.M. 220; R. W. Crowe, J.W. 680; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; and others.

After the transaction of some initial business, the chair was taken by Bro. Lieut. C. Wise, P.M., 1st C.E.V., who proceeded with the installation of Bro. Lieut.-Colonel W. Townshend as W.M., the presentation being made by Bro. Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D., and Bro. Captain W. J. Newman, P.P.G.R. After the ceremony, which was performed with singular effectiveness, the following were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Tyerman, I.P.M.; E. Sherwood, S.W.; T. Sowden, J.W.; F. J. Bailey, P.M.; M.C.; W. T. Smith, Treas.; C. Forwood, Sec.; W. W. Jones, S.D.; W. Ireland, J.D.; T. F. Irwin, I.G.; F. Cook, S.S.; J. A. Gray, J.S.; and Sergeant Neville was re-elected Tyler. The closing addresses to the officers were given most effectively by Bro. Lawton, P.P.G.S.D.

At the conclusion of business, the brethren sat down to banquet, served by Bro. J. Casey, house steward. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The above lodge, which meets at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, is one of the most vigorous lodges in the district, and probably the leading lodge at the north end of the city. On the 11th inst. there was a very large gathering of the members and visitors, including a number of P.M.'s and P.G. Officers, including Bros. R. Martin, P.G. Treas.; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; J. Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Foote, P.G.S.; J. Bell, P.M. 609; G. Hulse, 241; W. Burnet, 1393 and 1505; J. Hilton, P.M. 203; M. Callaghan, W.M. 1393; D. W. Caugley, W.M. 249; Wm. Roberts, W.M. 1086; J. Kenyon, P.M. 1013; F. Ewart, S.W. 1086; J. W. Davis, W.M. 54; R. G. Bradley, S.W. 249; S. E. Ibbes, P.M. 594; J. N. Patterson, W.M. 484; Sam Haynes, P.M. 823; R. Armitage, W.M. 1620; G. Gordon, P.M. 724; J. Platt, W.M. 1473; J. Whalley, P.P.G.D.C.; and others.

The W.M., Bro. J. J. Smith, took the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. Tunstall, S.W.; G. Mitchell, J.W.; A. Willis, Treas.; W. Addison, Sec.; C. Burchall, S.D.; T. Macready, J.D.; Stephen E. Davis, I.G.; M. Solomon, Stwd.; and C. Watson, Tyler. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Tunstall, was presented for installation by Bros. J. J. Smith, W.M., and Tempest Fozzard, P.M., and was installed by Bro. Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C., in a most impressive manner. After the customary honours, the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. J. Smith, I.P.M.; G. Mitchell, S.W.; W. Addison, J.W.; A. Willis, P.M.; Treas.; G. Burchall, Sec.; T. Macready, S.D.; S. E. Davis, J.D.; M. Solomon, I.G.; E. Gregory, S.S.; R. Bulmer, J.S.; Lewis Peake, P.M., D.C.; W. Watson, Tyler; and J. L. Bryan, P.G.O., Org. (by deputy).

The members and guests afterwards dined together, when opportunity was taken to present the retiring W.M., Bro. J. J. Smith, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services last year. The proceedings were considerably enhanced by the services of the musical brethren, Bros. S. E. Kirkham, 1609; R. Melody, 1313; J. Busfield, 2042; J. E. Quayle, 1473; T. C. Fargher, 2042; W. H. Quayle, 2042, who were directed by Bros. Stephen E. Davies, 1035, and Walter Burnet, J.W. 1505, 1393, &c. [The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.]

STOKE.—Huyshe Lodge (No. 1099).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., in the lodge room, Home Park, when Bro. Thomas May was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. W. H. Gillman, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.D.C., assisted by Bros. John Gould and W. T. Walter, P.Ms., and the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M., Chap., P.P. Chap.; R. Cawsey, P.M. 230, P.G.J.D.; C. H. Cooper, P.M., Sec. 105, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Browning, P.M., Treas. 105, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Roseveare, P.M., P.P. G.S. of Wks. Cornwall; S. Willoughby, P.M. 1099, P.P. G.S.B.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. J. Stanbury, P.M., Sec. 1099; R. Pike, P.M. 230; W. Lavers, W.M. 1255; T. Cole, P.M. 689, New Zealand; Fred. R. Goodyear, W.M. 223; F. Hooper, P.M. 1212, 2025, P.P.G.D.C.; Edwin Roseveare, P.M. 1099; J. H. Blackell, P.M. 1099; J. Whitford, P.M. 230; Edward Pillar, W.M. 105; C. Watson, P.M. 954; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 1847; Thomas Sampson May, the retiring W.M.; and J. Picking, P.M. 1099.

