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THE question of Masons' marks, brought into fresh prominence by Bro. FORT's recent remarkable work, deserves the careful consideration of all Masonic students. For, despite much that has been said and written thereon, it remains a "crux" in many respects, What is the origin of this remarkable usage, which seems to be universal, indeed, of all ages, countries, and continents? What is its actual meaning? What its undoubted object? These are questions which still await an answer from Masonic "conoscenti" and experts. As is well known, Mr. GEO. GODWIN, the able editor of the *Builder*, was the first who called attention to the subject in England, as a matter of fact and reality. Mr. DOVE followed in some striking papers, still deserving perusal. Since then many treatises, English and foreign, have been put forth, but none so far which have entirely cleared up the many difficulties surrounding the question. We have therefore thought it well to recur to-day to some of the theories of the subject, and to point out wherein, to our mind, they fall short, either of possibility or probability, absolute proof or direct inference. The general idea as to Masons' marks was that they were inherited from father to son, purely of operative origin, and used as a test both of work done and of wages to be received. But this original theory has not quite been borne out by subsequent studies. Two marks, for instance, have been found on one stone, and even on the rough side as on the smooth. It is true that the mark on the rough side may be the "quarrier's" mark, but two marks on one stone shut out the possibility of marks of personality and for payment. It has been said by Mr. STREET, for instance, that he could trace family marks, and Mr. FORT has recently proved that marks were undoubtedly equally personal in many instances. Mr. DOVE's theory of a mystical meaning, however ingenious, and though perhaps with a scintilla of fact in its favour, is hardly reconcilable with existing evidence. Our old friend, Bro. E. W. SHAW, declared that he had found marks alike representing members of the Craft Guilds, and also marks of "Cowans" or what he called "Blind Marks." Marks originally, it seems quite clear now, represented alphabetical and numerical characters, and those of various nations, and probably did serve as tokens of membership and evidence of work. Whether on earlier or later edifices, whether on Phœnician, Hebrew, or Oriental buildings, Marks undoubtedly still are traceable. Such are said to be found on the Pyramids of Egypt, just as Bro. Sir C. WARREN found them in underground Jerusalem. The Runes early became Masons' marks, and symbolical emblems seem also to have been gradually introduced, though with what end is not yet quite clear. It used to be a saying with some that a Masonic mark must have odd points, whereas the use of the hexapla and other symbols, &c., demolishes any such mistaken theory. The Runes, which were Scandinavian, can be read by one of the Greek trading alphabets, and seem to have passed thence into contiguous and distant countries. At one time they were regarded as magical and dangerous by an ignorant age, and many were undoubtedly destroyed. All the Runes are found among Masons' marks. As edifices were raised and the work of building progressed, of course, if there be any truth in the theory, that every Mason accepted of his Guild or lodge had his mark, the number of marks would necessarily increase also. It has been contended, that these marks were distinctively national, and that differences can be clearly noted between the marks of one country and those of another. Yet some marks are clearly common to all nationalities alike. It is no doubt this wonderful universality of marks which constitutes alike the interest and the difficulty of the matter. Such a Cosmopolitan usage must have had an origin, a meaning, and a use. What were they? What was the real intent and object of those marks which we have scanned with wondering eyes on some of the finest buildings of the world, and which still linger, east and west, north and south, and, like the sphinx, seem to defy explanation, and baffle research? Another point comes in here. It has been seen, for instance, that among the marks are to be found those characters which represent what Hermetic

teachers term the Adamic, Abrahamic, Hermesian, Angelic alphabets, and how came they used by Operative Masons? What is termed the square cipher is also used, and though it can hardly claim to be purely a Masonic alphabet cipher, being a schoolboy's amusement, by intersecting lines, it is said to be found on Pompeian walls, and has been claimed, though we hardly know on what authority, as a Masonic cipher. Several questions seem to press for consideration and reply. Are the marks, then, simply an operative use to denote the worker and the work done? Had the marks any occult meaning or intent? Do they point to a universal Brotherhood? or do they serve to show that all the building bodies from an early period were governed by the same rules and prevailing customs, as exemplified by the universal custom of a mark? Were the marks in any sense tokens of membership? or indicative of wages to be claimed? In England there is no early use of marks so far which throws light on these vexed questions. In Scotland the evidence certainly seems to show an early and, if not universal use of marks, at any rate, so general as almost to be universal, on the part of all "Fallows of Craft." This would seem to point to earlier usages still, and would seem to confirm that view which makes the giving and removing of a mark an undoubted accompaniment of full Craft membership. It is but fair to say here that until the sixteenth century, and then only so far as Scotland is concerned, have we any reliable traces of Guild life or Craft customs. From 1000 to 1500 the history of such institutions thus far is a blank. We have traces indeed, but only traces, in Fabric Rolls of names, and payments, and customs, and in the York Fabric Rolls we have curious glimpses of the relations between the Dean and Chapter and the Lodges of Masons, which undoubtedly seem to have had some form of reception, though obscurely alluded to. But as yet the veil is hanging over this noteworthy feature of the work of the building Guilds, and it is not yet clear if we shall be able to raise it. We may yet find earlier allusions to marks, and Bro. FORT's unique production has invested the subject both with intense reality, great fascination, and very serious importance.

BRO. FINDEL informs us, in answer to a late query from ourselves, that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, qua the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, does not exist in Germany. He adds that the EMPEROR is the Protector of all the Masonic Bodies, and that one of the Grand Lodges works Scottish Grades on the system of Zinzendorff.

