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BRO. BINCKES was favoured with exceptionally fine weather for his gathering. A goodly company assembled, under the able presidency of Bro. GONSON, and the proceedings which passed off with great éclat, gave complete satisfaction to all present. BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS made a very interesting and effective address, and we rejoice to think that, with her wonted benevolence and discrimination, she takes an abiding interest in our Masonic Schools and Charities. But other thoughts supervene, and other considerations press themselves upon our minds. BRO. BINCKES may well be, anxious as to the future of the Boys' School finances. Eleven hundred pounds, in round numbers, the Baroness giving one hundred, and the Chairman the same, and several other liberal donations represented the benevolent outcome of Tuesday; but it is needless to observe that, if the Preparatory School is to fulfil the object of its creation, a still larger amount than any yet realized is required from the Craft to keep it in thorough working order. We wish therefore to impress on all our readers that they should avail themselves of the well thought-out and liberal offer of the Executive,—to give the great privilege of double voting to those, and to those only, who previously constituted themselves, at least, Life Governors of the Institution. We press the matter also on all lodges and chapters. As it will not be absolutely necessary to pay the amounts before the close of the year, as resolutions will be held perfectly sufficient to entitle them to the privilege, if only passed before December 31st, and the payment be made in 1886. The same will apply to individual donors. We trust, then, shortly to hear that a liberal response from the Craft, even in these unsatisfactory times, will remove all cause for anxiety, and render the completion of the new buildings a thorough success. The new buildings, as well as the old, were admired by all present on account of their substantiality, appropriateness, and general effect, and it is not too much to say that when completed the Boys' School will be unique, and almost without its equal as regards scholastic buildings in England. We congratulate all concerned on this fact and the great success attending the very needful movement in favour of a Preparatory School. We were also pleased to note a little incident at the meeting reported elsewhere, namely, the presentation by Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND of the four bibles for the four "Lewises," with an appropriate inscription in each.

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ENGLISH Freemasonry seems to be still progressing, and with rapid steps. Fresh applications for lodges are being made, and, with the "revival" of lodges in October and November, we shall, no doubt, hear of several consecrations. There are those who often deprecate the creation of new lodges, but we think unwisely. We have before us as we write the case of several lodges in which, owing to prestige and popularity, it is impossible for the younger Masons to "get on," in which, humanly speaking, it must take years before any one of them can reach any legitimate object of attainment Masonically, before they even can obtain fairly office of any kind at all. Surely in such cases a "swarm" is desirable, and which so far from weakening the parent hive, very often tends, curiously enough, to augment its numbers, and increase its strength. Another point which often arises in lodge work and life is the existence of a select body within the lodge which practically settles who its officials shall be. Constitutionally, of course, the votes in this respect, especially for the Worshipful Master and Treasurer, are decided by the whole body; but practically, as we all know, it is not always so, and a "Caucus within a Caucus" often rules the destiny of this or that good lodge. If we always succeeded in getting "the right man in the right place," if "round men" were not sometimes put into "square holes," and "square men" into "round," we should have little to complain of in that onward progress of Masonic life and lodge formality amongst us, which certainly seems to evidence a "prosperous connection"

and "increasing business." But it is often the case, as we all know, when all seems smooth and prosperous on the surface, that as there are few outward signs of dissatisfaction and disapproval, all is held to be, all seems to be, serene. Yet it very often happens,—nevertheless, as each body, great or small, has its laws of "action and counteraction," is governed by the laws of the Medes and Persians in this or that respect—lodge promotion does not always satisfy some ardent spirits, some worthy Masons within a lodge, and they think they discern a sentence and a system of perpetual ostracism from office, except in respect of a favoured few, who constitute the managing and ruling clique. And do not let us be surprised that such things occur in Masonic, as in other august or smaller bodies of ours. We are still all mortals, and "mortals only," and the lesser and lower principles and professions which are marked by the incongruities, the weaknesses, the imperfections of earth govern too often our procedure, sway our manners, and characterize our "outcome." So in all these cases and all these ventures there should always be a "safety valve," an outlet for laudable ambition or commendable zeal, and the creation of a new lodge often soothes and smoothes away incipient discontent and heartburnings, and becomes the means of enlisting in the active and official work of the Craft many who have been kept back, purposely or accidentally, as the case may be, from "foregone conclusions," or "the secret counsels of the few." There are always "wheels within wheels" in this life of ours, those little intricacies of management and government, which too often, neither wisely nor Masonically directed, constitute an injustice for the ardent and cultured, and too often elevate into hasty and ill-proportioned rank the incompetent and the "faineant." One of the greatest results of philosophy is never to be astonished at any thing here, and though there are things we have never dreamt of, or have even partially realized here, often in what goes on before our very eyes, in what is familiar and commonplace enough apparently, yet we may all rest assured, that as it is impossible for us always to explain or account for everything now, so what is normal yields frequently to what is abnormal, especially when principle does not dominate our proceedings, and lesser interests and lower sympathies, as we said before, control and measure our system of action or use of patronage. And independently of these and many other considerations, we hail the appearance and creation of new lodges as centres of Light, Toleration, Sympathy, Goodwill, and Charity. An older school amongst us rather looks to lodge work and lodge sociality as the "summum bonum" of Masonic fellowship and Brotherhood. We, on the contrary, feeling that just now few institutions survive which cannot demonstrate their efficiency, utility, and "raison d'être," always rejoice when Freemasonry develops nobly and fully its utilitarian and beneficent programme, as in this way, and this way alone, fully confident of the love and affection of its own members, it best illustrates its own meaning and reality, and best commends itself to the appreciation and admiration of an often doubting or sneering, and once openly hostile, world. If the old opposition and petty sarcasms in the world without, and of mundane writers have gradually faded out and given way, it is to be attributed, we venture to think, mainly, if not entirely to those higher and more beneficent attributes of good, utility, and help, which English Freemasonry in these latter days has openly taken up, and consistently carried out.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

### PLACING THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW MEMORIAL HALL BY THE BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS.

Tuesday last was an eventful day in the annals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, it having been selected for placing the corner-stone of the new Assembly Hall in connection with the Preparatory School buildings, which are rapidly approaching completion. The ceremony was performed by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who is a Vice-President of the Institution, in the presence of—for the time of year—a numerous and distinguished assemblage of the Craft. During the afternoon the sun shone brilliantly, and a fresh breeze served to keep the bunting with which the grounds were profusely decorated in lively motion, and to make the atmosphere cool and refreshing. As our readers are aware, the erection of this latest addition to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is the outcome of a long-expressed desire for an extension of the advantages of the Institution as originally devised, by increased accommodation for the maintenance and education of children of a more tender age than have hitherto been received, and for others who, from various causes, may be unable to do justice to the educational benefits at present provided, but for whom a sound education of a more moderate nature, and of a less expensive character, may prove valuable, and be attended with successful

results. The details of this proposed system have yet to be determined, but they will receive the most attentive consideration. The hall we have before described as "a well-found, substantial structure, spacious and lofty and well-proportioned, unpretending in its general character, yet a goodly comfortable building to look at, and one that has evidently been designed and put up by skilled masters in the art of Operative Masonry. Architecturally it harmonises well with the older School premises to its left, and the new block in progress of erection to its right." It will be used chiefly for divine service and important gatherings, and, having regard to the very considerable increase which there is good reason to believe will take place in the numerical strength of the School, it is undoubtedly a wise act on the part of the executive of the School to provide for the future rather than the present requirements of the Institution by the erection of this new Hall. The special fund raised for the Preparatory School was somewhat over £14,000, and by the time the whole of the work is completed the outlay will have amounted to about £19,500. Of this sum £3,200 has been expended in the purchase of freehold land and houses, while an additional amount of £2000 represents the outlay on a new laundry, boiler-houses, heating and cooking apparatus, and other necessary appliances, which will be of service to both the old and new premises.

Shortly before three o'clock the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who was accompanied by Bro. Ashmead-Bartlett, M.P., Hon. Mrs. Stuart-Wortley, and the Misses Henderson (daughters of Sir Edmund Henderson), arrived at the Institution, and were received by the Chairman of the House Committee, Bro. A. F. A. Godson, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire; Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution; Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master of School; Bro. R. Berridge, P.M. 21, P.G.S.; Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1471, P.G.S.B.; Bro. T. Cubitt, P.M. 157, P.G.P.; Bro. H. W. Hunt, P.M. 29, P.G.S.; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65, P.P.G.D. Herts; Bro. C. F. Matier, P.M. 645; Bro. T. H. Miller, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; Bro. J. Moon, P.M. 48; Bro. J. Murray, P.M. 1703; Bro. W. Paas, P.M. 28; W. Roebuck, P.M. 29, P.G.S.; Bro. Dr. C. Saunders, P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2048; Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.M., P.G.D.; Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; Bro. A. Torkington, W.M. 60, P.G.S.; Bro. H. Venn, P.M. 23, P.G.S.; Bro. A. Williams, P.M. 49; and many others. Amongst the ladies who honoured the proceedings with their presence were Mrs. Bowyer, Miss Crutch, Miss Soppet, Mrs. Hogard, the Misses Binckes, Mrs. Venn, Miss Venn, Mrs. Batting, Mrs. Storr, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Culmer, Mrs. Clever, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Morris, and others.

The gymnasium, which was prettily decorated with banners and trophies of flags, contained a goodly company of ladies and gentlemen as the Baroness and party entered, and as they appeared on the dais they were greeted with hearty applause.

Bro. F. BINCKES, in introducing her ladyship, referred to her presence on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the main building 23 years ago, and in the name of the Executive he thanked her for again appearing in their midst, accompanied by so many of her friends. (Loud applause.)

The CHAIRMAN then explained at considerable length the object of the assembly and the work which the committee were endeavouring to carry out. He referred to the existing accommodation as quite inadequate to meet the present requirements of the Institution, and in view of the rapid spread of Freemasonry, and the inevitable pressure there would be upon the resources of the Schools the Executive had done wisely in making a special appeal to the Craft in carrying out the work which they had now in hand. (Hear, hear.) Education was undergoing a change, and they wished to provide themselves with the means of educating the lads entrusted to their care, and bringing them up to the requirements of the age. Hitherto the School had been successful at the University examinations, but provision would shortly be made for the introduction of certain branches of technical education, notably printing and carpentering. He then described the old buildings which were to be superseded by those of which the corner-stone was to be placed to-day, and said that £6000 was still required, mainly attributable to the purchase of additional property, not originally contemplated. They also desired to establish a swimming-bath, similar to that at the Girls' School at Battersea-rise, and he felt sure the Craft would determine to carry out the work in its entirety.

A portion of Scripture (1 Kings viii. 22-30) was then read by the Acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., after which the anthem, "Hail! Universal Lord," was sung by the pupils' choir, under the direction of Bro. Dutton.

Bro. R. BERRIDGE (the architect) addressed the Baroness, briefly recapitulating his instructions, and announced that the work, so far, had been carried out by the contractors (Messrs. Prestige and Co., of Cambridge Wharf, Grosvenor-road, S.W.) according to the plans and specifications agreed to by the Committee.

The Baroness BURDETT-COUTTS said as she was presiding here to-day and understanding, as far as she was able to do, the plans laid before her, they seemed to be calculated to promote the objects the Committee had in view, and she sincerely hoped every blessing might rest upon the undertaking. She assured them of her best wishes for the good of the pupils. (Cheers.)