The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Thomas Sampson May, I.P.M.; H. Rogers, S.W.; John W. H. Cox, J.W.; W. H. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. J. Stanbury, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Staton, S.D.; J. Henry Welsford, J.D.; W. G. Sprague, D.C.; G. McGrigor, A.D.C.; J. R. Holliday, Org.; J. W. Foster, Asst. Org.; H. W. Pengelly, I.G.; G. W. Vanstone, S.S.; G. Oliver, A. Stwd.; S. J. Page, Jacob Cohen, and W. H. Dillon, Stwds.; and J. Rashbrook, Tyler. The other brethren present were Bros. J. Joffe, S.W. 954; Lougher, Sun Lodge, Exmouth; Thomas Geach, S.D. 1847; W. H. Frost, J.D. 223; W. J. Ferris, 105; William Roach, 1205; W. Foster, 1205; Thomas Parker, D. of Cers. 156; T. W. Tressis, D.C. 1136; W. Hutchings, 223; H. G. Harding, 1847; S. M. Lewis, 230; C. F. Matthison, 2025; F. Orchard, J.D. 230; S. H. Gibbens, 105; W. Tottenham, 588; Harry Banfield, 1247; W. G. Hodge, 1847, 2025; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. H. G. Deacon, George F. Miller, J. Stevens, Samuel Fry, W. R. Deacon, Albert Moore, W. H. Bird, Chas. J. Charters, J. W. Hinchcliffe, W. J. Nicholls, G. Wright, A. G. Friend, S. L. Edgumbe, R. Davey, Samuel R. Bishop, W. J. Penrose, and Sidney H. Phillips. W. Bro. Aitken Davies was elected Charity Steward, and also chosen as the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—This lodge, consecrated sixteen years ago, has secured a deservedly high position in the Province of West Lancashire, and its annual celebration of the festival of St. John, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 1st inst., was numerous and influentially attended. The retiring W.M., Bro. George Crute, who has had a most prosperous year of office, occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, and he was supported by Bros. J. S. Warden, I.P.M.; C. Fothergill, P.M.; J. Tickle, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Ashworth, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.G.S., Treas.; W. Fish, Sec.; Samuel Fraser, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; W. Kohn, I.G.; J. J. Harley, S.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; and P. Ball, Tyler, besides a good attendance of members. The visitors included Bros. T. H. Careful, P.M. 823; T. P. Elson, 1505; T. C. Fargher, 2042; T. Pierrepont, S.W. 1393; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; C. H. Green, 667; Jas. T. Collow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. M. King, W.M. 823; J. Bailey, W.M. 667; W. C. Erwin, P.M., A.P.G. Sec.; Martin Corless, P.M. 673; J. Hughes, 241; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; Robert Foote, P.M. 2042; A. Samuels, P.M. 1350, P.G.J.D.; F. A. Rainbow, J.D. 1393; F. G. Halpin, 1086; M. Callaghan, W.M. 1393; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; R. A. H. Wood, W.M. 1713; H. H. Smith, P.M. 1505, Treas. 2042; J. White, J.W. 249; R. G. Bradley, S.W. 249; James Handford, 823; G. Alexander, I.G. 1094; Matthew Alexander, S.D. 1094; A. S. Ramage; and others.

The position of Installing Master was undertaken by Bro. Charles Fothergill, P.M., and the ceremony was given in a manner that will add to his reputation as a most excellent worker in the Order. After his installation the W.M., Bro. John Tickle, invested his officers as follows: Bros. George Crute, I.P.M.; James Ashworth, S.W.; William Fish, J.W.; Peter B. Gee, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; James S. Warden, P.M., D.C.; Samuel Fraser, Sec.; William Jones, S.D.; William Kohn, J.D.; John J. Harley, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; Edmund B. Ironside, S.S.; Robert Hamer, J.S.; William Hodgson, A.S.; and Peter Ball, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. P. M. Fothergill for the able and impressive manner in which the installation ceremony had been rendered.

The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, catered for by Bro. Casey, the house steward, in his usual satisfactory manner, and presided over by the W.M., Bro. Tickle.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and during the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Crute, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

Bros. King, Ramage, Handford, Fargher, Erwin, Pierrepont, Bradey, Fraser, and Green enlivened the post prandial proceedings by contributing some capital songs and recitations.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1593).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.G. Chap. Middx., W.M.; Briggs, S.W.; Richnell, J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M., Sec.; E. Jenkins, S.D.; Bunn, acting J.D.; H. Jenkins, I.G.; W. Taylor, P.G.J.W. Middx., P.M.; Williams, Powell, the Rev. S. Buller, P.G. Chap. Middx., and others. The visitors were Bros. J. M. Richardson, 3; C. W. Bowley, 248; and M. Shearmer, 1136.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. A. Toulmin, and it proving to be unanimous, he was most impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The revised bye-laws were read and unanimously adopted. The sum of two guineas was voted to the H. C. Levander Memorial Fund. Apologies for non-attendance having been read from Bros. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., R. Thrupp, J. Woodward, R. H. Saunders, Gurney, and others, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, under the genial presidency of the W.M., whose subsequent speeches were terse, but pertinent.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The election meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road, Bro. G. Kennedy, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. G. Saunders, presiding. There was a goodly array of Past Masters, officers, visitors, and brethren present. Bro. Clayton was passed, and the bye-laws, as revised in Committee, were accepted. Bro. W. Mould, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Gee was re-elected Treasurer. It was unanimously decided that in recognition of Bro. Kennedy's services as acting Master during the past year the sum of five guineas should be voted him for the purpose of qualifying him as a Life Subscriber for one of the Charities, and that brother returned thanks. A social gathering, during which the usual loyal, Grand, and provincial toasts were honoured, closed the proceedings.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 8th inst., at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate. There was a large muster of the brethren, and the appearance of the Hall was improved by the addition of new seats in the dais of massive mahogany, upholstered in crimson plush. The lodge was opened by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Blenkin, who apologised for the absence of Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., the W.M., who was compelled to attend to his parliamentary duties in London. After the confirmation of the minutes, successful ballots were taken for Bros. J. W. Woodall, Grand Treasurer of England, as an honorary member; R. Wigglesworth, 1991, as a joining member, and for a candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., who proceeded to initiate a son of the I.P.M., who received the charge from Bro. Wm. Brown, the J.W. The I.P.M. having resumed the chair then raised Bro. Dodson to the Degree of a Master Mason. Subsequently several presentations were made, including two framed pictures from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; several books from Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; and other volumes from Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., and Bro. Ware. It was also resolved that the reading and smoke rooms should be open for the use of members on every Friday evening from 8 to 11.