BRO. FINDEL takes exception to our expression a "Personal God." Our worthy brother, as is well known, sympathizes with the Grand Orient of France, in what we in England consider a most untoward change, and though of course Bro. FINDEL has a perfect right to his views on this or any subject, which he always enforces with great ability, the judgment of Anglo-Saxon Masonry is entirely adverse to the revolution effected in the Grand Orient formularies, and which has ending in isolating the Grand Orient of France from all Anglo-Saxon Grand Bodies. English Freemasons are never likely to give up the well-known declarations of 1723, which since that time has become as it were the abiding Dogma of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

THERE are one or two matters connected with the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire at Kidderminster on the 16th inst., as reported last week in our columns, which are deserving of some special notice. In the first place, the Charity Association of the province appears, from the statements made in its sixth annual report, to be a most promising organisation. The guinea subscriptions during the past year amounted to £136 10s., which sum was swelled by the other donations to close on £400—the exact figures being £396 18s.—raising the total realised during the seven years the Association has been in existence to £3254 10s. Considering that Worcestershire, with its twelve lodges, is far from being a numerically strong province, this must be described as a splendid result, and speaks volumes both for the energy of the executive which has had the management of the Association in its hands, and the liberality of our Worcestershire brethren generally. On the other hand, the report of the Committee which projected and carried out the Soirée and Exhibition held in the Worcester Guildhall last year does not tell so welcome a tale. As regards management and attendance they were a complete success, but there appears to have been a very appreciable lack of ways and means. The contributions of the lodges in the province amounted to £119, while the expenditure was £159, and the deficiency of £40 has been made good by the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. W. B. WILLIAMSON, J.P., P.P.G.S.W. Perhaps as this was what we trust will prove the first of a series of similar gatherings, we

ought not to be too particular in noticing the financial result of the arrangements. Yet it would have been another feather in the cap of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire if, considering the object of the Soirée was to promote the intellectual interests of Freemasonry, this deficiency had been found impossible. We are not of those who go about declaring there shall be no more "cakes and ale;" but it certainly does strike us as being derogatory to the character of our Craft that in catering for the intellectual comforts of the brethren the Committee in charge should not have been as generously supported as they doubtless would have been in a case of creature comforts. However, we are glad to see that our Worcestershire friends are not disconcerted by the financial shortcomings attending their first display of zeal for Masonic archæology and literature, and that Provincial Grand Lodge has confirmed the resolution of its select Committee to establish a library and museum. All honour to the province for so worthy a determination, and especially to Bros. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE, P.G.M.; H. B. WILLIAMSON, P.P.G.S.W.; and G. TAYLOR, P.G. Secretary, who have taken so conspicuous a part in organizing and giving effect to the proposal!

It will be seen from the announcement which appears elsewhere in our columns that a Special Court of the Girls' School will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday next, for the purpose of considering and, it is to be hoped, confirming the provisional contract made by the Secretary for the purchase of certain land adjoining the Institution at Battersea Rise, for the sum of £5700. The price agreed upon will no doubt appear to many brethren a large one, but it will be in the recollection of our readers that not so very long ago the whole of the land, of which what it is now proposed to purchase forms part, was offered to the Institution for £36,000. The offer was very properly declined, but since then this land has been laid out for building purposes, and if the Court declines to confirm the contract, it will not be very long before a row of small houses will be erected along the north and east sides of the present building, the backs of which will be within a few feet of and overlook the School. It does not need a Solon to point out that, if these houses are built, the value of the existing property of the Institution will be very seriously depreciated. Again the fact must not be lost sight of that the School premises, as they now are, have a frontage in the Wandsworth-road of only about 30 feet, and in the event of the whole of the adjoining land being laid out in small houses, the Institution, save to the extent of this very insignificant frontage, will be shut in by a very undesirable class of tenement, and, as a consequence, cut off from access to the main thoroughfare. The strip of land it is now in contemplation to purchase will give an additional frontage of 754 feet, and as it is about 60 feet wide, while the roadway itself is 40 feet, there will, if the contract is fulfilled, be an open space of about 100 feet in width between the fronts—instead of the backs—of the nearest houses and the School buildings. This, of course, will very appreciably enhance the value of the property, supposing that at any future time the Governors and Subscribers should find it necessary or desirable to dispose of it. For ourselves, though we have no wish to anticipate the decision of the Special Court on Tuesday next, there does not seem to be a doubt as to the course that should be pursued. If the contract is confirmed, the School will acquire an additional frontage to the Wandsworth-road of 754 feet, and will retain its present comparative privacy, while the value of the property will be enhanced; if it is not confirmed, the School will be hemmed in by small tenements, the backs of which will overlook its grounds, and the value of the property will be very seriously depreciated. These are the alternative results which will follow from the decision of the Court on Tuesday next, and though, as Bro. GREY said at the meeting of the General Committee on Thursday last, the landowner's offer to sell this strip at £5700 is by no means a cheap one, it seems better to let the money go in order to secure a great benefit, than to let the land go and so ensure a still greater detriment.

We heartily congratulate Bro. ALDERMAN STAPLES on his election as Lord Mayor of London in succession to the present Chief Magistrate, Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. There is no doubt he possesses in a high degree those qualities which are necessary to the successful discharge of the duties of an office, which, as regards influence and importance, has few, if any, equals in the United Kingdom. No doubt Bro. STAPLES will find it rather uphill work to emulate the virtues of his immediate predecessor. This much, indeed, he frankly admitted in his speech of thanks to the electors for the honour they had conferred upon him. At the same time, however, he boldly avowed that he was encouraged rather than dismayed by the splendid example set him by Bro. Alderman FOWLER, and we have no doubt that when in the natural flux of time, Michaelmas-day 1886 comes round, Bro. Alderman STAPLES will find that his readiness to grapple boldly with the difficulties inseparable from the exalted office of Lord Mayor has stood him in good stead, and that he will be able to render as satisfactory an account of his Mayoralty as Bro. Lord Mayor FOWLER did on Tuesday. It is worthy of remark that this is the fifth Alderman in succession who has been elected to the office of Lord Mayor of London, and at the same time has been a more or less conspicuous member of our society, namely, Aldermen Sir J. WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Sir H. E. KNIGHT, Sir R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., G. S. NOTTAGE—whose term of office, as he died during its progress, was completed by Sir R. N. FOWLER—and JOHN STAPLES. We may also point out that of the 11 brethren appointed and invested as G. J. Wardens of England since the election of the Prince of WALES as Grand Master, four have, at the time of such election, been Lord Mayors of London, namely, Lord Mayor STONE, G.J.W., 1875; Sir F. W. TRUSCOTT, G.J.W., 1880; Sir J. W. ELLIS, Bart., G.J.W., 1882; and Sir R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P., G.J.W., 1884.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, the annual meeting for the transaction of the business of the province was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., in the Small Concert Room, St. George's Hall. Taking place in the centre of Masonic life in West Lancashire, the meeting was very numerously attended, there being about 600 brethren present, many of whom hailed from the distant parts of the division. The elegant concert room formed an admirable place of meeting, and the general tone of the day's proceedings clearly demonstrated that the Masonic Order