The anthem, "Behold! how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity (Psalm cxxxiii.)" was then sung, followed by an invocation by the Chaplain, after which a number of ladies and "Lewises" presented purses in aid of the Building Fund, whilst Miss Eadith Soppet, who was the only lady Steward on the occasion, presented to her ladyship a handsome bouquet. The proceedings in the hall closed with the glee, "Hail, smiling morn," by the pupils' choir, after which a procession was formed, headed by the band of the School, conducted by Mr. W. Whare, and including the Board of Stewards, the House and Audit Committees, the pupils of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, to a marquee, where the cere-

mony of placing the corner stone was performed. The phial deposited in the cavity of the stone contained several newspapers and coins of the realm, to which was added, by special desire of the Baroness, the medal presented to the late General Gordon. The mallet used in the ceremony was the same as that employed in laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral by King Charles II. The stone having been adjusted in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe,

The Baroness BURDETT-COUTTS, who was received with applause, said she would not detain the company even for a few minutes, only that she had a few observations which she should like to make upon this School. (Applause.) She would not dwell upon the inherent significance of the acts which had just been performed, they were too well known to the body now present. They knew, better than she could tell them, that the foundation of the noblest temple ever raised for the worship of the Divine being must be built upon the same staple foundation as was the humblest church in the quietest spot, "Where the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep." (Hear, hear.) The smallest house and the largest, if it was to stand, must rest upon those principles, and be carried on in the same loving spirit in which the ceremonials of this day had been conducted. She wished for a moment to explain why it was that she had added the medal of Charles George Gordon to the other coins that were placed in the cavity of the corner stone. This was a year that had been full of grief to England—of grief that would last throughout history—at the death of the heroic Christian and the heroic soldier. (Applause.) But it was not entirely for that she had placed the medal there; it was to mark his deep affection and love for boys. General Gordon was a man who, long before he was known to fame, had worked in the spirit of the Masonic Craft in every position in life in which he had been placed. (Loud applause.) Nothing could have been more striking than the grief that was exhibited at his death, or the anxiety that was manifested during the many months of torture that preceded his death. Nothing could be more striking than the feeling which arose from all classes, on behalf of one unknown at one time to those amongst whom he had worked, and to whom he had nevertheless done every kindness in his power. (Applause.) She ought to avail herself of the opportunity of expressing her appreciation of the honours they had accorded her in the programme of the day, of being both the wife and daughter of Masons. She might on that plea have thanked them that, being a poor woman—(laughter)—she was entitled to their consideration. She could not do that, but she would put it in another sense. Having been elected to preside over this interesting gathering, she would make a few observations, because they had mentioned in their records that, by the sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, she was the only lady who had been present at a lodge sitting. Perhaps therefore she might say a little more than if she was an ordinary lady, and quite out of the pale of Freemasonry. (Applause.) The advantages of an Institution similar to this had some little chance of not being thoroughly estimated at the present time. (Hear, hear.) It was 80 years since this School had been in existence, and she thought between 1000 and 2000 boys had left it during that period. These were little figures, representing very little of the real history of this Institution. (Hear, hear.) When they thought that those 80 years represented a very long average of human life, they would recognise that the boys who had left the School at the beginning of its history had either passed away or had fought the battle of life successfully, and were now in extreme old age, living still amongst them. When they remembered what these 80 years had been in their own history and in the history of the world, they would find these little numbers she had quoted did not at all represent what had been done through the refreshing and purifying influences that had passed from this School into the outer world. (Hear, hear.) Nor did she think she should be rash in saying that the 1000 or 2000 boys who had left the School did not represent the influence for good which had been shed abroad by men who had acted nobly in life through the instrumentality of this School. They would be very much in the same underestimate if they endeavoured to judge of the influence exerted by each boy in the workshop, or otherwise, for good. And when they thought how much they might have influenced others for good, the amount of good done by this School before the century ended, of which the last 80 years had been the beginning, could not be estimated by any human mind. It was known only to Him to whom we must render all honour, all reverence, and every kindly feeling we had in this world. At the present moment they wanted to observe that, eighty years ago, to be illiterate was not a disgrace, certainly not a discredit, and at times it was not a great disadvantage. In those days there was many a master, many a person, who would rather have trusted the ready wit, the willing hand, and the good conduct of a boy than to his having been well taught and well informed. That was not so now. It was a disgrace and a discredit now not to be educated; and the legislation of the country had made it such. Whether the legislation of the country carried out its laws effectually she did not know, but it provided that children should be looked after up to the age of fourteen years and properly educated. That made an immense difference in the position of children of the present day in respect of the means of education possessed by them as compared with the boys of the time to which she had alluded, or by the girls either, whom she had had the pleasure of seeing under circumstances which would never be effaced from her memory. (Applause.) That difference could not be calculated by any one in the present day. There was, however, great danger that the education of the country might lead people to think that because a boy was put to a good school and taught in such a place as this, nothing else was required. They had very able masters who were most desirous to do their work, but it was impossible, in the Board Schools of the country that those habits could be formed which

were formed in an institution such as this. (Applause.) There was many a good habit which had prevented a boy falling into bad company, or taking the wrong side of the road instead of the right, which, if he had been brought up in bad or coarse habits, would have led him into grief and sorrow. (Hear, hear.) Such was her estimate of an institution like this which, by what was proposed in the future, and through the support which, it not immediately, was perfectly certain soon to be accorded by such an influential body as the Masonic Craft, would redound not only to the credit of the Order, but to the good of mankind in general, and more particularly to the good of the boys who were educated there. She could only add her own poor thanks for the honour that had been paid to her by the body of Freemasons on this and on other occasions, and to say how highly that honour had been valued by her. (Cheers.)

Bro. Binckes then presented the four little "Lewises" who had carried the "Sacred Law" (the Bible) in the procession, each of whom was presented with a copy, the gift of Bro. Cumberland. The choir then sang "All people that on earth dwell," and the proceedings concluded with a prayer offered by the Chaplain.

Subsequently the Baroness and her friends, and a company of between 100 and 200 other guests, were entertained at luncheon in the new hall, and afterwards a considerable list of toasts—loyal, Masonic, and complimentary—were proposed and heartily responded to. The toast to "Her Ladyship's Health" was responded to by Bro. Burdett-Coutts. In Bro. Binckes' reply to the toast proposed to "The Success of the Boys' School," he informed the guests that the amount collected that day, including £105 bountifully given by her ladyship, and a similar sum by their chairman, Bro. Godson, amounted to £1100, but that although this fell far short of the sum that was required, he felt a confident hope that before Christmas the full sum would be provided by the Craft at large, to whose generosity he had never yet had to appeal in vain.

The bibles presented by Bro. Cumberland, already referred to, contained the following inscription:—"Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. To commemorate the placing in position the corner stone of the Preparatory School Buildings, at Wood Green, on Tuesday, 11th August, 1885, by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. This bible is presented to—, one of the four 'Lewises' who assisted in carrying the volume of the Sacred Law, by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.J.P.G.W., Life Governor, with best wishes for your future welfare. Read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. Herein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself. Be careful to perform your allotted task while it is yet day. And may God bless and prosper you in your work." The names of the recipients were Ernest Harold Anderson, Christopher William George Barber, George Octavius Fearon, and Samuel Harman Bevis.

The following is a return of the principal contributions received to date on behalf of the Preparatory School Fund. Other various small amounts, however, have been received at the Office, which make a total for the Festival of close on £1100, as announced by the Secretary:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
The Baroness Burdett-Coutts...	105	0	0	Bro. Capt. Geo. Lambert ...	26	5	0
" W. H. Baker ...	10	10	0	" Alfd. Thos. Layton ...	10	10	0
" Robt. Berridge ...	52	10	0	" Horace B. Marshall, C.C.	94	10	0
" Chas. Belton ...	5	5	0	" Rev. C. J. Martyn ...	10	10	0
" F. Binckes ...	10	10	0	" J. L. Mather ...	31	10	0
" Edgar Bowyer ...	21	0	0	" C. F. Matier ...	2	2	0
" Joseph Clever ...	27	6	0	" W. Maple ...	10	10	0
" George Cooper ...	5	5	0	" T. Hastings Miller ...	10	10	0
" Thomas Cubitt ...	5	5	0	" James Moon ...	10	10	0
" H. Dicketts ...	5	5	0	" Joyce Murray ...	21	0	0
" Chas. H. Driver ...	5	5	0	Miss Eadith Soppet ...	5	5	0
" Aug. F. Godson ...	105	0	0	Bro. H. Stanley ...	26	5	0
Grand Lodge of M.M.M. ...	52	10	0	" E. T. Taylor ...	5	5	0
Bro. Fredk. C. Hill ...	60	2	6	" A. Torkington ...	5	5	0
" Chas. F. Hogard ...	26	5	0	" J. F. Tweedale ...	26	5	0
Dist. G. Lodge of Hong Kong				" Jubal Webb ...	15	15	0
(S. China) ...	21	0	0	" Alfred Williams ...	15	15	0
Bro. T. Mount Humphries ...	26	5	0	" James Willing, jun. ...	5	5	0
" Henry Wallis Hunt ...	5	5	0				

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

The Royal Arch Freemasons of Devon held their annual meeting on Friday, the 7th inst., at Exmouth, under the banner of the Sun Chapter, No. 106. The companions assembled at the chapter room at the Royal Beacon Hotel at two o'clock. The Principals who presided were Comps. W. G. Rogers, Prov. G.H., as Z.; R. Brewin, P.P.G.S.N., as H.; and Geo. Jackson, P.G.J., with the following officers: Comps. J. Brewer, P.G.S.E.; A. Bodley, P.G.S.N.; J. Olver, P.G.P.S.; J. Stocker, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; J. B. Crabb, P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Bodley, who acted as P.G.D.C.; F. C. Hallett, P.G.S.B.; and P. L. Blanchard, P.G. Janitor. The following Past Officers were also among the companions present:

Comps. Capt. W. Elphinstone Stone, P.P.G.J.; H. C. Adams, P.P.G.T.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31<sup>o</sup>, P.P.G.P.S.; R. Boughton-Smith, Z. 1007, P.Z. 1150; P.P. G.A.S. Leicester and Rutland; J. P. Heath, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Page, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Loram, P.P.G. 1st Std. Br.; H. B. Stark, P.P.G. Org.; T. Saunders, P.Z. 251; T. Parkhouse, P.Z. 1125; T. Ford, jun., P.Z. 1125; T. Freeman, P.Z. 106; W. E. Warren, P.Z. 325; E. T. Fulford, P.Z. 112; J. S. Swann, P.Z. 847; B. S. Johns, P.Z. 159; J. J. Ogilvie Evans, Z. 303; A. Pidsley, Z. 106; A. T. Blamey, Z. 328; W. Gregory, Z. 1284; W. Cocks, Z. 106; R. Lavers, Z. 202; C. A. Nicholson, Z. 159; G. Davie, H. 251; H. L. Friend, H. 303; R. F. Kingdon, H. 106; J. Cobeldick, J. 159; and John Lane, S.E. 328.

The P.G.S.E. reported that all the fees were paid and all the chapters' returns made and dues paid, with the exception of one, which was two years in arrears.

The Prov. G.S.E., Bro. BREWER, read the Treasurer's report, which stated that the receipts had been £88 9s.; disbursements, £53; balance in hand, £35 9s.

On the proposition of Comp. J. STOCKER, 30 guineas were voted to

the Benevolent Institution for Aged and Decayed Masons and their Widows, the money to go to the Widows' Fund.

Comp. T. Ford, jun., was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Bye-laws Revision Committee reported that the revision of the bye-laws of the province was still deferred, through the revision of the bye-laws of the Supreme Grand Chapter not having yet been completed. The members of the Revision Committee were re-elected to carry out the proposed revision when the Supreme Grand Chapter laws were settled.

Comps. E. T. Fulford, 112, and J. P. Heath, 1125, were elected Auditors.

Comp. Rogers, the acting Prov. G. Supt., invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. W. G. Rogers	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. Brewin	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. Brewer	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" T. Sanders	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. E. Warren	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" T. Parkhouse	...	...	...	Prov. 1st G.A.S.
" E. T. Fulford	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd G.A.S.
" T. Ford, jun.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Bradnee	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Osborne	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" George Whittley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. C. Maynard	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" R. Lavers	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" P. L. Blanchard	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The thanks of the companions were voted to the members of the Sun Chapter for the use of their chapter room.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROSE AND LILY (MARK) LODGE, No. 354, WALTHAM CROSS.

The consecration of this new Mark lodge took place at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Saturday, the 18th ult. There were present Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., as W.M.; T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.W., as S.W.; Alfred Williams, P.G.D., as J.W.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C., as D.C.; J. L. Mather, P.M., as I.G.; Charles H. Driver, A. R. Carter, Major E. J. Gardiner, James U. Spence, Alexander Miller, Jabez Church, Andrew McDowall, Edw. J. Hoare, J. S. Cumberland, George Mickley, M.A.M.B., G.J.D.; Capt. W. R. A. Cole, A. Daw Kerrell, E. J. Mills and Young, Tyler.