Votes of thanks were passed to the donors, and also to the Agricola Lodge for their fraternal courtesy in offering the use of their room during the removal of the Eboracum Lodge from the Queen's Hotel to its new premises. After the lodge was closed the tables in the refreshment

room were well filled, and a most harmonious evening was spent. "The Candidate's Health" was proposed, and it was mentioned as a curious coincidence that Bro. J. Blenkin, P.M., was the first candidate initiated in the Eboracum Lodge after its foundation, and that his son was the first candidate initiated in the new hall. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Blenkin, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Balmford P.M.; J. T. Sellar, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; B. Polkinghorne, W.M. 1991; Major Baldrey, W.M. 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge; Major McGachen, P.M.; W. Brown, J.W.; G. Chapman, S.D.; S. J. Dalton, J.D.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, I.G.; W. Stephenson, Stwd.; T. E. Abbey, C. L. Foster, Ewd. Wilkinson, J. D. Irving, E. Thackray, A. Chapman, J. Horner, R. Ware, J. Thorpe, W. Storey, W. B. Dyson, W. T. Nance, P. Pearson, G. Lamb, T. Kersopp, 1991; G. Harding, 1991; A. M. White, 1991; A. Sample, 236; and others.

CROYDON.—Parthenon Lodge (No. 1826).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel. There were present Bros. W. Clifford, W.M.; C. W. A. Trollope, W.M. elect; Bratten, Herndle, Lavies, Horne, Watson, Champion, Willis, G. C. Pollard, Turner, and others. The visitors were Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Harding, G.A.D. of C.; Merrit, P.G. Chap.; Sitwell, P.P.G. Chap.; Larren, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Roberts, Walford, Garrard, R. Holland, Colonel Henley, Frost, and Hilton. The Rt. W.G. Master of the province was unable to attend. Letters of regret arrived from the D.P.G.M. and from Bros. Eve, Belton, Binckes, Ramsey, Skinner, Watson, Kelly, Pearce, and others.

The working was restricted to the installation ceremonies, which were performed partly by the W.M., Bro. Clifford, and partly by the founder of the lodge, Bro. Dr. Lavies, a Mason of 40 years standing. The concluding addresses of the ceremony, as delivered by Bro. Lavies, must be heard to be appreciated.

An excellent banquet was provided by the Hotel Company, under the direction of Mr. Bentley, the new manager, and the music afterwards, both vocal and instrumental, was of the very highest order.

PLYMPTON.—St. Maurice Lodge (No. 1855).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Working Man's Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. T. J. R. Challice, was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. B. Skinner, assisted by Bros. R. Hambly, 1855; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; W. K. Mitchell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Dr. E. B. Thompson, P.M. 156; with the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. T. Browning, P.G. Treas.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; C. Cooper, P.P.G.D.; D. Box, P.P.G. Reg.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; Dr. W. D. Stamp, 1855; J. Lavers, 223; A. E. Lean, 70; James Lose, 1847; R. Dickson; W. H. Hunt, 1205; and James Gidley, 2025. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. B. Skinner, I.P.M.; R. Ellery, S.W.; G. Goad, J.W.; W. Redmond, Treas.; R. Hambly, Sec.; J. Martin, S.D.; J. Folley, J.D.; J. Hellings, I.G.; F. Hunt, D.C.; J. C. Revell, A.D.C.; W. Tregillus, Org.; A. W. T. Steer, Stwd.; and Jas. Gidley, Tyler. Bro. R. Hambly was elected the representative of the lodge at the Committee of Petitions; and the W.M., Bro. Challice, as Charity Steward.

In the evening the brethren dined together at the George Hotel, where the usual toasts were given.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—This lodge met at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the newly appointed time, 8 o'clock, instead of 7.30 as formerly, with a good muster of brethren. Present: Bros. T. Rowland, W.M., in the place of Bro. Rush; C. C. Crouch, S.W.; H. Buckeridge, J.W.; J. Hill, Preceptor; W. H. Boys, P.M. 1658, S.D.; Peet J.D.; H. Cohen, I.G.; J. D. Smith, W.M. 1658; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. This being the second Tuesday in the month, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed in a most able manner by Bro. Rowland, who also gave the charge. The lodge called off and on, after which the 4th Section of the Second Lecture was admirably worked. Bro. Rowland gave the use of the orders perfectly, and drew from the brethren expressions of pleasure. The lodge resumed to the Third Degree, and closed down. A vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Rowland for the very able rendering of the 4th Section of the Second Lecture, and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. This was done after several very able speeches of the brethren on the progress of the lodge. The lodge was closed, the brethren highly delighted with an evening of good work. On Tuesday, the 23rd inst., it is intended to work the five Sections of the Second Lecture. On Tuesday, the 30th inst., the installation ceremony will (D.V.) be rehearsed, and the officers will be pleased to see any of the brethren who can, or wish to attend on either or both of these evenings.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. J. T. Mickelburgh, P.M., W.M.; W. Batley, S.W.; J. Cruttenben, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; S. J. Humfress, S.D.; R. P. J. Laundry, J.D.; Joseph Lichtenfeld, I.G.; F. Chandler, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, A. P. Lake, R. E. Cursons, D. S. Stroud, J. H. Wood, and C. S. Motte.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of raising and initiation were rehearsed, Bros. Andrews and Cursons, as the candidates respectively. Bro. Batley was elected W.M. for the next meeting on the 22nd 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 11th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Marsden, W.M.; C. Ralph, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, S.D.; J. Rowe, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; J. W. Ford, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; R. J. Harnell, T. A. Dickson, H. Robinson, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Reynolds offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. W. Ford worked the 1st Section of this lecture. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. W. Ford proposed that Bro. C. Ralph be the W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by Bro. J.W., carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. J. W. Ford proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. G.