is not only making numerical progress, but that the sacred cause of Charity is still kept clearly in view. The Provincial Grand Lodge gathering took place under the banner of St. George's Lodge, No. 32, the oldest amongst the 82 lodges in West Lancashire. The Craft Lodge was opened about noon, the W.M.'s chair being occupied by Bro. Edward Segar, W.M. 32, and the other acting officers were Bros. Dr. G. F. Hall, W.M. 86, S.W.; H. Ormandy, W.M. 113, J.W.; C. Wadsworth, I.P.M. 32, S.D.; W. Dean, W.M. 178, J.D.; J. Scott, W.M. 314, I.G.; and S. M. Harrison, P.M. 32, I.P.M. Subsequently the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the room, and the R.W.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Col. Stanley, M.P., received the usual greeting. The following other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were present: Bros. Rev. T. C. W. Richardson, P.P.G.C.; Dr. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg.; Thos. Salter, P.P.G.D.; W. Whiteside, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Greaves, P.P.G.O. East Lanc.; Robert Davies, P.G. Std. Br.; James Andrew, P.P.G.D.C.; John Whalley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Hy. Vollmer, P.P.G.S.D. John Hatch, P.G.S.S.; Maurice Hart, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Brown, P.P.G.T.; T. Forrester, P.P.G.D.; G. D. Pochin, P.P.G.R.; J. B. M'Kenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; M. Greatrix, P.P.G.P. Cheshire; T. C. Bornsen, P.G.S. of W. Cheshire; H. A. Tobias, P.P.G. S. of W.; John Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. Henry Y. Pitts, P.G.S.B.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Milligan, P.P.G.S.D.; T. M. Beswick Roys, P.G.D.; W. Wainman Cottam, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.D.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Buxton, P.P.G.R.; George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Col. George Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; John Lunt, P.P.G. D.C.; Henry Holbrook, P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire; John Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap. Eng.; W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.J.W.; W. J. A. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.S.D.; Thomas Armstrong, P.P.G.T.; B. B. Marson, P.P.G. Std. Br. Cheshire; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap.; J. F. Roberts, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Reginald Young, P.P.G.S.D.; and others.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened, the roll was called, and it was found that the whole of the 82 lodges in the province were represented. The minutes of the previous annual meeting at Ulverston, and of the special gathering held in Liverpool in October last, were read and confirmed. The bye-laws passed at the special Prov. G. Lodge, held in October last, came up for final adoption, and after some minor alterations they were unanimously confirmed.

On the motion of Bro. R. MARTIN, Prov. G. Treasurer, the following resolution was adopted:

In order that the new bye-laws for the management of the Fund of Benevolence and Charity Committee may speedily be brought into active operation, it be an instruction, and all lodges are hereby empowered, at their first regular meeting after the Provincial Grand Lodge, to elect a representative on the Fund of Benevolence and Charities Committee, such representative to continue a member thereof until the next installation meeting in their respective lodges, when a fresh election must take place in conformity with the bye-law No. 9.

Bro. R. MARTIN, Prov. G. Treasurer, then submitted the annual financial statement, which showed that the balances as per previous return were as follows: Charity Fund, £190 4s. 10d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £637 0s. 1d.; Fund of Benevolence, £1846 19s. 11d.—total, £2675 4s. 10d. The fees from Provincial Grand Officers realised £30 8s.; and fees and contributions from the lodges, £582 9s. The sum of 200 guineas had been paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows; £50 to the Hamer Benevolent Fund; and £100 as grants from the Fund of Benevolence for the relief of distressed widows and brethren. The balances at the close of the financial year were—Charity Fund, £326 19s. 10d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £889 16s. 7d.; Fund of Benevolence, £2159 6s. 5d.—total, £3356 2s. 10d. Of this sum £1000 was invested in Dock Bonds; £348 8s. in the Savings Bank; and £1157 in the North-Western Bank.

On the motion of Bro. J. HOULDING, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. J. KELLETT SMITH, P.P.G.R., the accounts were taken and unanimously passed.

Bro. J. KELLETT SMITH then moved that Bro. Robert Foote, P.M. 1505, be elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, referring at length to the numerous eminent services he had rendered to the Craft, especially to the whole of the Masonic Charities in London and West Lancashire.

The proposition, seconded by Bro. T. FORRESTER, P.P.G.J.D., was carried by acclamation, and the honour of the appointment was briefly acknowledged by Bro. FOOTE, who was subsequently invested by the P.G.M. amid general applause.

The R.W.P.G.M. then invested his officers for the year, as follows:—

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| Bro. Robert Wylie, 292 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| " Edward Pierpoint, 155 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| " Rev. R. T. Leslie, 1713 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " J. Edward Oglethorpe, 1353 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " W. Goodacre, 1588 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " James H. Barrow, 1070 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " John Cobham, 1380 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " George Morgan, 135 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " John Beesley, 823 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " John Hatch, 281 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " J. D. Murray, 1335 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " John Sutton, 613 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " H. H. Smith, 1005 | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| " Richard Williams, 1814 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " Robert Cair, 724 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " Peter B. Gee, 1274 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " J. J. Greaves, 113 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " H. Wyatt, 1413 | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Sec. |
| " C. B. Holmes, 178 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " Thomas Longmire, 1561 | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| " Costine, 216 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " S. Wallhead, 1250 | ... | ... | |
| " T. Nevitt, 113 | ... | ... | |
| " James Lawrence, 1032 | ... | ... | |
| " Henry P. Jones, 1496 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " Thomas Whitehead, 241 | ... | ... | |
| " P. Ball | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " W. H. Ball | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Tyler. |

Applications were made on behalf of the widows of deceased brethren for grants from the Fund of Benevolence, and the sum of £180 was voted in response to those applications.

Bro. GOODACRE, the Prov. G. Sec., in his annual report to the Provincial Grand Lodge, said that the state of the lodges in the province was highly satisfactory. During the year there had been 514 candidates admitted to the 82 lodges of the province. The total number of subscribing

members was 4608, against 4588 last year. In point of numbers he believed the province stood higher by 1100 members than any other province under the Grand Lodge of England. Although no new lodge had been consecrated since July, 1884, a new warrant had been granted for the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, and another petition for a new lodge in the city of Liverpool was now under the consideration of the M.W.G.M., so that in all probability before the end of the year two new lodges would be added to the roll, making the total number of lodges in the province 84. During the year he had visited 76 of the 82 lodges, and during those visits it had been a source of pleasure and satisfaction to him to witness the high state of proficiency to which the great majority of the lodges had attained. The brethren had not been unmindful of the claims of their Charitable Institutions. Prominent among those who had represented the province at the London Festivals were Bros. Forrester, of Chorley; Sinclair, 32; and Foote, 1505. The local Charities continued to prosper, and the Educational Institution was well supported, and was doing an excellent work.