The Consecrating Officer, Bro. C. F. Matier, having opened the lodge in ancient and solemn form, Bros. Bassano, H. E. Pollard, John Tyde-man, and Rogers were balloted for as candidates for advancement, and Bros. Capt. W. R. A. Cole and Albert Daw Kerrell as joining members, and the result being unanimously in their favour, Bros. Pollard and Tyde-man were advanced to the Mark Degree by Bro. C. H. Driver, who occupied the chair for the purpose.

Bro. C. F. Matier having resumed the presidency of the lodge, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P.G.O., delivered an eloquent address on the principles of the Degree, and the procession having been marshalled by Bro. Berridge, D.C., the function was carried most impressively and the more successfully seeing that Bros. Matier and Berridge have been so accustomed to act together on such occasions that their work always harmonises well together.

Bro. C. H. Driver then took the chair, and solemnly installed Bro. Major E. J. Gardiner in the chair of A., and the latter having been saluted, at once appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, namely, Bros. F. T. Bennett, S.W.; Alex. Millar, J.W.; J. N. Spence, M.O.; A. R. Carter, S.O.; Capt. Cole, J.O.; C. H. Driver, P.M. (elected), Treas.; James Terry, R. of M.; C. F. Matier, Sec.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, Chap.; A. D. Kerrell, S.D.; H. E. Pollard, J.D.; J. Tyde-man, I.G.; and Young, Tyler.

Bro. Driver addressed the Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, and having thanked the Consecrating Officers for their services, proposed that Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.W.; A. Williams, P.G.D.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.O.; Geo. Mickley, G.J.D.; R. Berridge, G.D.C.; E. J. Hoare, G. Org.; and J. L. Mather, P.M., be elected honorary members of the lodge.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

Bro. C. F. MATIER proposed, and Bro. C. H. DRIVER seconded, the following resolution, namely: "That the Rose and Lily Lodge do humbly pray the M.W.G. Master to constitute the lodges in the county of Hertfordshire into a Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the lodge do hereby recommend the R.W. Bro. Thomas Frederick Halsey, Esq., M.P., Past Grand Junior Warden, to be the Provincial Grand Master."

This also was carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to the King Harold (Craft) Lodge for the use of its furniture, and several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, lodge was closed after the usual manner.

A banquet, at which Bro. Major Gardiner, W.M., presided, was subsequently held, and, on the removal of the cloth, the usual array of toasts were given and honoured.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BORDER PROVINCES.

At a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland a report was submitted which had been prepared by the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of re-arrangement of the Border Provinces. It showed the grouping of the lodges since 1802, and the arrangements,

which appeared to have been made more with the view of suiting the convenience of Provincial Grand Masters for the time being rather than the convenience of the lodges in their provinces.

The recommendation in the report was to form the existing three provinces into two—(1) Haddington and Berwick, composed of the eight lodges at Duns, Haddington, Eyemouth, Dunbar, Lauder, Coldstream, North Berwick, and East Linton; and (2) Roxburgh and Selkirk, consisting also of eight lodges, at Kelso, Selkirk, Jedburgh, Hawick (?), Gala-shields, and Stow. Peebles had been left out of this arrangement, as in the opinion of the Committee the placing of it in the metropolitan provinces was necessary to its existence.

The report was left over until the opinion thereon of the Provincial Grand Lodges and the lodges of the provinces should be received. In regard to the Aberdeen circular, it was reported from the Grand Committee that they had appointed a committee to communicate with the brethren who had been signatories, and endeavour in a friendly spirit to bring the matter in dispute to a termination. It was also agreed to recognise and open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of South Australia, as has been done by the Grand Lodge of England.

It was reported that during the three months ending 30th July £172 had been voted in grants by the Committee from the fund of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence to necessitous brethren, or the widows or children of brethren. During last quarter there has been 682 new members of the Order enrolled in Grand Lodge. The income had been £806, and the expenditure £660. The other business was unimportant.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE, EAST. (S.C.)

A Quarterly Communication of this lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, the 1st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Glasgow, Bro. ex-Bailie Caldwell, P.M., presiding.

The Benevolent Fund Committee recommended that grants be given to two widows of deceased brethren, and this was agreed to.

The Committee appointed to arrange for the levying of an annual test fee submitted its report, which was allowed to lie on the table for consideration till next meeting.

A Committee reported their investigation into a complaint against certain irregularities of a daughter lodge, in which it was stated there were grounds for several of the allegations made, but that others were of a trivial nature. The lodge adopted the report.

A motion by Bro. J. HERDMAN, No. 592, to the effect that the Present and Past Commissioned Office-Bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge be constituted a Standing Committee for the Consideration of Finance, &c., was negatived by a large majority, and Bro. HERDMAN gave notice that he would repeat the motion, slightly amended, at the next meeting.

### ON SOME ESOTERIC SIGNIFICATIONS OF THE SIX-POINTED AND THE FIVE-POINTED STARS.

A PAPER BY S. LIDDELL MATHERS, HONORARY VIII., READ BEFORE THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

I propose to lay before you this evening a brief paper on the Esoteric Significations of those two well-known symbols, symbols which are to be found in every Masonic lodge, and which yet are perhaps even more replete with Occult suggestions than others which have been more jealously shrouded from the gaze of the Uninitiated—I refer to the Six-pointed and the Five-pointed Stars, better known to Students of Occult Science under the respective appellations of "The Sign of the Macrocosm" and "The Sign of the Microcosm."

Let us first examine the Six-pointed Star, the Symbol of the Macrocosm, or Greater World, sometimes also called the "Shield of David" and "The Seal of Solomon." It consists of two interlaced Triangles, one with the apex upwards, the other inverted; or, the symbols of the uniting of Fire and Water, of Astral Light and Spermatic Chaos. In some ancient works it is represented with the inverted triangle *black*, and the other triangle red; the respective colours of Fire and Matter; or, in the Alchemical nomenclature, of Sulphur and Mercury. Further, it is the Symbol of Equation of Force, of the balance of Light and Darkness, of GOD, and of NATURE. Its Six points symbolise the Six limitations of Matter, the Six faces of the Cube of the Universe, the Six Days of Creation. To the Initiate it conveys the whole first Chapter of Genesis and the Qabalistic Cosmogony of the Zohar. The following extract, given by Eliphaz Levi, affords an illustration of this:—



"The Knowledge of the Occult is the Science of the Equilibrium.

"Forces which produce themselves without being counterbalanced perish in the Void.

"Thus have perished the Kings of the Ancient World, the Princes of the Giants; they have fallen like trees without roots, and their place is found no more.

"It was owing to the conflict of unbalanced Forces that the devastated Earth was bare and without form, when the Breath of God made a firmament in the Heavens and separated the mass of the Lower Waters.

"All the aspirations of Nature were then towards Unity of Form, towards the Living Synthesis of Counterbalanced Powers, and the Brow of God, crowned with Light, raised Itself above the vast Ocean, and reflected Itself in the Lower Waters.

"His two Eyes appeared, radiating with Brilliancy, darting two arrows of Flame, which crossed with the Rays of the Reflection.

"The Forehead of God and His two Eyes formed the TRIANGLE OF THE HEAVENS, and the Reflection formed the TRIANGLE OF THE WATERS.

"Thus was the NUMBER SIX revealed, which was that of the Universal Creation."

The author of the Zohar continues his sublime dream, and goes on to describe the formation of the World.

In the Book of Jasher we read "In the Beginning God created the Ether and the Chaos."

In the Book of Genesis we read that "Darkness was upon the FACE of the Deep, and the Ruach Elohim moved upon the FACE of the Waters."

And thus, as Synthesis of that Mighty Work, the Sign of the Macrocosm stands forth—the Star of the Universe, the Star of the Creation, the Symbol of the Life of Nature; while above and through the Chaos of Existence vibrates the Mind Divine.

With such sublime meanings hidden in its six-rayed form, can we then wonder that it was considered so significant an emblem; that it was called the Talisman of Talismans, and the Pentacle of Pentacles?



Let us now consider the Five-pointed Star, the Symbol of the Microcosm or Lesser World, of our own Human Life as contrasted with that of the Universe. It may be described as a figure formed by a line starting from a given point, and reflected four times so as at length to terminate at the point where it commenced.

It was in use among the Pythagoreans, and was called by them Pentalpha, as it resembles 5 A's grouped

around a centre.

This Symbol has two distinct classes of Signification according to whether it is represented with the single angle upwards or downwards. In the former instance it is symbolic of Good, in the latter of Evil.

With the point upwards it represents Man the Image of God, Adam the Image of the Adam Qadmon. In it are contained the Symbols of the Sephiroth the Pillars of Heaven and Earth. It is Life particularized as opposed to Life generalized. In this sense also it may be taken as the emblem of Anthropomorphic Theology, the mixed and united God-Man, darkly referred to by the Qabalists as the "Seir-Anpin." It is especially the symbol of the more Exoteric forms of the various Creeds;—of that beautiful Poem of Nature, the Greek's Artistic Religion; of the Mithras of Persia, the Krishna of India, the Osiris of Egypt; for it is the Symbol of that Greatest Equilibrium Who is the Second Person, the I.H. and the V.H. combined with the S.

But with the point downwards it is the representative of Evil, it is the Head of the Goat, the cold and dark Capricorn of the Zodiac, the Black He-Goat of the Sorcerers of the Middle Ages, the Baphomet, and the Hyle, and the Averted Force. It is the Destruction of the Equilibrium; the Separation of the Universe, the wild whirling Motion of unbalanced Powers, the Averse of the Qabalistic Sephiroth.

Time and space alike forbid my entering more fully into this subject, and I must, therefore, here close this paper, hoping that it has at least interested my hearers.

October 7th, 1884.

### GOETHE AS A FREEMASON.

Herr Pietsch, of Leipzig, has just published an annotated edition of his essay, entitled "Johann Wolfgang von Goethe als Freimaurer," which is considered to throw additional light on the poet's connection with the Craft. Readers of Findel's valuable "History of Freemasonry" will no doubt remember the short account it contains of the distinguished brother, who was initiated in the Lodge Amalia, of Weimar, on 23rd June, 1780, and raised to the Degree of M.M. at the same meeting with Duke Carl August on the 2nd March, 1782. Owing to the prevalence of war, the work of the lodge was suspended for very many years, but in 1808, under the influence of the Duke it was resumed, and in 1810 Goethe was offered but declined the Mastership. On the 18th February, 1813, at a funeral lodge held in honour of Bro. Wieland, likewise a member of Amalia, Goethe, as Orator of the lodge, delivered an address commemorative of his brother poet and Mason, in the presence of Duke Carl and the members of his house, and the other brethren. On the 23rd June, 1830, the lodge celebrated Goethe's Masonic jubilee, or the 50th anniversary of his initiation into Masonry, the poet's contribution to the festivity being his poem "On the fraternal Festival of St. John's Day, 1830." On the 22nd March, 1832, Goethe died, and on the 9th November following, at a lodge held to his memory, Bro. C. W. Von Fritsch, in his address, remarked: "For more than 50 years Goethe devoted himself to the Brotherhood, and was specially active after the Lodge 'Amalia' had adopted the simple Rite of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, revised by Schröder. Each event of importance, each festival of the lodge, awakened a most lively interest in his mind, so that all speeches, songs, and arrangements of any consequence were first submitted to him for examination and approval." Herr Pietsch, in his essay, gives at length the poet's application for admission into the Society, as well as the address delivered to him by Lodge Amalia on the occasion of his jubilee, and there is, we hear, much else in the essay which will probably be new even to those who may already have gleaned some particulars of Goethe's Masonic career.