Marsden, W.M., for the able and kind manner in which he had occupied the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction; seconded by Bro. C. Ralph, S.W., carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Bro. C. Ralph proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. J. W. Ford, for his kindness in acting as Preceptor in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. C. Smith. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., in seconding this proposition, said, that it was quite impossible for their worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith, to be with them always on Thursday evenings, as he sometimes had other Masonic duties to attend to, but he felt sure that it would be a great satisfaction to Bro. Smith to know that in his absence, his boys on an emergency, could run alone. The W.M. having received the hearty good wishes of the brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. George Mason, W.M.; Green, senr., S.W.; Wade, P.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; Grist, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; C. White, P.M.; Green, jun., and F. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coughlan as candidate. Bro. Green, jun., a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Green, jun., as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hayes gave notice of motion "that the lodge be adjourned until the first Friday in September." The W.M. having risen for the second time, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that Bro. Green, senr., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

JOPPA CHAPTER (No. 188).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 8th inst. at Albion Tavern, Comps. A. J. Henochsberg, M.E.Z.; W. Littaur, P.Z., H.; J. Da Silva, J.; J. Lazarus, P.Z., Treas.; M. J. Emanuel, P.Z., S.E.; H. Phillips, S.N.; J. W. Devsnap, P.S., P.Z.; S. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, and H. P. Isaac were present.

Bros. L. Kool, 188; Rev. M. Haines, 205; I. Lichtenfeld, 205; and I. Myers, 188, were exalted. Comps. W. Littaur, P.Z., was elected Z.; J. Da Silva, H.; J. W. Devsnap, J.; J. Lazarus, P.Z., Treas.; and M. J. Emanuel, P.Z., S.E. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. A. J. Henochsberg. A subscription was also opened to present him with a testimonial, which was liberally subscribed to. A banquet followed, superintended by Comp. M. Silver.

BLACKBURN.—Perseverance Chapter (No. 345).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Old Bull Hotel, on Monday, the 15th inst. The companions assembled and partook of a substantial tea, after which the chapter was opened in due form, the three chairs been severally occupied by Comps. S. L. Buckley, M.E.Z., J. Aspinall, H., and J. Troop, P.Z., as J. After the companions had been admitted, and the chapter declared open for the transaction of business, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The announcement upon the circular that it was intended to present Comp. F. Thomas, the respected Treasurer of the chapter, with a Past Provincial jewel, drew together a large attendance of companions, who manifested the greatest interest in the proceedings. The First Principal introduced the subject of the presentation in a few appropriate and well chosen remarks. He said that as Comp. Thomas had completed his twenty-first year as Treasurer of the chapter, it was thought that the occasion presented a suitable opportunity for marking in some tangible manner their appreciation of Comp. Thomas's long and faithful services. He alluded in graceful terms to the untiring zeal and energy of Comp. Thomas in all that concerned Freemasonry, and the unflagging interest he had for a long period manifested in the Chapter of Perseverance. As the exponent of its members, he begged to hand Comp. Thomas that jewel, which he trusted he would accept as the expression of the true fraternal regard of the members of the chapter towards him and in recognition of his unwearied exertions for its well being. He trusted he would long be spared to wear that jewel, and to be what he had been so long, the life and soul of the chapter.

Short addresses were then delivered by Comps. Towers, P.Z., and Halliwell, P.Z., two of the oldest members of the chapter, who alluded to the time when Comp. Thomas first joined the chapter, now 23 or 24 years ago. At that time there was no member of the chapter who could work any of the ceremonies, assistance having to be obtained as occasion required from a neighbouring town. Immediately after joining, Comp. Thomas set about the difficult task of establishing the chapter on a more satisfactory basis, and for some time, in default of other assistance, worked the whole of the ceremonies himself. Under his careful and assiduous instruction the chapter gradually acquired a character for efficiency, which has been maintained, the officers for the most part performing all the duties incidental to their several positions, and the general working being excelled by none in the province. A debt of gratitude was due to Comp. Thomas for his arduous labours, and they were glad of that opportunity of marking their appreciation of his self-denying exertions.

Comp. Thomas, in responding, begged most cordially and sincerely to thank the Ex. First Principal, and the Ex. companions who had just spoken, for their kind expressions, although he must say he felt he was not deserving of one-half the kind things they had been good enough to say of him. In the exuberance of their feelings it was almost natural that they should be led away a little into magnifying his services to the chapter. He, however, believed them to be thoroughly sincere in what they said, and would cherish the remembrance of their kind utterances as some of his pleasantest recollections. The services he had rendered to the chapter had been to him a labour of love, undertaken, in the first instance, in its time of utmost need, and prosecuted since with whatever ability he possessed, and under favour of the companions; and his proudest reward had always been the approbation of those among whom he laboured. He was comparatively well advanced in years when he first undertook the duties of Treasurer of the chapter, and he humbly thanked the Giver of all Good for the large measure of health and strength he enjoyed after serving in that capacity for upwards of 21 years. He might add that so long as health and strength were vouchsafed to him they would be devoted to those Masonic pursuits which had constituted the greatest pleasure of his leisure hours for perhaps a full average life-

time. He begged to assure the companions that if the jewel just now presented to him were set with diamonds, it would not enhance its value to him, and he should always look upon it as the most valuable souvenir of his Masonic career. It was in itself a work of art, and as such was intrinsically valuable; but its chief value to him would be the associations which the sight of it would awaken in his mind.

The jewel is an exquisite specimen of the goldsmiths' art, manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, and contains the following inscription, beautifully engraved: "Presented to Comp. Franklin Thomas, P.Z., Past Provincial Third Grand Principal E.L., by the members of the Chapter of Perseverance, No. 345, on the completion of the twenty-first year of his Treasurership of the chapter, as a token of esteem and respect, and in recognition of his long and valued services. Blackburn, 16th March, 1885."