On the motion of Bro. FORRESTER, 100 guineas were voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution for widows of Freemasons of the province.

On the motion of Bro. R. WYLIE, a similar sum was voted from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

On the motion of Bro. WYLIE, 200 guineas was voted from the Grand Lodge Fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

On the motion of Bro. R. MARTIN, a sum of 100 guineas was voted to the Hamer Benevolent Fund. Five Past Masters were elected members of the Committee of the latter fund, along with two Auditors and a Secretary and Treasurer to the fund.

Other business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, where the catering of Bro. Cobham, P.G.S.D., gave unusual satisfaction. Bro. Lord Lathom, P.G.M., presided. The excellent musical programme was given by the members of the Cambrian Quartette and other brethren.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was held during the afternoon, when the following appointments were made:—

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| Comp. Earl of Lathom | ... | ... | Prov. G. Supt. |
| Right Hon. Col. Stanley | ... | ... | Prov. G. H. |
| C. H. Garnett, 1031 | ... | ... | Prov. G. J. |
| W. Goodacre (reappointed) | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.E. |
| Thomas Forrester, 730 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.N. |
| J. Horsfield Barrow, 613 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Soj. |
| W. Greatorex, 1730 | ... | ... | Prov. G. 1st A.S. |
| D. A. Samuels, 241 | ... | ... | Prov. G. 2nd A.S. |
| W. C. Erwin, 1391 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| J. C. Mather, 1345 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| C. B. Holmes, 178 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| G. J. Townsend, 1036 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| J. J. Greaves | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Music Hall, Claughton, under the presidency of the R.W.D.G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton (in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M., Lord De Tabley, through continued ill-health), and was largely attended, the building being filled to its full capacity. The members of the Craft lodges assembled under the banner of the Mersey Lodge, No. 447, and at one o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was received with the usual honours, and opened by the R.W.D.P.G.M. in due form. There were present:

Bros. W. Booth, P.G.D.D.C.; Wilmot Eardley, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Burrows, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. B. Dutton, P.G.A.D.C.; E. D. Bradbury, P.G.S.B.; T. D. Simcock, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Chesworth, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Muir Staples, P.G.J.W.; Edmund Johnson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. E. Dakin Garven, P.G.C.; G. F. Smith, P.G.S.; P. Wadsworth, P.G.T.; A. Griffiths, P.G.O.; S. Thompson, P.G.P.; W. Jones, P.P.G.S.; H. Matthew, P.P.A.D.C.; J. Hamilton, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Bates, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Grattan, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. G. Parker, P.P.G.P.; John Clayton, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Barlow, P.P.G.O.; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G.S.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; Thos. Marwood, P.G.S.W.; Charles Dutton, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. J. L. Newell Tanner, P.P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; Stanhope Bull, P.P.S. of W.; J. E. Steward, P.P.G.J.D.; Theo. H. Tebbs, 33, P.G.M. Canada; Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C.; H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. of England, P.P.G.J.W.; James Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; F. A. Walker Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. E. Rawson, P.P.G.C.; H. Holbrook, P.P.G.S. of W.; Joseph Roberts, P.P.G.S.D.; Enos Andrew, P.G.O.; James Andrew, P.G.D.C. West Lanc.; George Burrows, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Eaton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Bellyse, P.P.J.G.W.; R. H. Swindlehurst, P.G. Std. Br.; and others.

The list of lodges in the province was called over, when it was found all were represented.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. H. GRIFFITHS, then read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Altrincham, and they were unanimously confirmed.

The R.W.D. PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the state of the province. He alluded to the regrettable absence of their respected R.W.P.G.M., who still, he was happy to say, took as much interest in Freemasonry as ever, and they were fortunate in having the benefit of his wise counsel. He also alluded to the progress which the Masonic Charities of the province had made, a large number of votes having been added to the number of those possessed by it in the Metropolitan Institutions, as well as their own local Charities, and they were still within their income. He looked on this as the proof of the revival of Masonry in the province under Lord De Tabley, and a testimony to his excellent rule. As regarded the ordinary work, he thought it advisable to strengthen the number of members in the lodges rather than found new ones, and concluded by asking for increased accuracy in making out the returns on the part of some lodges.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were then read and passed, from which it appeared that £1200 had been invested, and £56 remained uninvested.

Considerable interest was shown in the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer, some of the brethren appearing to favour the appointment of a highly-respected brother in the Birkenhead district, on the ground that the office ought not to be confined to one part of the province. After a somewhat protracted discussion, Bro. J. R. Simm, P.M. 605, was elected.

The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master then invested the officers as follows:—

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| Bro. T. Marwood, 537 (reappointed) | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| J. Wilson, 533 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| Rev. P. Hodgson, 1045 (reappointed) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| Rev. E. B. Bagot, 1357 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| J. R. Simm, 605 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| H. R. C. Danson, 537 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| E. H. Griffiths, 293 (reappointed) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| J. Taylor, 425 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| L. Ellis, 1289 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| W. Mellor, 756 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| J. G. Parker, 1276 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| T. C. Thorburn, 477 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| W. Booth, 104 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| G. H. Brown, 537 | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| H. Chesworth, 1576 | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| M. E. M'Nerney, 605 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| S. Blackshaw, 533 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| J. H. Evans, 1565 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| H. Miller, 1357 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| W. Lumb, 979 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| H. Faircloth 477 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| T. Baty, 537 | ... | ... | |
| J. Gamlin, 605 | ... | ... | |
| W. Price, 1276 | ... | ... | |
| J. Cee, 1289 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Tyler. |
| J. Barnes, 1576 | ... | ... | |
| W. C. Fleming, 322 (reappointed) | ... | ... | |

The R.W.D.P.G.M. afterwards presented Charity jewels to the following brethren, amongst others: Bros. Finchet, Maples, Thorburn, Richardson, Clayton, and Masters.

On the motion of Bro. JOHN WOODS, P.P.G.S.W., the sum of 50 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows.