FORSTER, J. G.—Born in 1754; died in 1794, went with his father on Captain Cook's voyage. He was teacher of natural history in Cassel and in Wilna from 1778 to 1787. He became chief librarian to the Elector of Mayence in 1788; but was removed in 1792, owing to some personal hostility, and just as he was about to sail for India he died, in 1794. He wrote "Reise um die Welt, 2 Bände," London, 1777; 3, in German, 1784. His "sämmliche Schriften" were edited by his daughter in 9 vols., Leipsic, 1843-1844. He was a Freemason, and in 1784 the Lodge "Zur wahren Eintracht," at Vienna, held a lodge festivity in honour of his presence there. This lodge then boasted amongst its members, distinguished in the world of literature and art, Alxinger, Blumauer, Born, Denis, Eckhel, Haydn, Sonnenfels, and others.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

A special meeting of the House Committee was held at the Institution, Wood Green, on Saturday last, for the purpose of bidding farewell to the late Matron, Miss Hall, and formally inducting into office the newly-appointed House Steward and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Dove. It is needless to say that in taking leave of Miss Hall after her long and efficient services as Matron, the Committee were most cordial in the expression of their thanks, the members, both collectively and individually, giving utterance to the wish that Miss Hall might be spared for many years to enjoy that rest to which, by reason of her onerous and responsible duties during 22 years, and the admirable manner in which she had fulfilled them, she was so justly entitled.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The General Committee of this Institution held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. B.; F. Davison, Henry Cox, F. Adlard, C. F. Matier, A. Forsyth, C. H. Webb, Thos. Griffiths, T. B. Daniell, J. H. Leggott, G. Bolton, W. J. Crutch, S. B. Wilson, Thomas Cubitt, L. Stean, J. A. Farnfield, A. Durrant, E. F. Storr, and John Mason (acting Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the death of one male annuitant was reported. The Wardens' report for the month was read, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Supreme Council, 33°, A. and A. Rite, for their annual gift of tea, &c., referred to therein.

Five male and three female petitions were considered and accepted, the names being placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next, and the application of a widow for the half of her late husband's annuity was granted.

Bro. Webb's motion having been postponed till next month, the meeting closed with a vote of the Chairman.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSETSHIRE.**

The following are the officers for the current year, their appointments having been made at the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Yeovil, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Colonel Adair, Prov. G. Supt., on the 23rd ult:

Comp. R. C. Else (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.H.
" C. W. Radway	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Long	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. Boulton	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" S. Edwards	...	Prov. G. P. Soj.
" J. B. Marwood	...	Prov. G. Asst. Soj.
" E. T. Payne (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Damon	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" C. Wilson	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. K. Forster	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. W. Raban	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Couzins (reappointed)	...	Prov. G. Jan.
" A. J. Salter (reappointed)	...	Prov. G. Asst. Jan.

**LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE CORN EXCHANGE, ABINGDON.**

On Tuesday last, while a number of brethren were busy at Wood Green in connection with the Boys' Preparatory School, the ancient borough of Abingdon was in a state of unusual bustle and excitement. The market square and streets were decorated with bunting; well-dressed people arrived at the hotels, and towards noon most of the places of business were closed. Soon after half-past twelve, Bro. G. Saxby, W.M. of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, entered the quaint lodge room in the old Council Chamber, and proceeded to open a lodge of emergency. Bro. H. D'Almaine, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., the Secretary of the lodge, read the dispensation from Sir Daniel Gooch, the Provincial Grand Master, and the usual formalities of calling off were gone through.

The members of the lodge present were Bros. G. Saxby, W.M.; Rev. Morland, Chap.; J. Blandy Jenkins, P.M.; Treas.; H. D'Almaine, P.M., Sec.; J. B. King, S.D.; J. Tomkins, D.C.; J. J. Goldsmith, I.G.; J. Heber Clarke (the Worshipful the Mayor), P.M.; W. Hedges, J. Blake, G. Morland, E. L. Shepherd, P.M.; C. T. Lovett, J. H. Challoner, B. Badcock, W. H. Trendell, A. H. Simpson, C. D. Adkin, W. H. Cousins, G. Winship (Borough Surveyor); while as visitors there were present Bros. R. Bradley, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G. Sec., and Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.

The Oxford City Band headed the procession, next came Foresters and Oddfellows, Charity Trustees and Governors, the Vicar and Clergy, in cassocks, surplices, and hoods, the Lord High Steward of Abingdon, the Earl of Abingdon, with the Countess, the Abingdon Fire Brigade, and another band.

The first halt was at the site of the Cottage Hospital, and then, by way of Broad-street, to the site of the Corn Exchange, where one stone was laid by the Earl of Abingdon and the other by the Mayor. The procession returned, and the Abbey Lodge was closed in due form.

At three o'clock, the whole of the Masons, the Corporation, and a number of county gentlemen, with their wives, were received by the Mayor in the Council Chamber, and were conducted by him to the ancient Shire hall—said to be the work of Inigo Jones—where an excellent repast awaited them.

In due course justice was done to the good things provided, and the usual toasts were proposed, the speeches of the Earl of Abingdon being much applauded. In the evening, the member for the borough, Mr. J. C. Clarke, M.P., gave a garden party, and the visiting brethren returned by the last train.

The Corn Exchange, Cottage Hospital, and Bank—three structures which when finished will add to the beauty of the town—have been designed by Mr. Charles Bell, of London, and Bro. Henry Lovegrove is the surveyor.

**INTERESTING MASONIC CEREMONY AT EDINBURGH.**

On the 4th instant there took place an annual ceremony of a most interesting character, and one the nature of which is not widely known even Masonically. A goodly number of the brethren of Lodge No. 8 (Journymen) assembled at the West Church (St. Cuthbert's), and there inspected the tombs of the several deceased brethren whose remains rest there, including those of the late Bro. G. M. Kemp, architect of the Scott monument. They then proceeded to the Grange Cemetery, and from thence to the Calton, winding up the visitation at Restalrig. This visitation implies an obligation on the part of the Lodge Journymen to visit yearly the tombs of deceased brethren, inspect the same, and execute repairs if any be found necessary, in order to the preservation of the monuments. The R.W.M., Bro. Rennie, headed the brethren in the procession.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. SURGEON-MAJOR J. A. CAMPBELL, AT BERMUDA.**

The brethren of Unity Lodge, No. 316, St. George's, met at their rooms, on St. John's Day, for the purpose of presenting their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Surgeon-Major J. A. Campbell, with a Past Master's jewel.

Worshipful Master Bro. the Rev. T. F. FALKNER, Chaplain to the Forces, in presenting the jewel, made a very forcible speech, alluding in the warmest terms to the real hard work and self-denying zeal which his predecessor, Bro. Dr. Campbell, had brought to bear on the cause of Masonry, and of Unity Lodge in particular, of which the present flourishing state of the lodge was the fruit and obvious proof. He expressed his hope that Bro. Campbell, whenever he attended the lodge in future, would wear the jewel as a slight memento of good work done, and kindly regard gained amongst his brethren of Unity Lodge, and that many years of usefulness might be in store for him in the cause of true Freemasonry.

Bro. Dr. CAMPBELL, P.M., in reply, assured the reverend brother and the brethren that his labour in Masonry was one of love. His successful efforts he attributed to his profound belief in the teachings of Masonry and the happiness of mankind in general, and the faithful in particular, that accrued from its benevolent, charitable, and generous precepts. He thanked the Worshipful Master and the lodge for the beautiful jewel, which he would ever wear with laudable pride, and trusted it would prove an incentive to still greater efforts by him in his onward and upward career in the good cause he had at heart.

The brethren afterwards sat down together to supper. Wor. Bro. Smith, P.M., being the senior present, took the chair. After supper the usual Masonic toasts were drunk.

Amid much applause Bro. SMITH proposed "The Health of the Guest of the Evening, Bro. Campbell. He reviewed the amount of work done during his year of office, and referring to the number of Masons he had made in that time as 35, humorously remarked that the quantity was only outdone by the quality. Bro. Smith, with a wave of his hand round the table, said, "There they are, and they speak for themselves." They are physically, mentally, and morally the best men in the garrison.

W. Bro. CAMPBELL, in returning thanks for the genial and cordial reception the brethren had given the toast, expatiated on the broad unsectarian basis of the Order, the front rank it has held in the civilization of the world from the time of Adam down, and the vast charitable and benevolent institutions that have sprung from it—he named a number of those institutions—and referred specially to the St. John's Ambulance Association, and the British Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, which are the offspring of Freemasonry, and put forth for the good of all nations, tongues, and creeds of people. Dr. Campbell then invited the brethren to a light collation at his lodge on the first Thursday in August, and resumed his seat.

Bros. the Rev. Reilby, Lightbourne, Dr. Butterfield, Latham, and Barnes each made short speeches.

Some excellent songs were sung and recitations given, and after a most agreeable evening, the brethren separated on the square, in love, peace, and harmony.

**GRAND LODGE OF ALL SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.**

The regular Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 25th April last, under the presidency of Bro. Capt. Henry Morland, M.W.G.M., there being present among others Bros. the Hon. James Gibbs, Past G.M.; J. Y. Lang, Depute G.M.; Manockjee Cursetjee, Hon. Depute G.M.; K. R. Cama, Hon. Depute G.M.; Murzban, Hon. Depute G.M.; D. R. Chichgur, Hon. Sub. G.M.; D. P. Mehta, Hon. Sub. G.M.; C. D. Furdoojee, Hon. Sub. G.M.; H. B. Mactaggart, G.S.W.; D. S. Tarapoorwalla, G.J.W.; N. R. Chichgur, G. Asst. Sec.; Nowrojee Jeewanjee, G. Treas.; Rev. W. G. H. Ellison, G. Chap.; A. Russell, G.S.D.; Balcrustna Kirtikar, G.J.D.; F. Blyth, G. Jeweller; J. E. Davur, G. Zendaavesta Br.; J. E. Macaulay, G.S.B.; Jehangeer K. Cama, G. Org.; Wamjee N. Davur, 1st G. Std. Br.; Rustomjee K. R. Cama, G. Std.; S. D. Dubash, 1st G. Marshal; F. M. Billimoria, G. Purst.; and J. C. Houghland, G. Tyler.

Grand Lodge having been opened, and a deputation appointed to usher in Bro. James Gibbs, the latter was conducted to his seat on the dais, and returned thanks briefly for the complimentary speech of welcome addressed to him by the M.W.G.M.

The minutes of the previous communication having been taken as read and confirmed, and sundry Grand Officers invested who had not been able to attend the meeting when they were appointed, the M.W.G.M., in the absence, through illness and a domestic affliction, of the G. Secretary, gave a summary of the accounts for the past year, having received valuable assistance in his work from Bro. D. R. Chichgur. These accounts, both in respect of the Grand Lodge Fund and Benevolent, were very satisfactory, the Hall Committee account being in a similarly fortunate state.

The GRAND MASTER stated among other things that the portrait of their Past Grand Master, Bro. Balfour, was on view at the studio of Messrs. Bourne and Shepherd, and that, as it was considered by many who had seen it as not

being a satisfactory likeness, steps were proposed to be taken to have it improved.

Votes of condolence were passed to Bro. E. Freeborn, G. Sec., who had lost his daughter, and the parents of the late Cursetjee Nusserwanjee Cama, an old member of Grand Lodge, who many years back had presented a complete set of clothing for the Grand Officers, and who to the date of his death had enjoyed the respect of the Craft.

Sundry letters of thanks for votes of sympathy passed by Grand Lodge having been read and ordered to be recorded, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by Bro. James Gibbs, and acknowledged by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed Bro. Vice-Admiral Sir W. N. Hewett, V.C., K.C.B., Naval Commander-in-Chief, was present as a guest.



The great "Pink Pearl" at the Prince's seems to be settling down into a permanent success, as its inauguration foretold. The play is no doubt so far cleverly ingenious, and the dialogue so smart that the public will eventually justify by their support the flattering opinion which was universally entertained on its production.

During a holiday, which Mr. Arthur Cecil, Mrs. John Wood, and Miss Marian Terry are taking from the Court, their parts in "The Magistrate" are being played by Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Miss Lottie Venne, and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree respectively. Judging by the audiences Mr. Pinero's farcical comedy seems destined to have a long run.