The labours of the day being concluded, the chapter was closed in form, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The quarterly meeting of this preceptory was held on the 10th inst., when there were present Fras. J. Marshall, P., as E.P.; G. Simpson, P.; M. Millington, P.; T. B. Whythead, P., Reg.; C. Palliser, Constable; W. Brown, Marshal; W. H. Cowper, Sub-Marshal; J. T. Seller, Herald; Major McGachen, Capt. of Guards; M. F. W. Williamson, Swd. Br.; and others.

A letter was read from Fra. Rob Morris, the American Masonic Poet Laureate, thanking the preceptory for his election as an honorary member. A resolution was passed, moved by Fra. G. Simpson, P., that the place of meeting of the preceptory be removed to the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, where the accommodation would be better for the purposes of working the Degree. There was no other business, and the preceptory was closed, early in the evening.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES ALLEN.

We regret to announce the unexpected death of Bro. Charles Allen, a highly respected member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, and one of the firm of Messrs. F. Allen and Sons, of Bishopgate-street. The funeral took place at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford, on Tuesday, and was numerously attended by the family and friends of the deceased, as well as by many of his brother Masons, among whom were Bros. John Taylor, W.M. 554; G. W. Verry, P.M. 554, W.M. 1421; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554, Ayton; Bate, 1396; Baxter, 1506; Blagney, 1306; Bacon, 1558; Cook, 946; Carrociero, 1306; Hirst, 1306; Dickenson, Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832; Godart, 1288; and Reynolds. We offer to the family our sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

THE VALUE OF FREEMASONRY.

[BY A CORRESPONDENT.]

We often hear to-day questions as regards the use and good of Freemasonry. The ardent ultramontane and the intelligent agnostic equally pose as sceptics either as to its real utility or actual benefits to the world in which we live. Yet those of us who have belonged to the Craft the longest care for it the most, and despite the sneers of the sciolist or the carping of the pedant, the vulgar antagonism of some, and the hidden animus of others, Freemasonry still retains happily, as it has succeeded in gaining the approbation and devotion of some of the kindest, most intellectual, and best of our kind. Why is this? What is that peculiar force, either of beauty, wisdom, strength, or good, which so dominates the minds, so wins the affection of its members? We think we shall not be answering wrongfully in saying it is its intense and permeating spirit of brotherly kindness, of human good will, and sympathy with humanity, qua humanity. We hear constant stories of its civilizing and subduing influences; we read countless anecdotes of its controlling and restraining powers, even in the heat of a battle's rage. Some of these episodes have been current over 100 years, some are told us in our own generation, but the facts we are about to narrate, constitute a touching proof if needed, of the unchanging sympathy of Freemasonry, and offer another witness, if a witness be required, that Freemasonry in England has not degenerated, but still practises what it professes, is what it says it is, in reality, effect, and beneficial and beneficent outcome. A poor brother wandering homewards from a long and weary sojourn in foreign parts, who had filled no unimportant part Masonically in a distant land, finds himself the dying inmate of one of those really blessed Institutions of our country, the Consumption Hospital at Ventnor, Isle of Wight. His friends and relatives are now few and far between, and all far away. He mentions casually to the good Hospital Chaplain that he is a Freemason. This casual remark is repeated to a worthy brother of ours, who, as an old and attached Freemason for a long spell of years, had truly learned as a "Master" the living and kindly lessons of our Order. He at once visits the patient, associates with him in his benevolent intent some few good brethren and true, and by their sympathetic visits and attentions, and aid, material and personal, the last hours of our poor brother are lightened, cheered, and alleviated, a complete stranger to them until the mystic link and the genial grace of Freemasonry had deduced from these true representatives of our loyal and beneficent Craft, Masonic reality in its best illustration, and in its most graceful and gracious form. After a spell of wasting and suffering, the poor brother passes away, cheered to the last lingering hours of earth by a kindness that never failed, and a sympathy which never grew weary. "Brothers all." Nor did the kindness of this little confraternity end there! Our brother was buried in a peaceful resting place, the Chaplain consigning him to his last home in God's Acre, and a monumental stone still appears its modest head, with the mystic emblem on it of the five-pointed star, to show that a brother lies buried there, and to witness the enduring sympathy and realistic meaning of us poor Freemasons, wherever we be scattered on earth's surface—north, south, east and west,—as linked by a lasting bond of fraternal goodwill as brethren, not in name only, or in word only; but in very deed, and in very truth. So mote it ever be!



On Monday, Bro. Thomas Thorne announces he will take his benefit, when he will put "Loose Tiles" in the evening bill for a week. We expect that the Vaudeville, like some other houses, will close for a summer season.

To-night (Saturday) is the last night at the Adelphi for the present of "The Last Chance," the Bros. Gatti having decided to close their theatre for a few weeks.

To-night Miss Violet Melnotte opens the Comedy, which she has leased from Bro. A. Henderson for a term. "The Silver Shield" is to be the piece, with most of the cast who played in it on its production at a matinée lately. Bro. D'Albertson is, we are glad to observe, continuing as acting manager. Miss Melnotte could not find a better. Bro. D'Albertson has announced that his annual benefit will be held on Saturday, 4th July.

Mr. Wilson Barrett is giving a few more performances of Bro. Sims' "Lights o' London," which is one of the best and most popular pieces of its kind. It contains the author's most happy and characteristic work for the stage principally—this strikes one in its studies of human life. The showman Jarvis and his family all have about them a touch of nature, readily recognised by those for whose delectation the drama is chiefly intended. Miss Eastlake again invests with the usual charm the part of the devoted Bess. Mr. Wilson Barrett resumes the character of Harold Armytage, and plays it with all his old force and tenderness. The drama is in every respect as well acted as before, and seems to draw goodly houses.