The R.W.P.G.M. announced that the meeting next year would be held at Crewe.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren formed a procession, and attended Divine service at St. Anne's Church. The Prov. G. Organist presided at the organ, the anthem being "Angels ever bright and fair," and "Send out Thy light" (Gounod). The Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. E. Bigoe-Bagot preached an eloquent sermon on the miracle of the feeding of the multitude. A collection was afterwards made for the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Wirral Children's Hospital.

On returning to the hall the brethren sat down to dinner, which was served by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst. The R.W.D.P.G.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A choice musical programme was submitted by Bros. Mark Stafford, N. Dumville, W. Dumville, and A. Lewtas, under the direction of Bro. H. Miller, Prov. G. Org.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

The final meeting of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, prior to the division thereof into two provinces, was held at the Drill Hall, Denbigh, on Monday, the 21st ult., under the presidency of Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Deputy P.G. Master. The brethren assembled at 2.30 p.m., there being present

Bros. J. G. Buckley Williams, P.G.J.W.; J. P. White, P.G. Treas.; F. R. Spall, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Spall, P.G. Sec.; Jas. Salmon, P.M. 1477, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Simmons, P.G. Purs.; J. Lloyd, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Foulkes, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. J. Lovegrove, P.G. Supt. of Works; W. L. Lloyd, P.G.S. C. L. Crump, P.G.S.; E. W. Keating, P.G.S.; Revd. E. Tudor Owen, J.W. 1143; John Blockley, P.M. 117; J. G. Morgan, W.M. 1124; W. Putman, P.G.J.D.; W. C. Southwell, W.M. 1621; Thos. James, W.M. 1896; Thos. Batt, P.M. 1621; J. Parry Jones, W.M. 1143; Thos. Gasson, Treas. 1143; Thos. Roberts, P.P.G.D.; T. W. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B.; John Davies, P.P.G.W.; L. R. Williams, P.P.G. J.W.; Rev. Hugh Thomas, P.P.G. Chap.; A. M. Drew, 1432; H. Parsons, 1432; J. W. Whitridge, 1432; H. Royle, W.M. 117; R. A. Craigh, W.M. 262; E. W. Harding, P.M. 262; W. Matthews, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; W. Nicholas, S.W. 1674; W. Norton, W.M. 611; J. E. Brooke, P.M. 611; W. E. Sharpe, J.W. 611; H. C. Crosfield, P.M. 1124; J. P. Deakin, I.P.M. 117; W. Jones, S.W. 597; L. Ap G. Jones, P.M. 1369; T. B. Hyde, P.G. Tyler; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (Freemason) and others.

After the lodge had been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the roll of lodges called, the D.P.G.M. then presented Bro. J. P. White, P.G. Treas., with a gold snuff box and £10 10s., as a memorial of his having served as Treasurer to the Provincial Grand Lodge from the formation of the province, in 1852, till its dissolution, September 30th, 1885. He also presented a purse of gold to Bro. W. H. Spall, the P.G. Sec., as a token of esteem from the brethren, for the energy displayed by him in promoting the well-being and prosperity of Masonry in the province during the 13 years he had acted as Prov. Grand Secretary.

The following is the report of the Committee appointed at Wrexham to prepare a scheme for the division of the assets of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—

Your Committee have held two meetings, when all the members were present, and have also been in communication with the Secretaries of the Masonic Charities in London. After carefully considering all matters referred to them connected with the province, and the effect of the division thereof into two provinces in the future, as well as all the various interests concerned, they beg to report as follows:—

Firstly—That in 1878, by a subscription of 500 guineas, the right of nominating from time to time, during the life of H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice, one boy to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was secured to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for North Wales and Shropshire for the time being; and in order to perpetuate this right, a policy of insurance for £525 was at the same time effected on the life of her Royal Highness, the annual premium of which, amounting to £10 13s. 6d., has been regularly paid out of the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge; on this policy there is at the present time an accrued bonus of £45 18s.

Your Committee recommend that during the lifetime of H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice, the right of nominating a boy as a vacancy occurs, be exercised alternately by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of North Wales, and the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire, and as the last time the presentation became vacant it was filled by a boy from a Welsh lodge, that the next nomination should be made by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for Shropshire; and in order that the alternate presentation may not be perpetuated, but that each province should have a presentation when the life on which the present one is purchased falls in, your Committee further recommend that the present Insurance Policy on the Life of H.R.H. be transferred to Trustees, to be nominated by the Prov. Grand Lodge of North Wales, and that a new policy be effected on the life of H.R.H. for £525, in favour of Trustees nomi-

nated by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Shropshire, and in order to make the annual premium payable by each province the same (viz. £10 13s. 6d.), the payment of a first premium of £45 17s. 4d. should be made out of the funds in the hands of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, so as to reduce the future annual premiums on the new policy to £10 13s. 6d., the amount now paid on the first policy.

That the vote for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, now standing in the name of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, which was purchased with the balance of the Sir Watkin Presentation Fund, be transferred to the Prov. Grand Treasurer for North Wales.

Secondly—This province now being a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is equal to two Vice-Presidentships, your Committee recommend that North Wales take one Vice-Presidentship with 15 votes, and that Shropshire take the other with 10 votes, and that North Wales should have the additional vote for this Institution which the Provincial Grand Lodge obtained by a donation to the fund for making up the loss sustained by the failure of the bankers of the Institution.

This province in like manner being a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, your Committee recommend that each of the new provinces take a Vice-Presidentship, North Wales with 18 votes, and Shropshire with 12 votes.

The province has 12 votes for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, four of which will cease in 1887, your Committee therefore recommend that 10 guineas be paid by the Provincial Grand Treasurer from the funds in his hands to the Institution, to make all the votes permanent, and that each of the new provinces take six votes, being three for the Male Fund and three for the Widows' Fund.

Your Committee further recommend that the Provincial Grand Treasurer pay from the funds in his hands 10 guineas to each of the Institutions for Boys and Girls, and 10 guineas to each of the funds for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and that the votes so obtained, viz., two votes for each 10 guineas subscribed, be equally divided between the two new provinces.

Thirdly—There being a sword and three banners the property of the Provincial Grand Lodge, as well as a sword presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge by the late Bro. W. H. White, the then Grand Secretary of England, and uncle of Bro. J. P. White, our Prov. Grand Treasurer, your Committee recommend that as the large banner bears the arms of our late Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, the three banners and the sword be handed over to North Wales, and the presentation sword be allotted to Shropshire, in consideration of the connection of Bro. J. P. White with the donor.