On Saturday the Gaiety re-opened under the direction of Mr. F. J. Harris, who put forth such an entertainment as frequenters of this house have been accustomed to. The new programme includes comedy and burlesque, which ought to go a long way to restore to this once popular house its former fortune. The comedy is John Oxenford's "Lord Dunderreary's Brother Sam," in which the late Mr. Sothorn achieved a success. Mr. Lytton Sothorn, his son, plays the part of the Hon. Sam. Slingsby, but not with the same success as did his sire. Mr. Sothorn, jun., is droll and humorous, and is supported by a company who enter heartily into the spirit of the piece, nevertheless it does not seem to go as it did years ago. Its day is past, and we do not think any one can play the principal rôle as the original did. Bro. Squire is funny as Trimback; Mr. Hargreaves makes a very good Uncle Rumbelow; Miss Agnes Hewitt plays the part of the young lady Alice, to whom the Hon. Sam. Slingsby pretends he is married, with a charming grace, as does clever Miss Laura Linden that of Mrs. Trimback. But we are mistaken if our surmise be not correct that it was to the travestie the people were attached, the piece which followed. Messrs. Yardley (the well-known cricketer) and Stephens have written what they term a respectful burlesque perversion of Mr. Wills' "Olivia," and called it "The Vicar of Wideawakefield; or, the Miss-Terry-ous Uncle." The original is not a play which lends itself very readily to parodying; but the authors have collaborated a very funny piece with the materials, introducing some good songs and dances, and clever puns. Dr. Primrose is here made to be an artful, designing vicar, a card sharper, a flirt with the village maidens, and who plots for the marriage of his two daughters and son, and, under disguises, himself performs the marriage ceremony. Mr. Arthur Roberts and Miss Laura Linden represent Bro. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry with much success. Mr. Roberts, however, when he has the stage to himself throws off the Irving voice and mannerisms, and is Mr. Roberts. Miss Laura Linden is extremely happy in her mimicking of Miss Ellen Terry, and imitates her voice, gesture, and manner of speech to the life. Miss Violet Cameron makes no attempt of burlesquing Mr. Terriss. As Squire Thornhill, she met with a cordial reception, and sung effectively. She and Miss Linden got an encore in their duet, "Only a little while, love." The chiefs are supported by a good chorus, and when the company get more used to their parts, the burlesque may settle down, and keep the Gaiety open until the regular season commences. We notice that Mr. Hollingshead has adopted advertising. The Gaiety was the only theatre which did not, except in the newspapers, advertise its pieces. We suppose it is found necessary to follow the suit of the other theatres.

Bro. J. L. Toole has gone on tour, as his wont at this season, he returns to London early in December, and will reopen with "The O'Dora;" or, "A Wrong Accent," and a new piece.

On Tuesday Mr. Wilson Barrett reopens "the Princesses" in Oxford-street, with a new drama by himself and Mr. Jones, entitled, "Hoodman Blind," which we believe is another phrase for "Blindman's Buff." The cast includes Messrs. Wilson Barrett, George Barrett, Clifford Cooper, and Willard, and Miss Eastlake.

At the Adelphi the Gatti brothers have revived Mr. Dion Boucicault's Irish romantic drama, "Arrah Na Pogue," which twenty years ago on its production on the London stage was universally recognised as a play of great merit and was then a big success. We think this the best of Mr. Boucicault's plays, though it is perhaps the least known. "Arrah Na Pogue" deals with Irish peasant life, it teems with sound Irish humour, while the dialogue and building up of the leading incidents combine to render the play one of striking interest to the audience. Mr. Robert Pateman, the process-server (Michael Sheen) receives nightly storms of hisses, the best token that his rendering of the character is appreciated. Mr. Sullivan, as Shaun the Post, illustrates to the life the type of a peasant Irishman as we have seen them. Miss Mary Korke wins the applause by her quiet and charming acting in the part of Arrah. Miss Cissy Grahame plays nicely, but we wish she would not clench her teeth and make such grimaces when she speaks. Bro. Sims, we believe, is engaged writing a new drama for this theatre.

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**To Correspondents.**

**MASON.**—We regret very much the circumstances de-  
scribed by our correspondent, but his suggestion as to a  
uniform ritual will only lead to an unprofitable discussion  
on a subject which has been already considered *ad  
nauseam.*

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**  
"La Revista Masónica," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France,"  
"Keystone," "Victorian Freemason," "Freemasons' Repository,"  
"Sunday Times" (New York), "Allen's Indian Mail," "The  
Delator," "Court Circular," "Jewish Chronicle," "Citizen,"  
"Hull Packet," "El Tallor," "International Masonic Review,"  
"Sunday Times" (London), "Broad Arrow," "The Piano, Organ,  
and Music Trades Journal," "Boletín Oficial del Gr. Or. de España  
y Revista Masónica."



SATURDAY, AUG. 15, 1885.

**Original Correspondence.**

**ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL.**  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
It is doubtless well known among the brethren  
that the 24th of June, the Festival of St. John the Baptist,  
is a most important day in the calendar of the German  
lodges; it is, indeed, the new year's day of the Masonic  
year, and is celebrated throughout Germany by the bre-  
thren as their greatest festival.

Here and in Scotland on the contrary, the day is now  
but little, if at all, observed, although it has probably been  
equally important at some time, and it would be of interest  
to know when the observance ceased, and how this change  
came about. Can any English or Scotch brother oblige me  
by supplying this information.—Yours fraternally,  
**C. KUPFERSCHMIDT,  
I.P.M. 238.**

**WHICH SHALL IT BE—"CHARITY" OR  
"DINNERS?"**  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I regret to find I have disquieted the soul of the  
worthy "C. E. G.," and I am afraid that the longer we two  
argue the question he has raised, the greater will be the

divergence of our opinions. Still, with your kind per-  
mission, I will say a few words by way of rejoinder to the  
principal remark in his letter of last week as to what he  
considers the improvident use of lodge funds "in pro-  
viding," as he calls them, "costly, wasteful, and extra-  
vagant" dinners.

I have already said that, in advocating "dinners" as an  
indispensable part of our lodge duty, I do not bestow a  
thought on the mere sensual gratification of the appetite; I  
believe in appetites only when they are subordinated to  
reason. I have also suggested, if, indeed, I have not  
stated in so many words, that, while I am opposed to  
"C. E. G.'s" views as to the appropriation of lodge  
funds, I am the reverse of insensible to the claims of  
"Charity." But I do not think it would be just that the  
whole character of Freemasonry should be destroyed in  
order that certain Institutions, which have at different  
epochs been established under its wing, may be enlarged  
"ad infinitum." It will need the efforts of a great many  
"C. E. G.'s" to persuade me that the whole is greater  
than a part, yet this is what he seems anxious to estab-  
lish, if, at least, I have read his arguments aright. The  
lodge of which he is an Auditor has, he tells us, spent only  
some 50 guineas in benevolence during the past four  
years; but its dinner bills for the same period amount to  
£500. At the same time, it contains some of the most  
generous men it has ever been his privilege to meet, and  
when I suggest that probably very many of them are Life  
Governors of our Institutions, or even more, he retorts—I  
presume to think very unwisely—that the "individual con-  
tributions" of members no more concern the lodge than  
the payment of "rates and taxes." "C. E. G." must  
forgive me if I express no surprise at his having been  
called a "fanatic" in respect of this particular question.  
For my part, I think it directly concerns the lodge when its  
members are individually generous contributors to our In-  
stitutions, for then it can be no reproach to them that they  
contribute only occasionally and in moderate sums in their  
corporate capacity of a lodge. The lodge funds are as  
much theirs to spend as they please as the moneys they so  
generously dispense in Charity, or so honourably use in  
acquitting themselves of their lawful monetary obligations.  
According to "C. E. G.," it is not enough that they  
should give individually; they must give collectively as  
well, or expose themselves to the charge—in the event of  
their being a dining lodge—of "costly, wasteful, and  
extravagant" expenditure. "C. E. G." may call this  
argument; I say it is logically burning the candle at both  
ends.

There is a lodge, of very early creation and high up on  
the roll of Grand Lodge, which is composed, wholly or  
almost wholly, of some of our most distinguished brethren  
—Grand and Past Grand Officers. If "C. E. G." will  
take the trouble of glancing cursorily at the Festival  
returns of our three Institutions during the past ten years,  
he will find it entered only in one or two lists. It is Vice-  
Patron of one of our Institutions, and Vice-President of the  
other two, while all, or certainly the majority of, its  
members are generous contributors to all three Charities.  
Can it be said that this lodge is unmindful of the "god-like  
principle of 'Charity'?" I say, "No." It has given in  
its corporate capacity, and its members have likewise given  
in their individual capacity. What they have done,  
whether severally or collectively, they have done in the  
exercise of a proper discretion, and to expect of them  
more than this would be a tyranny in its worst form—the  
tyranny that is exercised in the name of "Charity." So  
with the lodge of which "C. E. G." is an Auditor. It has  
given what, having regard to the fact of many, if not all  
of its members being already generous contributors, it con-  
siders just and reasonable gifts, and no one has the right  
to charge it with extravagance in the matter of "dinners."

"C. E. G." loses sight of the fact that the privilege of  
supporting Charitable Institutions is not confined to Free-  
masonry, and that if a man is anxious to bear his share in  
the burdens which the support of such Institutions entails,  
it is not prescribed by any known law or custom that he  
should first of all enrol himself a member of our Society.  
That would be tantamount to saying that Charity did not  
exist in this country and in those which have derived their  
Freemasonry from us before the foundation of our Grand  
Lodge of 1717, and that it does not exist in those countries  
in which Freemasonry has no abiding place. Of course  
such a proposition as this is too monstrous to be entertained  
seriously, yet this must be the outcome of "C. E. G.'s"  
arguments if they are carried to their logical conclusion.  
Our Charities have grown with our growth. When, as I  
pointed out in my last letter, it became necessary to  
administer relief to our poorer members or their families on  
something like an organised system, we had established  
first of all the Fund of Charity, administered by the Com-  
mittee of Charity; and when, owing to our numerical  
increase, that which has since been the Fund of Benevo-  
lence, administered by the Board of Benevolence, was  
found insufficient to carry out righteously the "god-like  
principle of 'Charity,'" there were subsequently estab-  
lished our Girls' School, our Boys' School, and our Bene-  
volent Institution, with its Male and Female Funds.  
These have grown to be vast Institutions in fact  
as well as in name; the good they do is incalculable,  
and the support they receive is increasingly generous.  
We are all proud of them, and we shall always uphold  
them in a proper state of efficiency; but they are only an  
appendage to Freemasonry, not Freemasonry itself. They  
are the outward and visible sign to the world generally that  
we practise as well as preach one branch of the "Godlike  
principle of 'Charity,'" but they do not embrace the  
whole field of "Charity." In our very natural enthusiasm  
for the splendid Institutions which the English Craft has  
established for the support or benefit of its poorer members  
and their children, we shall do well to remember that, just  
as Freemasonry is greater than Charity in its unrestricted  
sense of love towards God and man—seeing that the whole  
is greater than its part—so Charity, which, in its unrestricted  
sense, contains all the virtues, must necessarily be greater  
than Charity in its restricted sense of bestowing aid where  
aid is necessary, which is only one of the number. It is  
because we did not join Freemasonry in order to support  
certain Institutions, but, having joined it, do most loyally  
support them as being a part thereof, and likewise because  
as I maintain, the whole duty of Freemasonry does not lie  
in the support of those Institutions, that I raise my feeble  
voice against the "fanatics" who go about "dun-  
ning" brethren for contributions in the sacred name of  
"Charity."

I trust that nothing I have said in this letter will offend

the sensitive mind of my worthy brother in Masonry—  
"C. E. G."—though I am afraid it is not in my disposition  
to be severely solemn enough for any prolonged period of  
time "to treat," with a becoming sense of seriousness, "a  
matter of such grave responsibility" as "the proper  
application of the funds" of our lodges. Therefore, if,  
as is not unlikely, I may have occasion to trespass further  
upon your space and the patience of your readers, I trust  
he will forgive me if my next letter is not written as by one  
sitting in sackcloth and ashes, and bitterly lamenting the  
"costly, wasteful, and extravagant 'dinners,'" which he  
has so strongly reprobated in the case of the lodge of which  
he is an Auditor.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,  
**CAKES AND ALE.**

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**BRO. WOODFORD'S LIBRARY.**  
Masonic students will be glad to hear that I have pur-  
chased the whole of the Masonic books and MSS., which  
were sold by auction last week, with few exceptions.  
As copies of the catalogue, (now preparing), will natu-  
rally be in the hands of the English Craft before they  
can be received abroad, it rests with the brethren at home  
to prevent any of the numerous special lots of exceptional  
value and interest leaving this country for the Continent  
or America. Amongst those purchased will be found  
the following lots—385, 387, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395,  
396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 407, 408,  
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538, 556, 581, 582, 601, 616, 623, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630,  
631, 697, 700, 702, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 714, 719, 722,  
725, 749, 741, 744, 751, 753, 765, 766, 767, 768, 783, 786,  
799, 803.  
**GEORGE KENNING.**

**REPORTS OF THE  
MASONIC MEETINGS.**

**Craft Masonry.**

**FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on  
the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. Joseph  
Young, W.M.; T. Simpson, S.W.; James Strugnell,  
P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; P.P.G.O. Surrey,  
Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Lister, S.D.; Skel-  
horne, J.D.; Louis Lardner, I.G.; H. B. Marshall, C.C.,  
P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.,  
P.M.; Shereer, Potter, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read  
and confirmed, and numerous apologies for non-attendance  
read, the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned.  
There was no banquet.