The performances of "The Candidate" will soon be in numbers 200. Mr. Chas. Wyndham has hit upon an extremely funny farcical comedy, and the principal part, which is his, and suits him admirably, or he suits it. Viscount Oldacre has a mother-in-law who makes his life unpleasant. He is in the habit of making any excuse to get up to London for a few days. On one occasion he was to go to a meeting at Exeter Hall respecting the annexation of Java, but meeting with some old friends, he dined and amused himself with them till the early hours of the morning, and then, as he puts it, "of course it was too late to annex Java." To a bachelor friend who confides in him that he is thinking of entering domestic happiness, he replies, "My boy, you are in it, stay as you are; if you can contemplate between a mother-in-law and blowing out your brains, don't hesitate a moment—blow." Oldacre's friend is asked to stand for a constituency, but does not wish to. Lord Oldacre seizes the opportunity. He will stand. Instead of going himself to the place he takes himself to London to enjoy himself for a fortnight, and sends his private secretary, an old college friend, to appear in the constituency as Lord Oldacre. This secretary is a strong Radical, and in the excitement of an election, forgets he is impersonating another person, and airs his own political views, and is returned at the head of the poll for the borough of Easthampton, as a Radical. The reader will at once see the fun which Mr. Wyndham gets out of this. In it he is ably assisted by Mr. George Giddens, the private secretary, and Mr. Blakeley, a missionary, whom all the ladies worship, and after being a guest for a long time in Lord Oldacre's house, turns out a great fraud. Mrs. Rose Saker and the other ladies render invaluable assistance in this laughable comedy, the name of whose author has not yet been declared.

To-night (Saturday) Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft give the first of twelve farewell performances of "Diplomacy," on which occasions we are sure their old friends and admirers will rally round them to bid them an affectionate farewell, mingled with the deepest regret at the termination of their management and retirement from the stage.

At the Royalty a very pretty, if not altogether original comic opera is being played. "Dr. D." is written by Mr. Colnaghi, and composed by Mr. Cotsford Dick. Mr. Dick has written some charming lyrics, and furnished the new opera with a number of sparkling and gracefully sentimental melodies. It has a smack of the Gilbert and Sullivan in it, both in dialogue and music. Bro. Ashley plays the title rôle but we think some of his political allusions might well be omitted. One hardly goes to a theatre to hear one party jeered at and the other political side extolled. Now that he must know his text better, possibly Bro. Ashley has dropped so much "gag." Miss Ethel Pierson, a young lady whom we have mentioned before as one possessed of fine musical ability, wins the chief vocal success in her solo, "He is not here." And through the whole opera Miss Pierson is always a great attraction. Miss Florence and Miss Judge are much to be commended, the former especially, for a beautiful trill or "shake" in her song, "The Legend of the Spring." A unison chorus of Bath Chairman received a double encore. "Dr. D." is quite harmless and full of humour, though, as we said, not original throughout.

Rumour has it that Miss Farren purposes embarking in theatrical management. It is a rash step, and if Bro. Terry is also to have a house of his own we do not see how burlesque can flourish. Why not amalgamate and not compete.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BELL.—On the 5th inst., at Ramleh, Egypt, the wife of H. L. Bell, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SMITH—ROGERS.—On the 10th inst., at the parish church, Eltham, Edwin J. C. Smith, son of E. Smith, of Eltham, to Ellen, daughter of the late J. R. Rogers.

DEATHS.

ALLEN.—On the 10th inst., at 47, Tredegar-square, Mile End, E., Bro. Charles Allen, Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.



At the last meeting of the Court of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, Bro. Thomas Clarke (candidate for the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex) was, upon the nomination of Bro. Major Joseph C.C. (the Master), unanimously elected a member of the Court of the Company. It was announced that Bro. Alderman Evans and Bro. Thomas Clarke had each promised a banner of their arms to the Company, and a cordial vote of thanks was presented to them for the gift.

Bro. H. Edwards, M.P., has definitely resolved on withdrawing from his candidature for South Dorset at the next election, in consequence of the state of his health.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided at the 69th anniversary festival of the Wiltshire Society on the 11th inst. at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, on Saturday, the 27th inst., by Bro. E. Avling, when the lodge will be closed until the third Saturday in August.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, accompanied by Mrs. Whitehead, visited Streatham on Wednesday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of opening a Wesleyan bazaar.

Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7 o'clock sharp, brethren to appear in full Masonic clothing.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, accompanied by Mrs. Whitehead, presided on the 12th inst. at the annual distribution of prizes at the Alexandra Orphanage, Hornsey-rise, Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., being one of the visitors present.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., Bart., presided at the annual dinner of the Cobden Club on Saturday last, Bros. J. Dodds, M.P., J. F. B. Firth, M.P., Sir S. M. Peto, Bart., Sir John Bennett, and S. Pope, Q.C., being among the principal guests.

Bros. W. H. Pannell, Malthouse, and Beedell were among those present at the dinner given at the Crystal Palace on the 11th inst. of the Cattle Markets' Sub-Committee of the Corporation of London, when a silver punch-bowl was presented to Bro. Pannell for his services as chairman during the past year.

Among those present at Bro. Alderman Cowan's inaugural banquet at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Tuesday last, were Bros. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Alderman Evans, J. H. Puleston, M.P., Major Joseph, Deputy East, W. H. Pannell, and H. L. Wolters.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided at a meeting held in Princes' Hall, Piccadilly, on Friday, the 12th inst., in furtherance of the scheme for establishing a Boys' Camp as a memorial to the late General Gordon. Bros. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., and Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild took a prominent part in the proceedings.