Your Committee further recommend that such jewels, collars, Stewards' and Tylers' aprons, as belong to the Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to the present holders of the several offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge, as mementoes of their having been the last officers to serve in the United Province of North Wales and Shropshire.

Fourthly—Your Committee recommend that Bro. J. P. White be presented with a snuff box value £10 10s., as a memorial of his having served as Treasurer to the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, from the formation of the province in 1852, till its dissolution, September 30th 1885.

Your Committee recommend that the balance in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, after discharging all the liabilities of the province, be handed to Bro. W. H. Spaul, the Provincial Grand Secretary, in a purse, as a token of esteem from the brethren for the energy displayed by him in promoting the well-being and prosperity of Masonry in the province during the thirteen years he has acted as Provincial Grand Secretary.

Finally—Your Committee ask that the brethren of both provinces will continue to send their votes to some one brother who may act as Charity Steward at the elections of the London Charities, until the debt of votes and obligations of the present province have been discharged.

OFFLEY WAKEMAN.
JAMES SALMON.
J. LLOYD GRIFFITH.
JOHN DAVIES.

W. LASCELLES SOUTHWELL.
V. C. L. CRUMP.
ROWLAND G. VENABLES.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall for the banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Cheshire, was held on Monday last, the 28th ult., at Northwich, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Deputy Grand Master of England, and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, presiding. The following among others, were present: Bros. the Rev. Spencer Stanhope, D.P.G.M.M.; Rev. J. Newell-Turner, P.G.C.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.W.; J. D. Murray, G. Std. Br.; G. Morgan, P.G.I.G.; R. R. Martin, P. Std. Br.; T. Webster, J.D.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; and R. Kirk, P.G.O.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the roll of the lodges was called over, when it was found that each one in the Province was well represented. The other business on the agenda paper having been gone through, his lordship made some pertinent remarks about the great strides that Masonry was making, especially Mark Masonry, under the fostering care of the present Royal Family. He congratulated the Cheshire brethren on the admirable manner in which the work had been conducted amongst them during the past year, as, after an examination of the whole of the books, he found them perfectly correct. He then announced that next year the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge would be held at Chester. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund. The following brethren were invested for the present year:

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| Bros. George Morgan, No. 11 ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| „ T. Benson, 196 ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| „ W. M. Wyld, 327 ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| „ J. M. Jones, 196 ... | ... | Prov. G.S.O. |
| „ William Roberts, 165 ... | ... | Prov. G.J.O. |
| „ E. Brassey, 196 ... | ... | { Prov. G. Reg. |
| „ Richard Newhouse, 148 ... | ... | { Prov. G. Treas. |
| „ Rev. J. Newell Tanner ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| „ William Finchett, 196 ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| „ J. G. Parker, 11 ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| „ G. B. Cliffe, 327, ... | ... | Prov. G. I. of W. |
| „ G. F. Willis, 327 ... | ... | Prov. G. D. of C. |
| „ W. G. Cromer, 165 ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| „ E. Ramsden, 196 ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| „ L. W. Marsh, 327 ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| „ R. Kirk, 148 ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| „ H. Fairclough, 11 ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| „ H. Bains, 196... .. | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Angel Hotel, Bro. Lord Egerton being in the chair.

THE ANALOGY BETWEEN MAGIC, ALCHEMY, AND OLD ROSICRUCIANISM.

AN ESSAY READ BEFORE THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND, BY JOHN COLLINSON, FRA. ROS. CR.

(Continued from page 455.)

Reverting to the subject of the transmutation of metals, if the expert can make artificial stones brilliants, possessing all the properties of real stones, both in colour, hardness, and crystalline form, is it not surely possible to transmute metals, and produce something so nearly like gold as to deceive

the assayer, or involve him in helpless doubt? May not the Rosicrucian, or one like minded and similarly endowed, help to produce an improvement in the social and political condition of the human family by acting on the soul of the world and the elements—fire, air, earth, and water—so as to produce a period of general material prosperity?

From these observations it will be seen that Magic, Alchemy, and Rosicrucianism were closely related the one to the other. Their ulterior objects were almost identical. The Magicians, the Alchemists were openly the friends of kings, the Rosicrucians were secretly friends of the whole human race. The possession of the philosopher's stone was the boasted privilege of adepts of each school. The Alchemist had his elixir, the Rosicrucian his distilled dew, and the Magician his potion. Distillation, or some kindred process, the rod, the cauldron, were essential to the success of the practices of each, and in this respect in particular they were related one to the other. Yet were they dissimilar. The Alchemist and Rosicrucian proper had no connection with witchcraft in its worst sense. We cannot say so of Magicians. It would be satisfactory to be able to believe that when magic became sorcery and demonology, it was no longer magic in the proper sense.

Rome at that time hated the Magician, the Alchemist, and Rosicrucian, one and all; hated them as she did the heretic, the witch, the wizard. They were speculators and investigators beyond the limits assigned by the priesthood, and were doubtless in part the pioneers of the Reformation. They awakened that spirit of inquiry, of criticism, of profound thought, which is believed to have paved the way for the bold assertions and audacious logic of Luther; and possibly our present privileges are partly due to the efforts of the old Rosicrucians (and the theosophists), to bring about the regeneration of mankind, and the downfall of some of the intolerance of the rulers in the Middle Ages.

The spirit of the Magi, the Alchemist, and the Rosicrucian lives still. The Magi, by the mirific word and the practice of their art, sought to unveil the mysteries of heaven to man; the Alchemists desired to discover and apply the universal solvent; the Rosicrucians attempted to discover the great principle of animal life. A modern writer has said: "Provided the great organs be not irreparably destroyed, there is no disease that may not be cured, no decrepitude to which vigour may not be restored; that the true art of healing, so much esteemed by the Brothers of the Rosy Cross, is to assist nature to throw off disease, to remove the enemy that may have settled on a part, and this may be effected by invigorating and recruiting the principle of life."

"Is not this art, the knowledge and power to do this, the secret of immortality: How to baffle death? We may not be permitted to hold the keys of life and death; but we may find out why parts ossify, why blood stagnates. May we not be able to apply continual preventatives to such and other effects of time?"