**ELLAND.**—Savile Lodge (No. 1231).—A meet-  
ing was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic  
Rooms. Present: Bros. J. Farnell, W.M.; J. Emsley,  
S.W.; J. Smithies, J.W.; G. Hallas, Chap.; J. Garsed,  
Treas.; T. Dyson, Sec.; Dr. Hoyle, S.D.; J. Watson,  
J.D.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; S. W. North, I.G.; J. Rhodes,  
Stwd.; J. Walker, Tyler; L. Savile, P.M.; J. Dodgson,  
P.M.; T. Feather, H. Pike, T. Maude, A. Radcliffe, H.  
Radcliffe, J. Battye, and others. Bro. J. Watson, P.M.  
61, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and con-  
firmed. Bro. Battye answered the usual questions and was  
raised by the W.M. Bro. Maude was raised by Bro.  
Savile, I.P.M., and Bro. Pike by Bro. Walker, P.M. The  
working tools were given by Bro. Emsley, and the charge  
by Bro. Hallas.

The lodge was closed at 9 p.m., after which the brethren  
sat down to supper, and spent a very pleasant hour.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The  
71st meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel,  
on Saturday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of the  
W.M., Bro. F. P. Jenkins, and the following brethren:  
Bros. G. L. Wingate, I.P.M.; G. S. Elliott, S.W.; W. H.  
Matthews, J.W.; Edward Wm. Devereux, P.M., Sec.;  
Dr. Wm. Faulkner, S.D.; Wm. Beaton, J.D.; H. B.  
Hassel, Stwd., acting I.G.; John Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler;  
E. H. Thiellay, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Dr. J. Beres-  
ford Ryley, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Middx.; Wm. Lovelock, R.  
Chipperfield, and A. E. Carter.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and  
confirmed. The familiar face of Bro. J. W. Baldwin,  
P.M., P.G.D. Middx., was very much missed, and when it  
was reported by the worthy Secretary that his absence was  
caused by sickness, a vote of sympathy was passed by the  
lodge, expressing the deep regret of the brethren in his  
serious illness, and hoping that he would soon be restored  
to health. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge  
was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, when  
the usual toasts were given and responded to, and so ended  
a very enjoyable meeting.

**CROWLE.**—Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).  
—On Monday, the 27th ult., the members of this lodge,  
which is in a flourishing state, held their installation meet-  
ing in the Masonic Room, when a large number of brethren  
assembled from Louth, Carlisle, Bradford, Sheffield, Don-  
caster, Goole, Manchester, Scunthorpe, &c. The Installing  
Master was Bro. F. D. Walker, P.M. 242, who performed the  
ceremony in a masterly manner, and Bro. G. Mason  
was duly placed in the chair. The banquet was held in the  
Market Hall, and provided by Bro. T. C. Horobin.

**CROYDON.**—Mozart Lodge (No. 1929).—A very  
successful meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst.,  
at the old Greyhound Hotel. Among the numerous bre-  
thren present we noticed Bros. T. Tremere, W.M.;  
Aynsley, S.W., W.M. elect; Thomas, J.W.; E. M.

Lott, G. Org., P.M., &c., Sec.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M. 1745, &c., S.D.; Holdgate, J.D.; Jolly, I.G.; T. Phillips, P.G.S. Surrey, I.P.M.; Cross, Carus, Briscoe, W. Jolly, G. J. Barnett, Harrison, Tyler, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. C. F. Matier, P.M.; Clive; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Woodhill, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. J. Lardner, at the W.M.'s desire, assumed the chair of K.S., and having appointed Bro. Walls as D.C., most impressively installed Bro. W. Aynsley as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. Thomas, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; W. Lake (*Freemason*), unavoidably absent, Treas.; E. M. Lott, Sec.; T. Tremere, Asst. Sec.; Holdgate, S.D.; J. W. Jolly, J.D.; Cross, I.G.; Carus, D.C.; Briscoe, Org.; W. Jolly, Stwd.; G. J. Barnett, Asst. Stwd.; and Harrison, Tyler.

A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to Bro. Lardner as Installing Officer, and which was ordered to be entered on the minutes, the W.M., in most flattering terms, presented Bro. Tremere with a very handsome and massive jewel, of special design, made by Bro. George Kenning. The I.P.M. having acknowledged the gift, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed.

The members and their visitors were entertained by an excellent selection of instrumental and vocal music by Bros. Lott, Briscoe, Weston, Tremere, Clive, Dudley, Thomas, and others.

The lodge, which is without question one of the most prosperous in the Province of Surrey, owes its existence to the genial and popular Grand Organist, and it must be exceedingly gratifying for him to note its steady but substantial progress. The proceedings of the day were throughout most enjoyable and successful.

### INSTRUCTION.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. W. Deane, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; H. P. Gilbert, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 211, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Deane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; W. H. Tronson, J.D.; J. Laurence, I.G.; J. Crutenden, Stwd.; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Captain A. Nicols, P.M. 1074; O. W. Battley, J. Lichtenfeld, and M. J. Green. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Tronson, 2045; and W. Martin, 1602.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Martin candidate. The 4th and 5th Sections were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Tronson and Martin were elected members. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for next meeting, who appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which Bro. Deane had performed the duties of the chair for the first time. Lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Corby, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; C. Ralph, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; A. Clark, J.D.; W. T. Woodruff, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; D. Stroud, C. Gardner, Bunker, J. R. Harrell, Wilkie Jones, Frank Gulliford, P. G. Nicholls, T. A. Dickson, A. Kirk, Thomas Woods, G. H. Reynolds, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. C. G. Bunker offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of this lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of this lecture. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bro. E. Gardner Bunker, 525, Hong Kong, proposed by Bro. A. Clark, P.M., seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds; Bro. W. T. Woodruff, W.M. 957, proposed by Bro. C. Corby, seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith; Bro. Thomas Woods, 87, proposed by Bro. R. J. Harrell, seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith; and Bro. Bro. P. G. Nicholls, proposed by Bro. C. Corby, seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith. On rising for the second time, Bro. R. J. Bromley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, and seconded by Bro. J. W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, said that it was with a great deal of pleasure he proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. C. Corby for the very able and clear manner he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in the lodge. He had met Bro. Corby often and often in lodges of instruction, and knew he was a hard and true worker, and as Preceptor to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction he felt a great delight in seeing him occupy the chair so efficiently. The proposition was seconded by Bro. S.W. and carried unanimously. Bro. C. Corby, in reply, stated that he felt grateful to the brethren for their kindness in placing him in the chair and also for the patience and attention they had given him. He would endeavour to be more amongst them in future, feeling that in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction all brethren received from their worthy Bro. Preceptor, W. C. Smith, sound Masonic teaching. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was then closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1780).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, sen., W.M.; Green, jun., S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Boulton, Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Gilbert, I.G.; and Davis.

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. Boulton as candidate. Bro. Coughlan gave the explanation of the tracing board. Bro. Boulton, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of this lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that Bro. Green, jun., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was then closed.

The meetings of the Grand Council and Grand R.A. Chapter of Ohio have been arranged to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday, the 6th October, and that of the Grand Commandery on Thursday, the 8th of the same month.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales was present with the Duke of Cambridge and the Secretary of State for War at Aldershot on Monday and witnessed a sham fight, in which a strong force of Volunteers took part.

The annual summer fête on behalf of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage was fixed to take place on Thursday at the Alexandra Palace, a very excellent programme having been arranged.

### Mark Masonry.

**JERSEY.**—Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., a regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's. Bro. J. Gray, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. L. Hespiradoux, S.W.; T. Le Scelleur, J.W.; J. E. Hamon, M.O.; C. Naylor, S.O.; Thos. Stone, J.O.; J. H. Elliott, Treas.; O. Dodge, Sec.; P. Bois, S.D.; F. D. Wallis, J.D.; H. Oliver, I.G.; Rev. J. Tapper, Chap.; Dr. T. J. Aubin, P.M.; Thos. Leat, P.M.; W. Pugsley, I.P.M.; Thos. Moss, G. H. Rogers, W. E. Lanic, P. Blampied, Geo. Rogers, Tyler; and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom, after which the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The presence of Bro. L. Richer, 1003, in the ante-room as a candidate for advancement, and previously balloted for, having been announced, he was admitted, and the ceremony was very efficiently performed by the W.M. and his officers, to which much interest was given by the addition of appropriate instrumental music, Bro. Saunders presiding at the organ. Bro. Hespiradoux, S.W., explained the working tools. This being also the installation meeting of this lodge for the purpose of installing Bro. L. Hespiradoux, S.W., P.G.D.C., as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bros. Dr. T. J. Aubin, P.M., and Thos. Leat, P.M., presented Bro. Hespiradoux, who was duly installed and seated in the chair of A., and greeted according to ancient custom, and afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Gray, I.P.M.; Thos. Le Scelleur, S.W.; J. E. Hamon, J.W.; Chas. Naylor, M.O.; T. Stone, S.O.; P. Bois, J.O.; Rev. J. Tapper, Chap.; J. Poole, Treas.; H. Ahier, Reg. of Marks; O. Dodge, Sec.; F. D. Wallis, S.D.; G. Coombes, J.D.; J. Maguire, D.C.; J. Gibbs, I.G.; J. E. Saunders, Org.; Louis Richer and J. H. Elliott, Stwds.; and Geo. Rogers, Tyler. The W.M. himself invested the officers, and suitably addressed each brother on the nature and duties of the office to which he had been appointed.

The Worshipful Master having warmly thanked Bro. J. Gray, I.P.M., for the very efficient and impressive manner with which he had performed the installation ceremony, intimated that he should introduce the authorised ritual of the Grand Lodge during his term of office, and hoped his officers would all attend the rehearsals and instruction lodges necessary for that purpose.

A brother having been proposed for advancement at the next meeting, the W.M. then gave the lecture in the Mark Master Mason's Degree in a very efficient manner, and was loudly applauded. He also instructed the brethren in the system of communication, by means of a secret alphabet and a peculiar mode of folding a missive, as practised in some M.M.M. lodges. Several communications from the Grand Lodge having been read, the lodge was then duly closed in perfect peace and harmony, and, at the invitation of the newly-installed W.M., the brethren dined and spent a very pleasant evening together.

**PLYMOUTH.**—Charity Lodge (No. 76).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting on Thursday, the 30th ult., at 143, Union-street, when Bro. James Holland was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master of Devonshire, Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, J.P., and the Board of Installed Masters. In the evening the brethren held their annual banquet.

**WORKINGTON.**—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).—The annual meeting of the above lodge for installing the W.M. was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, W.M., P.P.G.C., when the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., then assumed the chair, and Bro. John Paterson, W.M. elect, P.G. Steward, was presented and duly installed Master, and appointed the following as his officers: Bros. J. C. Thompson, P.G. Reg. of Marks, S.W.; P. Podmore, J.W.; G. B. McMullin, M.O.; S. Woodhead, S.O.; J. J. Jenkinson, J.O.; T. Dixon, P.M., P.G.J.W., Treas.; C. Thompson, Reg. of Marks; J. H. Smith, Sec.; J. Coward, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; J. Cooper, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. Morten, I.G.; J. McGill and I. Evening, Stwds.; and W. Whitehead, Tyler. The customary addresses were given by Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G.A.D.C. Eng. The following members and visitors were also present: Bros. E. Tyson, P.M. 213, G. Stwd. Eng.; T. Atkinson, W.M. 213, P.G. J.O.; T. Mandale, P.M. 151, P.G.S.W.; J. Dickinson, W.M. 151, P.G.J.D.; J. Rothery, S.W. 213, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Hartley, 282, P.P.G.I.G.; T. Brakenridge, J.D. 213; and others.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master, and four candidates were proposed for advancement. The lodge was then closed in form, and Bro. Paterson invited all to accompany him to Bro. Coward's, the Central Hotel, where an excellent spread awaited them. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair.