Wednesday was fixed for the annual convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire, Middlesbrough having been selected as the place of meeting, while the chapter under whose banner it was held was the Marwood, No. 602. We hope to find space for a full account of the proceedings in our issue of next week.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening, at the 58th Anniversary Festival of the Printers' Pension, Almshouses, and Orphan Asylum Corporation, Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., being one of the chief guests. The subscription list showed a total of £1018, irrespective of £500 from the Pardon-Killingbeck Pension Fund.

The annual dinner of the Architectural Association was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., Bro. Col. A. Adams, P.M. 63, the President, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. Blashill, J. D. Mathews, and H. Lovegrove, Messrs. J. Slater, J. Gale, and James Brooks the eminent church architect. This society now numbers nearly a thousand members.

At a meeting of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, held at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., Bro. W. Akers, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Hutton, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. The centenary of this grand old lodge, the mother of all the lodges in the district, is imminent, and will be celebrated early in the forthcoming session.

We hear that R. W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.M. Durham, has expressed approval as to the establishment of a total abstinence lodge at Stockton, that a warrant will be granted by the M.W.G.M. at an early date, and that Bro. John F. Craggs (Town Councillor) is mentioned as the first W.M., Bro. R. Hind (Mayor of Stockton) first S.W., and Bro. John Burn (Town Councillor) first J.W.

Among the innumerable attractions at the Inventions Exhibition, at South Kensington, not the least interesting is the display of watches, a prominent feature of which is the watches, recently invented by Messrs. Kendal and Dent, of Cheapside, for the blind. The idea is ingenious, but remarkably simple, the dial being fashioned after the manner of books intended for the use of the same unfortunate class of persons, the numerals standing up from the dial plate in bold relief. Messrs. Kendal and Dent also exhibit watches whose dials are furnished with two sets of figures ranging from one to twelve, and from one to twenty-four respectively, so that the owners may tell the time according to either the old or the new style of reckoning. Others again have two separate dials showing independently of each other the two systems, and others the two systems on the same dial by the use of the elongated hour hand. A visit should be paid to the stand No. 2112a, where these ingenious horological contrivances are to be seen.

Bro. W. G. Cusins, P.G. Organist, conducted at the Balfie Memorial Concert given in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

The Prince of Wales and his son, Prince George, visited the French Plays at the Gaiety Theatre, on Friday evening, the 12th inst.

Bro. T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D., was one of the guests at the 33rd anniversary festival at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday of the United Law Clerks' Society.

The latest number of the *Christian Chronicle* contains a portrait and sketch of Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., who is described as one of the "Kings of Industry."

Bro. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, opened a bazaar in Barnsbury Hall, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of liquidating the debt on Barnsbury Chapel.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince George and their three daughters, attended Divine service at the chapel of the Foundling Hospital on Sunday afternoon last.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., Governor of New South Wales, was one of the chief guests at the House Dinner of the Devonshire Club to the Agents General of the Colonies on Friday, the 12th inst.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight presided at the fourth annual meeting, held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Wednesday, the 10th inst., of the shareholders of the City of London Fire Insurance Company.

On the occasion of his taking up the Freedom of the City of London, Prince Albert Victor will be presented by the Fishmongers' Company, under his patrimonial rights, the Prince of Wales being now recorded as a Citizen and Fishmonger.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., the Lady Mayoress, and the Misses Fowler, Lady Brassey, Lady Hogg, Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Bro. J. B. Firth, M.P., and Captain Shaw received invitations to the State Ball at Buckingham Palace on the 12th inst.

A bust of Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips was on Thursday presented to the Corporation of London. The presentation was made by Bro. J. D. Allcroft, who was supported by an influential deputation of merchants and gentlemen in connection with the Ward.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by his son Prince George, dined with the Master (the Duke of Edinburgh), and Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, on Saturday evening last, Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.W., being one of the suite in attendance.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnccliffe, Bro. the Earl of Arran and the Ladies Gore, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Bective were among those present at the marriage at St. Mark's, North Audley-street, on the 11th inst., of Captain J. F. Bagot, Grenadier Guards, with Miss Theodosia Leslie, third daughter of Sir John Leslie, Bart., of Glaslough, Monaghan.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., who is Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, presided on the 11th inst., being St. Barnabas Day, at the annual election of scholars from the Merchant Taylors' School. At the dinner which took place in the evening, the guests included Bros. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., E. Gibson, M.P., Colonel Mapleson, and Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Std.

Bros. Lord Egerton, Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., the Earl of March, M.P., Lord Eustice Cecil, M.P., Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., D. Plunket, M.P., E. Gibson, M.P., and Cecil Raikes will be among the guests at the banquet to be given by Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., at the Mansion House on Wednesday next to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, were present in semi-state at the Ascot races on Tuesday. The Royal procession was headed by Bro. the Earl of Cork, Master of the Buckhounds, and among those in the reserved enclosure were the Prince and Princess Christian, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Duke of Cambridge, and Bro. the Earl of Fife, the Earl of Clonmel, and Lord Suffield.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, will assemble, under the presidency of the M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Prov. G.M.M., at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 25th inst. In addition to the usual business a brother is to be elected to be recommended to the M.W. Grand Mark Master for appointment to the office of Prov. Grand Mark Master, and to elect a Prov. Grand Treasurer. After the lodge a banquet will take place at 4 p.m., precisely.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud and the Duke of Cambridge, opened the Holloway Sanatorium, St. Ann's Heath, Virginia Water, on Monday last, among the chief personages present to witness the ceremony being Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Ailesbury, and Bros. the Earl of Fife, the Earl of Clonmel, Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Lady Ellis, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation is rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—[ADV.]