Old Rosicrucianism was veiled in such impenetrable mystery, that it is difficult, and probably impossible, to form a correct conclusion as to what it was. Were the Brothers of the Rosy Cross Magicians? Were they Alchemists? Who can say? Where are their records? What evidence, except that of the later Rosicrucians and a species of undefined traditions, have we that they ever existed? Were they an ideal Fraternity, who lived only in the imagination of the students and philosophers of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries? To answer these questions is impossible, unless perchance some of the Fraternity be living still, or else their writings or notions be found to solve these mysteries.

Admitting that there was such a Brotherhood, a real Fraternity, and that its history such as we have of it is true, Rosicrucians would appear to have been persons who, when it was dangerous to life and liberty to do so, sifted the true from the false, both in what was called magic and alchemy, and who used, or could use, magical and alchemical knowledge to accomplish their purposes when they desired to bring about certain, even uncommon, results.

History tells that alchemy had been described as the grand touchstone of divine wisdom. That Zoroaster, the father of alchemy, by fire, made pure gold from the seven metals. That Hermes Trismegistus was the first who communicated the art of rendering gold medicinal. That the old Rosicrucians were able to prolong life by their knowledge of the art of rendering gold medicinal.

Such being the case, it follows that magic and alchemy are necessary, or contributory, to the formation of Rosicrucianism. What was good in the two first was adopted so far as known by the third. Rosicrucianism may, therefore, be considered as a metaphorical crystallization of the essence of magic and alchemy, as known to the founders of the Fraternity, and herein probably exists the relationship, if any does exist, among these three marvellous schools of ancient science.

If we accept the ancient belief that witches had a power over the elements of raising storms, or producing calms, and of casting malign influences over the fruits of the earth and the beasts of the field (there is ample evidence to show ground for such a belief), we can believe that corresponding gifts were bestowed upon others by which beneficent influences equally extensive could be exercised. Call the one witches, and the others seers, prophets, magicians, alchemists, Rosicrucian adepts, or what you will, admit the possession of these two kinds of gifts, emanating, say, the one from the principle of evil, or both from one principle, and you have a species of human being who can, under certain conditions, produce alchemical effects.

With reference to the Rosicrucian belief that the elements swarm with beautiful creatures ready to do man service, it is only fair to say that while we can believe that the air is filled with beings, and that elementary spirits are, and that they take interest in human affairs, we can only hear, or read, of sylphs, and gnomes, nymphs, and salamanders, as poetical possibilities, whose existence remains to be proved. In these days we speak of what they represent as the laws of nature, and the powers and forces of nature. In other words, they are to be understood as the names of the powers and forces of the earth, air, fire, water. It is the duty, perhaps the privilege of the modern Rosicrucian to find the media by which such powers, such forces as sylphs, gnomes, nymphs, and salamanders are supposed to have, may, or can be influenced, and made active, or controlled. Are not these media? is not the knowledge of such media, and the knowledge of the means for putting such media into operation, the so-called philosopher's stone?

To attempt to describe the media would be to go beyond the bounds of discretion, and perhaps of common sense. It will probably be said it could not be done, if attempted. Perhaps so.

The subject may here be left, where, in one sense, it only fairly begins. To others may be left the privilege of saying wherein is the magician's art, the alchemist's secret, the philosopher's stone. Such a speculation would be full of interest, and would well repay any student who will make the hidden mysteries of nature and science the object of his future study.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., for the purpose of considering the provisional contract entered into by the Secretary, at the instance of the House Committee, on behalf of the Institution, for the purchase of a certain plot of land, adjoining the School, for the sum of £5700. Due notice of motion was given at the meeting of the General Committee on Thursday, the 24th ult., when it was agreed that a Special Court—not Committee, as erroneously stated in our report last week—should be held on the 6th inst., and it is to be hoped the provisional contract will be confirmed.

The Quarterly Court will meet on Saturday next, when the election of 16 girls—or 17, as the case may be—from a list of 34 will take place.

REPORT OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE OF THE PROVINCE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The following report was read at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, on the 16th ult. :—

Your Committee herewith present their sixth annual report. In October last, your Secretary received 300 girls' votes and 448 boys' votes. The girls were loaned to Warwickshire, the boys to Gloucestershire.

In April of this year, your Secretary received 275 girls' votes and 506 boys' votes. The girls were loaned to the Province of Durham, the boys to Derbyshire and Wiltshire.

For the annual election to the Benevolent Institution, in May, your Secretary received 347 widows' votes and 189 men's votes. The former were repaid to Wiltshire for an old loan, and the latter loaned to Wiltshire.

Your position is as follows :—
You have three boys and two girls in the Schools, of whom favourable accounts of progress and well-doing have been received. You have also one widow annuitant.

| You owe— | Men's Votes. | Widows'. | Girls'. | Boys' |
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| Monmouthshire... | 158 | | 591 | |
| E. Div. South Wales | 105 | 52 | | |
| Wiltshire | | | 305 | |
| | 263 | 52 | 896 | |

Or a total debt of 1211 votes.

You have owing to you by—

| | Men's Votes. | Widows'. | Girls' | Boys' |
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| The London Charity Association | | | | 268 |
| Gloucestershire | | | | 248 |
| Somersetshire | | | | 597 |
| Derbyshire | | | | 444 |
| Monmouthshire... | | 1102 | | 707 |
| Wiltshire | 162 | | | 879 |
| Warwickshire | | | 500 | |
| Durham | | | 225 | |
| Northumberland ... | | 289 | | |
| A London Brother ... | | | 12 | |
| | 162 | 1391 | 737 | 3143 |

Or a total of 5433 votes.

Deducting the 1211 owing by you, it leaves a nett total of 4222, and when those issued this month, many of which are already received, are added, you have a disposable balance in your favour of 5000 votes.

Your financial aid to the Charities during the present year is as follows :—

The guinea subscriptions to the annual ballot scheme, in April last, amounted to £136 10s.

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| 14 guineas from Lodge | 252 | 3 guineas from Lodge | 564 |
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This sum of £136 10s. has been increased by other donations from the following Stewards: Bros. A. F. Godson, W. B. Williamson, H. G. Budd, W. E. Walker, J. W. Consterdine Chadwick, and W. M. Roden, representing the Benevolent Institution; their united lists amounted to £171 3s.; Bros. A. F. Godson, G. W. Grosvenor, and J. W. Consterdine Chadwick acting for the Girls' School, with a total of £89 5s.; Bros. A. F. Godson, Geo. Taylor, W. C. Green, and J. W. Consterdine Chadwick supporting the Boys' with £136 10s., making for the year a total of £396 18s., and a grand total for the seven years your organisation has been at work of £3254 10s.