Bro. E. Tyson, G. Stwd., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and delivered a short but brilliant address, entitled "My Masonic Trip to Cambridge," which was very well received.

Bro. Gardiner, in flowing terms, gave "The Newly-Installed Master," and congratulated the members of the Derwent Lodge on having elected Bro. Paterson to preside over them, and said that if half the success attended his mallet in the Mark chair that it did in the Craft, the junior lodge of the province was destined to top the list.

Bro. Paterson briefly replied, and thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and said from the great admiration he had for the Mark Degree no effort would be spared to further the interests of 282.

With other toasts, and songs from first-class talent, a very agreeable evening was spent.

### INSTRUCTION.

**JERSEY.**—Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—A meeting of this lodge was held last Sunday afternoon, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, when ample justice was paid to this high and honourable degree. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. L. Hespiradoux, the newly installed W.M., and the working was that according to the Ritual authorised by the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. A candidate was obligated, and the whole ceremony of advancement was unallegedly gone through in a very efficient and effective manner. The W.M. rehearsed the lecture,

expounding the history, and explaining the origin of the ceremony and signs of the Mark Degree, likewise the tracing board, which was listened to with much marked attention and interest by the brethren, and explained the working tools, and gave the charge. At the end, the W.M. delivered the Exhortation, commencing: "Finally, brethren, before quitting this sacred retreat, again to mingle," &c. The brethren present thanked the W.M. for the pains and perseverance he had manifested in changing the Ritual, and thus improved their working of old. The W.M. acknowledging, pointed out to the brethren that it was Bro. C. F. Matier, of the Grand Lodge, to whom alone all praise was due, as it was, that brother who had been his (the W.M.'s) Preceptor, and who had been obliged to furnish him with very bulky and voluminous communications. The brethren present were Bros. L. Hespiradoux, Thomas Leat, Thomas Le Scelleur, J. E. Hamon, P. Blampied, G. H. Rogers, James Gibbs, P. Bois, G. Coombes, Charles Naylor, T. Stone, H. Ahier, L. Richer, Thomas Moss, J. H. Elliott, D. K. Inglis, and J. E. Saunders.

### South Africa.

**PORT ELIZABETH.**—Lodge of Goodwill (No. 711).—Wednesday, the 24th June, being St. John's Day, there was an unusually large attendance of brethren at the Temple in the evening, when, according to ancient custom, the installation of W.M. and the investiture of officers, followed by a banquet, had been arranged to take place. Consequently over one hundred members of the Craft were present, and the lodge was rather inconveniently crowded. However, good order and regularity prevailed throughout the proceedings. Bro. James Kemsley performed the installation ceremony. Bro. A. W. Guthrie, having been duly installed and honoured, invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. A. Walsh, I.P.M., by proxy; F. E. Constance, S.W.; J. T. Keith, J.W.; Rev. T. Bennetts, Chaplain; C. S. Hazell, Treasurer; W. Biden, Secretary; R. W. Wyatt, S.D.; C. Wiarda, J.D.; A. Weber, D.C.; W. Myhill and T. Smerdon, Stwds.; A. H. Reid, I.G.; and W. Henderson, Tyler.

The formal proceedings ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a capital spread had been prepared. Full justice having been done to the goodly viands, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, followed by those of a complimentary and not less agreeable nature.

"The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M." was proposed in happy terms by Bro. J. C. Kemsley, and most enthusiastically received by the brethren. Bro. Guthrie suitably acknowledged the honour paid him, and promised his best efforts in the cause of Freemasonry.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was given by Bro. W. Hockey, and replied to by Bro. Kemsley.

Bro. S. R. White gave "The Newly-Installed Officers," and complimented the W.M. on the selection he had made. Bro. Constance replied.

Bro. Rowsell proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and the Retiring Officers," and spoke in terms of praise of the good work performed during the past year by Bro. Walsh and his officers.

Bro. Sinclair responded.

Bro. Rev. Bennetts gave "The Sister Lodges, Good Hope and Southern Cross," and testified to the excellent spirit and good feeling that prevailed.

Bro. Rowsell, W.M. of the Good Hope, and Bro. Lourie, W.M. of the Southern Cross, acknowledged the toast.

"Other Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. Keith, and responded to by Bros. H. Heenan and Bertie Phillips.

"Sweethearts and Wives," by Bro. Brown, and replied to by Bro. Rowbotham, followed by the Tyler's toast of "All Poor and Distressed Masons," brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

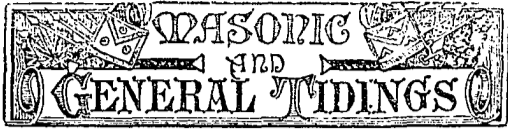
### PICNIC OF THE ROYAL PRESTON LODGE, No. 333, PRESTON.

The annual picnic of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 30th ult., to Windermere, when a party, consisting of members and friends numbering about 40, left Preston at 8.5 a.m. in a special saloon carriage, and proceeded by way of Lake Side and Windermere to Ambleside, where coaches were in readiness to convey the party to the White Lion Hotel, where dinner was provided.

After dinner the party proceeded by coaches through Clappersgate and Redbank to Grasmer, and returned by the 8.40 train from Windermere, arriving at Preston at 10.30 having enjoyed the outing very much.

The country traversed by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway contains a very considerable number of those pleasure resorts which are most popular with holiday folk. It is also a great favourite with those whose health needs recruiting after the worries and anxieties, and who, worse still, are confirmed invalids, or nearly so. Many of these localities, such as the Isle of Wight, the Hampshire watering places, Hastings and St. Leonards, Brighton, Eastbourne, &c., are accessible within a few hours by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and in these circumstances it is a matter of course that the directors should issue annually a prospectus of their special arrangements for the tourist and holiday season. It is equally a matter of course that these arrangements should be as nearly perfect as possible, and conduce to the greatest extent possible to the comfort and convenience of the public. Moreover, the company works one of the most agreeable of our continental communications, and is therefore most earnest in its endeavours to do all in its power to encourage people to visit the continent by its particular route. Thus in the matter of tickets, both for home and foreign travel, the tourist is granted the usual facilities afforded by our railway companies as regards tickets, which are issued for shorter or longer periods, the two-monthly tickets, which can be extended to the 3rd December on certain moderate conditions, being for those who have time and to spare the most important. Little need be said as to the attractions offered by the Isle of Wight, Hastings, Brighton, the continental route, via Newhaven and Dieppe, &c., they are so familiar to our readers; but those who desire information as to the train service, fares, &c., should procure the company's "Tourist and Excursion Programme," or, if that is not explicit enough for the purpose, they should inquire at the managerial offices at the company's principal stations in London—London Bridge and Liverpool-street to the East, and Victoria and Kensington to the West—and its vicinity, or the more important stations in the provinces, where, as well as at the company's booking and receiving offices, they will be most courteously furnished with particulars of what they wish to know.





Bro. Sir James and Lady McGarel Hogg with their family have left town for Magheramorne, Co. Antrim.

Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., has been elected a member of the Essex Chamber of Agriculture.

Bro. the Emperor William of Germany left Gastein on his return to Berlin on Tuesday.

A large sum is said to have been already subscribed for the purpose of erecting a statue of the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, in Central Park, New York.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., Town Clerk of London, accompanied by Lady Monckton, has left town for Belgium and Switzerland.

The Queen's dinner party on Thursday, the 6th inst., included the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and Bro. the Grand Duke of Hesse.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who have been for some time on a visit to the Queen at Osborne, left for Portsmouth in the Royal yacht Alberta on Monday and travelled thence to Bagshot.

Mr. Mark Judge was on Saturday last presented, at the Great Western Hotel, with an address and gold watch, as a slight recognition of his services in the work of improving the moral, social, and sanitary condition of the community.

The personal estate of the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., has been stated at between £350,000 and £380,000. The deceased's will was made some three years since, and under it many valuable legacies are left to Jewish institutions in the Holy Land and England.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was prevented fulfilling his intention of starting on his brief tour in the South and West of Ireland, by a severe attack of rheumatism, towards the end of last week, which confined him to his bed.

Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., of Blythwood, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new church being erected at Langside, with full Masonic honours, in the course of a few weeks. The arrangements for the ceremony will devolve upon Lodge Sir George Cathcart, No. 617.

The Committee of the Gee Street Mission, Goswell-road, are anxious to take the poor people for a day out of London into the green fields, for which funds are earnestly solicited, which will be thankfully received by Mr. H. Rudgley, Superintendent, 82, Wood-street, Cheapside; Robert Baxter, Esq., 6, Victoria-street, Westminster; or Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, Tritton, and Co., bankers, 54, Lombard-street.

We regret to announce the death on Friday, the 7th inst., of Bro. Sir Henry Josias Tracey, Bart., P. Prov. G.S.W. Norfolk. A quarter of a century since our deceased brother took an active part in Freemasonry, and in 1860 presided at a banquet given in honour of the late Bro. B. Bond Cabbell, then P.G.M. Norfolk. Sir Henry had also sat in the House of Commons for different Norfolk constituencies, more or less, during the whole of the period from 1855 to 1878.

The inauguration and dedication of a new conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, to bear the style and title of the Pentangle Conclave, No. 147, Chatham, will take place this day (Friday) at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, at 3 p.m. punctually. The ceremonies will be performed by Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M. Ill. G.S., who will also enthrone Sir Knight Henry Penfold, as M.P.S., and consecrate Sir Knight Belgrave Ninnis, as V.E. The appointment and investiture of officers will follow, and the customary banquet will take place at 5 p.m.

The opportunity was taken on the occasion of the annual dinner of the staff of the *Middlesex County Times*, at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, to present to the proprietor, Bro. E. J. Acworth, P.M. 133, W.M. elect 1612, a slight token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by his employes and some of his friends, in the shape of a travelling and dressing case, the case itself being of Russian leather, and the various fittings in ivory and silver. On the front of the former was the following inscription, namely—"Presented to E. J. Acworth, Esq., by his employes and a few friends, 8th August, 1885." The gift which cost about £40, was very handsome, and Mr. J. F. Casworth, overseer of the news department, made the presentation in very complimentary terms. Bro. Acworth feelingly acknowledged the testimonial and cordially thanked those who had taken part in it for their great kindness.

It is with much regret that we learn of the demise of Mrs. Alice Layton, the beloved wife of Bro. Harry John Layton, of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, which melancholy event occurred on Thursday, the 6th inst., at her residence, at Nunhead. The deceased lady had been ailing for some weeks, and had been attended by Bro. Dr. Cock, of Peckham, but no serious consequences were apprehended until a very few days before the crisis arrived. Her removal, at the early age of 33 years, has evoked profound sorrow amongst a wide circle of friends, by whom she was deservedly respected, and whose sympathy with Bro. Layton and his family has been genuinely expressed. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, at Nunhead Cemetery, in the presence of a numerous assembly of friends. On the coffin were placed several beautiful wreaths by loving hands, as a tribute of respect and affection for the deceased, her husband, and family. Amongst the chief mourners were Bro. H. J. Layton (the husband), Mr. Jas. Hewson and Mr. Charles Hewson (brothers), Bro. John James, 1571, Bro. Redmond Uniacke Steele, SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, 1410, Bro. J. Penny, P.M. 1571, Bro. J. Reynolds, Bro. S. Lampen, 30, Bro. F. Noyce, 1571, Bro. Cook Taylor, and others. We add our own tribute to that of many others of condolence with our brother in his sad bereavement.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Crawford and Balcarres have left town for Haigh Hall, Wigan.

Bro. Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks., City Architect, is recruiting his health at Carlsbad.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., will preside this day (Friday) at the anniversary festival of the Royal Albert Asylum.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present on board the Osborne at Bembridge Bay Regatta on Saturday last.