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Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided at the annual meeting, held at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 11th inst., for the suppression of the opium traffic.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers has been unanimously re-elected representative of the Camberwell district at the Metropolitan Board of Works for the next three years.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preach the sermon at the evening service on Sunday, the 28th inst., on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Brunswick Chapel, Great Dover-street, Borough.

Lady Leigh, wife of Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, will present new colours to the 3rd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Warwick, on Thursday next, the 25th inst.

It was resolved at a large meeting at Walworth on Wednesday, the 10th inst., to support the candidature of Bro. Malthouse in the liberal interest for the Walworth division of the Borough of Newington at the general election.

The Prince of Wales dined with the officers, past and present, of the 1st Life Guards' Club, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Limmer's Hotel, among those present being Bros. the Earl of Clonmel, the Earl of Dunraven, Viscount Combermere, Viscount Powerscourt, and Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.

Bro. Alderman Staples, who has been elected Master of the Leathersellers' Company, but will not enter upon his office till after the first Tuesday in August, was present at the company's election dinner on the 10th inst., among the other guests being Bros. J. Dodds, M.P., Controller Bake (Master of the Turners' Company), and H. Carman.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., was one of the guests at the fifth Festival dinner on Friday, the 12th inst., in aid of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum. The Duke of Edinburgh presided, and the subscriptions amounted to £1570, including £100 from the Queen.

We would remind our readers that the Prov. G. Lodge of Surrey will hold its annual meeting under the banner of the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1872, at St. Mark's School, Surbiton, to-morrow (Saturday) at 2.15 p.m. There will be Divine service at St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m., when a sermon will be preached by the Prov. G. Chaplain, and the usual banquet, for which tickets, price 7s. 6d., without wine, must be obtained on or before Wednesday next, the 24th inst., will take place at 5 p.m.

A new pianist has recently made her appearance in London, Miss Nellie Carpenter, daughter of Bro. C. F. Carpenter of New York, and the amount of success she has achieved must be extremely gratifying. It is only a short time ago that she played at a soiree given by Lady Molesworth, at which the Prince and Princess of Wales were present, and their Royal Highnesses cordially congratulated the young lady on the excellence of her performance. We shall in all probability hear of further successes by Miss Carpenter during the present London season, and subsequently in the provinces.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent will be held in the Town Hall, Gravesend, on Wednesday, the 1st July prox., it being, we believe, ten years since the gathering was held in this town. The brethren will attend Divine service in St. George's Church, and the usual banquet will take place afterwards at the New Falcon Hotel. The occasion derives additional importance from the fact that it is 25 years since Viscount Holmesdale was installed by the then G. Registrar and Prov. G. Master of Cambridgeshire, Bro. Thos. H. Hall, as Prov. G. Master, Gravesend being likewise the scene of that important ceremony.

With that kindly consideration which he so frequently evinces for the pupils of our Masonic Girls' School, Bro. Alderman Savory generously invited the children to visit him at his country residence, Buckhurst Park, Sunninghill, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The majority of them were present in charge of Miss Davis, the Head Governess, Miss Redgrave, and other of the governesses and several members of the House Committee and friends of the Institution, who laudably assisted in the entertainment of their young protégées, among these being Bro. Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W.; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., and Mrs. Bowyer; Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., and Mrs. Matthews; Bro. J. and Mrs. Moon; Bro. Herbert and Mrs. Dicketts; and a large number of Bro. Alderman Savory's neighbours and friends. Though the morning looked threatening, matters mended and, as it happened, a most enjoyable day was spent by the Alderman's youthful guests, special trains being engaged to convey them to Sunninghill and home again.

The East London Industrial Exhibition, which was opened four weeks since by H.R.H. the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne and a distinguished company, was on Thursday, the 11th inst., the scene of a highly interesting ceremonial, the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon having kindly undertaken to distribute the prizes, which the various objects of self culture and industry had won for those exhibiting. The noble Marquis was supported by the Marchioness of Ripon, Lord and Lady Hobart, and many other aristocratic supporters of these useful undertakings, and was introduced by Bro. Dr. Dundas Grant, M.D. In the course of the proceedings we gathered that there had been a most encouraging amount of local support to render the Exhibition, what fortunately it had proved to be, a complete success, both as regards the excellent objects it had in view, and also from the financial aspect. This gives promise that another similar undertaking may follow that just brought to so happy a conclusion, and the Committee are to be congratulated upon the great success which has attended their unwearying labours to improve the moral and social condition of the toilers in this large industrial district. The use of the Drill Hall was kindly given by Lieut.-Col. Donald Munro; Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., was the President; and an influential Committee had for its able Secretary and Manager, Mr. A. C. A. McLaglen.

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

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, June 27, 1885.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 22.

- K.T. Precept. 128, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E. Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7. Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7. St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8. Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. Rose of Denmark, Gauden Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6. Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8. John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8. Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, W., at 8. Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7. Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, Still 10. West Smithfield, City Boundary Tav., 109, Aldersgate-st., at 7. Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30. Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8. St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8. Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall. " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. " 788, Crescent, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court. " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., London Br. " 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield. Chap. 1260, Stanhope, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge. " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7. St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8. Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30. Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7. Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8. Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30. Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8. Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7. Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8. Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8. Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8. Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8. Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30. Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7. Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8. Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30. West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8. Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30. Brixton, Prince, Regent, Dulwich-rd., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall. " 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood. " 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar. " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq. " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge. Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood. " 1624, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall. K.T. D, Mount Calvary, 8A, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 25.

- General Committee Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Ho., North End, Fulham. " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

- Chap. 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham. " 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 26.

- Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall. " 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd. Qrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd. Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. " 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. " 1044, Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell. " 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq. " 1002, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock Tav., Highbury. " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 27.

- Lodge 1207, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham. " 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct. Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

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