The medical bulletins as to the state of health of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, are satisfactory, his lordship having continued to make good progress towards recovery.

Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M. designate of North Wales, with Lady Harlech and the Hon. Miss Ormsby-Gore, have left town for Brogyntyn, Oswestry.

It is understood that Bro. General Lord Wolsley will resume the duties of Adjutant General to the Forces on the 1st of September.

The subscriptions to the fund for presenting a testimonial to Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., had already reached £500 at the end of last week.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., laid the first stone on Thursday, the 6th inst., of a new chancel at St. Simon's, West Kensington Park.

The annual meeting of the Provincial G. Lodge of Essex was held at Saffron Walden on Thursday, the 6th inst., under the auspices of the Walden Lodge, No. 1250. Full account next week.

Owing to an application made to the Board of Trade by Bro. Sir E. W. Watkin, Bart., M.P., the Admiralty have stationed a gunboat off Folkestone in order to protect the interests of our fishermen.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff-elect Evans presided on Tuesday last, at a meeting of the members and proprietors of the new City Constitutional Club (Limited), Milk-street, Cheapside, E.C.

Bro. Lord Edward Pelham-Clinton has just presented to the London Rifle Brigade, of which he is Colonel-Commandant, a handsome Muster Roll mounted in a gilt frame, the Roll being of a very artistic character.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., has very kindly given permission for a meeting to be held at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 9th October next, in aid of the Aged Pilgrims' Friend Society.

Bro. Deputy and Mrs. East left for Dublin on Wednesday last, and after a week's sojourn there, will visit the lakes of Killarney, returning to town during the first week of September.

Bro. Earl Cowper, K.G., is President, and Bro. the Duke of Manchester and Lord Ravensworth are among the Vice-Presidents of the newly-established Naval Volunteer Defence Association.

Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton left Tatton Park on Monday, for his shooting box, Bleasdale Towers, Garstang, where they have since been entertaining a small part of guests.

Bro. Jackson, M.P. for Leeds, has accepted the invitation of Lord Iddeleigh to serve on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Depression of Trade. Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., however, has declined.

A recent number of the *Philadelphia Keystone* contains some interesting particulars of a Masonic certificate, bearing date 1st November 1765, and issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which is in the possession of the Hartley Lodge, No. 199, Lakeport, Lake County, California. It is granted to a Bro. Leeson Simmons, is on parchment, and written in three languages—Latin, French, and English, and is the property of Bro. Leeson J. Simmons, great grandson of its original owner.

The 25th anniversary of Thompson Lodge, No. 340, Duffryn Mawr, Chester Co., Pa., was celebrated on the 23rd ult., an appropriate address being delivered in honour of the auspicious event by Bro. W. Clifford P. MacCalla, G.S.W. Pennsylvania. This lodge is named after Bro. John Thomson, who still survives at the ripe age of 86, and has filled the offices of Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. Thomson was initiated in 1827 in lodge No. 51, and is deeply respected by the brethren in the jurisdiction over which it was his lot to preside for a time.

Visitors to the Inventions Exhibition at South Kensington, who from choice or necessity are interested in perambulators, invalid and spinal chairs, &c., will do well to visit Stand No. 737, No. 6, Belgian Court, Western Annex, where are to be seen various samples of the perambulator, bassinette, and invalid chairs, invented by Mr. Robert Dunnett, of Cobden House, High-street, Camden Town, N.W., whose inventive ingenuity is only equalled by his ability as a maker. The doubling up of one's perambulator has hitherto been a slang phrase and nothing more, but Mr. Dunnett has invented and patented a folding perambulator which deserves to be recommended to all who require such appliances. It is a double one, and therefore, when extended for use, a most commodious baby-carriage. When doubled up it occupies a comparatively small space, and has this great merit, that when conveyed by rail, it is charged as luggage, while a perambulator that does not fold up must be paid for as a carriage. The invalid and spinal carriages are also of excellent design and manufacture, and may be recommended with equal confidence to those who need them. In fact, all Mr. Dunnett's contrivances for small children and invalids are of a high order of merit, both as regards their design and structure, and we have much pleasure in directing to them the attention of our readers.

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The usual presentation of fruit to Bro. the Lord Mayor by the Fruiterers' Company was made at the Mansion House on Saturday last.

Bro. Lord Carrington, the newly-appointed Governor of New South Wales, will leave England by the mail leaving on October 30th next.

Bro. H. B. Samuelson has withdrawn his candidature for the Frome Division of Somersetshire, on the ground of ill health.

Bro. Joseph Dodds, M.P., has been elected to fill one of the vacancies on the Council of the Incorporated Law Society.

Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Staples have left town for Scotland, and Bro. Alderman and Mrs. De Keyser for Buxton, Derbyshire.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, was one of the ministers who attended the Privy Council held by the Queen at Osborne on Wednesday.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., will be entertained at a farewell dinner at Beaconsfield, on the 10th prox., when the chair will be taken by the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of a Viscount on Bro. General Lord Wolsley in recognition of his services in planning and carrying out the recent expedition in the Soudan.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., were among those present as guests at a banquet given on Tuesday evening by the Mayor of Kingston.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts will to-morrow (Saturday) cut the first sod of the Sutton and Willoughby Railway at Sutton-on-Sea; while the Baroness Burdett-Coutts has it in contemplation to establish at Yarmouth a boys' home for naval apprentices.

Bros. Sir E. W. Watkin, Bart., M.P., and Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., have severally become guarantors for £1000, in connection with the forthcoming National Art Treasures Exhibition at Folkestone.

Bro. Sir F. S. Roberts, G.C.B., who has recently been appointed Commander-in-Chief in India, has obtained three months' leave of absence, and will return to relieve General Sir Donald M. Stewart, about the middle of November.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G.T., was present at the 44th half-yearly meeting, held at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 6th inst., of the Improved Industrial Dwellings Company (Limited), and, as one of the directors, seconded the motion for the adoption of the report.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., as Treasurer of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, will to-day (Friday) open the new schools of the Society at Redhill, Surrey, while the Lady Mayoress will also be present and distribute the prizes to the successful pupils.

Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, K.C.B., M.P., accompanied by the members of his Staff, left Charing Cross Station on his mission to Turkey and Egypt on Saturday last. A number of his personal and political friends were present to witness his departure.

Bro. Dr. Cross and Mrs. Cross gave a garden party at Portobello House, Norwood, on the 31st ult. The band of the Queen's Westminster Rifles was in attendance, and the large party present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the extensive grounds being precisely of a character to allow of their doing so to their hearts' content.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, who have prolonged their stay at Cowes during the present week, will leave for Aldershot on Monday, and witness a grand review of the troops in camp there the day following. Their Royal Highnesses will afterwards start on their cruise to Sweden and Denmark.

ONLY A FORTNIGHT.—A very natural exclamation at Cannon-street Station yesterday afternoon from the lips of all who had come to welcome back their little ones from their holiday at the Home of the London Cottage Mission at Hall's Green Farm, Sevenoaks Weald, Kent. Yes; a fortnight had made all the difference, and the sturdy, ruddy-cheeked, bright-eyed lasses, were the same who had formed the pale-faced crowd who had been sent off 14 days before. Even the little cripple on her crutches skipped down the platform to meet her mother, with an agility that was impossible a couple of weeks ago. The very mothers themselves seemed at the sight of their children to shake off their share of the grime and shadow of the terrible "East-end," and look young again. It will, indeed, be a pity if these children's parties to the gardens of Kent should come to an end; but this we fear will be the case unless speedy help is forthcoming, for the Mission funds are at the lowest ebb. All who would help in a work so good are requested to forward their contributions, without loss of time, to the Managing Director of the Mission—Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, London, E.C.—who will gladly receive and acknowledge them.

Among the exhibits at the International Inventions Exhibition, South Kensington, which are likely to prove more rather than less attractive to the public, must be mentioned that of Mr. William Gibson, Wine Merchant, of 41, Keppel-street, Gower-street, W.C., who has on view a choice selection of Blandy's well-known Madeira Wines. It is not, perhaps, very generally known that though at one time good Madeira was scarcely purchasable, most of what was sold as such having the smallest imaginable quantity of pure wine in it, there have been several excellent vintages of late years, and the Messrs. Blandy, whose firm has been established on the island for over 100 years, have spared no pains to recover for this old favourite some of its old and well-merited popularity. The result is that Madeira Wines, of excellent quality, are now to be had in the market on very advantageous terms, the price list issued by Mr. William Gibson, aforesaid, contrasting most favourably in respect of the moderation of its charges with similar lists issued by other firms, while as regards purity and other important characteristics, the wines he offers for sale being imported direct from Messrs. Blandy, are guaranteed in all respects. Connoisseurs should avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded them of visiting Mr. Gibson's stand and judging for themselves.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**  
For the week ending Saturday, August 22, 1885.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17.**  
(No Meetings.)

**LOGES 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.  
Joric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.  
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, W., at 8.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
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, AUGUST 18.**

Board of General Purposes, at 4.  
Lodge 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**LOGES 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.  
Domestic, 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.  
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 Stages, 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, Rock 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., East Brixton, at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.**

General Committee Grand Lodge, at 6.  
Board of Benevolence, at 6.  
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.  
Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**LOGES 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.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.

Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.**

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.  
1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
1327, King Harold, Three Swans, Waltham Cross.  
1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.  
733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

**LOGES 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.  
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.  
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.**

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.  
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.  
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.  
West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.  
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.  
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.  
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.  
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.**

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

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**THE PEOPLE AMAZED.**  
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Near the village of Zillingdorf, in Lower Austria, lives Maria Haas, an intelligent and industrious woman, whose story of physical suffering and final relief, as related by herself, is of interest to English women. "I was employed," she says, "in the work of a large farmhouse. Overwork brought on sick headache, followed by a deathly fainting and sickness of the stomach, until I was unable to retain either food or drink. I was compelled to take to my bed for several weeks. Getting a little better from rest and quiet, I sought to do some work, but was soon taken with a pain in my side, which in a little while seemed to spread over my whole body, and throbbled in my every limb. This was followed by a cough and shortness of breath, until finally I could not sew, and I took to my bed for the second, and, as I thought, for the last time. My friends told me that my time had nearly come, and that I could not live longer than when the trees put on their green once more. Then I happened to get one of the Seigel pamphlets. I read it, and my dear mother bought me a bottle of Seigel's Syrup, which I took exactly according to directions, and I had not taken the whole of it before I felt a great change for the better. My last illness began June 3rd, 1882, and continued to August 9th, when I began to take the Syrup. Very soon I could do a little light work. The cough left me, and I was no more troubled in breathing. Now I am perfectly cured. And oh, how happy I am! I cannot express gratitude enough for Seigel's Syrup. Now I must tell you that the doctors in our district distributed handbills cautioning people against the medicine, telling them it would do them no good, and many were thereby influenced to destroy the Seigel pamphlets; but now, wherever one is to be found, it is kept like a relic. The few preserved are borrowed to read, and I have lent mine for six miles around our district. People have come eighteen miles to get me to buy the medicine for them, knowing that it cured me, and to be sure to get the right kind. I know a woman who was looking like death, and who told me there was no help for her, that she had consulted several doctors, but none could help her. I told her of Seigel's Syrup, and wrote the name down for her that she might make no mistake. She took my advice and the Syrup, and now she is in perfect health, and the people around us are amazed. The medicine has made such progress in our neighbourhood that people say they don't want the doctor any more, but they take the Syrup. Sufferers from gout, who were confined to their bed and could hardly move a finger, have been cured by it. There is a girl in our district who caught a cold by going through some water, and was in bed five years with costiveness and rheumatic pains, and had to have an attendant to watch by her. There was not a doctor in the surrounding districts to whom her mother had not applied to relieve her child, but every one crossed themselves and said they could not help her. Whenever the little bell rang, which is rung in our place when somebody is dead, we thought surely it was for her, but Seigel's Syrup and Pills saved her life, and now she is as healthy as anybody, goes to church, and can work even in the fields. Everybody was astonished when they saw her out, knowing how many years she had been in bed. To-day she adds her gratitude to mine for God's mercies and Seigel's Syrup."

MARIA HAAS.

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