Your Committee call the attention of the brethren to the fact that 42 subscribers to the annual ballot having finished their payments last April, earnestly hope that many of these will continue for another period of five years; as also that many who hitherto have not subscribed will adopt this easy method of becoming Life Subscribers to the Charities.

Your Committee have had brought under their notice the case of Mrs. Jones, of Stourbridge, widow of the late Bro. W. H. Jones, P.P.G.S.W., a brother who was widely known and respected for his great Masonic worth; and, having considered the circumstances of the appeal, have adopted her as a candidate for election, in May next, as an annuitant to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Your Committee report the inability of Bro. Geo. Taylor to longer accept the office of Charity Secretary at the hands of Provincial Grand Lodge, and recommend the election of Bro. Hy. Wilson, P.P.G. Reg., who has kindly consented to fill this important post, if elected.

The sum paid in benefits to the families of deceased members by the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana during the 16 years it has been in existence amounts to close on 2,741,738 dollars.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. WILLIAM JUDD, J.W. CHINE LODGE, No. 1884, SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., the members of this lodge gave a complimentary farewell banquet at the Masonic Hall to Bro. Judd, J.W., who is leaving Shanklin for Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. There were present Bros. J. Bailey, W.M.; Dr. Dabbs, P.M.; F. Cooper, I.P.M. and Treas.; Alfred Greenham, S.W.; C. Scott, Sec.; F. Rayner, S.D.; C. H. Moorman, J.D.; Humby, D.C.; Mew, Tyler; Deeks, Riddick, A. F. Swayne, W. Collings, and L. Colenutt. Visitors: Bros. Sir W. Gordon Macgregor, Bart., George Kenning, P.M. 192 & 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; Councillor Corke, P.M. & Treas. 1613 (London); Jenner, P.M., S. Mendl, Whitehill, T. H. I. Petherick, P.M. 551; J. Conner, P.M., Forth, Withers, and Cluitt, 1869.

The W.M., having proposed the usual Masonic toasts, read and then presented an address to Bro. W. Judd, saying it contained his sentiments, and he felt it expressed the feelings of every member of the Chine Lodge. The address was as follows :—

"Dear Sir and Brother,—The brethren of your parent lodge take this opportunity of expressing to you their very high sense of all you have done for Chine Lodge, No. 1884, since its foundation, inauguration, and incorporation in the great fabric of Masonry. Much do we regret that this occasion should combine complimentary expressions with valedictory feelings, but, hearing that you are about to leave us and Shanklin, we have thought we could not allow you to quit the place and the lodge which has grown up with you amongst us without some public testimony to your worth in the Craft and your virtues as a citizen. To say "Farewell" is always difficult, and though we link with the word in your case the natural hope that you will still be one of our lodge and now and then visit us, we cannot help feeling all the same that our fortunes, which have been your fortunes, our hopes, which have been your aspirations, our dread of failure, which has been an equal expression of your personal fear,—all these will cease to claim the undivided attention and anxiety which they have usurped in your mind during our short tenure of Masonic existence. We wish, however, while time is yet given us and the opportunity remains, to tender you the sympathy of friendship which you will need in the severing of old ties, to assure you that the Chine Lodge brethren offer you no empty compliment in bidding you accept their thanks for all you have done and tried to do for Masonry, and that the regret of parting is no light one, you will be able to judge whensoever in the future you are able to renew old ties of friendship and of brotherhood by coming into our midst as of old. Wishing to you and yours all material and spiritual welfare," &c.

Bro. Dr. DABBS, P.M., said: I cannot let this opportunity pass without adding my word of tribute to the general accord of praise and regret in Bro. Judd's impending departure from amongst us. My relations with him have been peculiarly intimate. It was my high privilege to be the first W.M. of this young lodge, and from him, as from others, I received an amount of assistance, support, and even guidance, for which I can never be too grateful. We were doubtful in those days whether with the slender materials at our hands, we should ever properly be able to form and work a lodge, but we persevered through good and evil report, and formed our lodge, and have worked it since to the best of our powers. Bro. Judd is now going to fresh fields and pastures new. No words that I could use, could emphasise the phrasing of the testimonial we have given him, that says shortly, but truly with no wasteful complimentary verbiage, just what I should wish to express, every word there written I endorse, and every word transcribed there is true on our side and deserved by Bro. Judd. All good things we wish for him, and that in his new home he may find fresh friendships under the sacred roof-tree of Masonry, for he will find, so long as the tenets of the Craft are no empty word, that these tenets embody the principles of true friendship and of brotherly love.

Bro. ALFRED GREENHAM, S.W., followed, and said: W.M. and brethren, if we look at one side of the picture presented to us to-night, it is one of pleasure, and one which we ought to feel proud to look on. The picture that presents itself, to my mind, is one stretching away with a background representing the earlier stages of the lodge's history, and the admission of Bro. Judd as a member. I well recollect that day; he preceded me but by a few minutes in his initiation, for at that time we were great friends, without any Masonic link to connect us. He afterwards generously wished me to precede him by one step in the offices of the lodge, when our Bro. P.M. Dabbs had the office of Inner Guard to bestow. It will not be necessary for me to tell you how, step by step, Bro. Judd entered into the work of the lodge, nor how much in various ways he had done for its welfare. Thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Masonry, he has been one of our most regular attendants at all meetings, and there has grown, as it were, an influence which has pervaded our deliberations, and which in the future I know we shall all miss very much. We have been wont to lean on his advice on many occasions, and it is by such a slow process as this, that a man's influence permeates the opinion of those around him, intangible though it may be, yet the subtle workings of that which is unseen, produces in others visible actions, which in reality is its offspring and its fruit. You may be in a lodge, or in a society, where the mind of one exercises strange sway without any perceptible efforts, and this I claim for Bro. Judd, for he has by the geniality of his disposition, and the kindness of his manner endeared himself to all around him, and now this separation is taking place we almost feel a part of ourselves going too; such Sunderings as these, brethren, tinge life with a melancholy touch, and casts a saddening gloom, the shadow of which will remain over us for a long time to come. To have one taken out of your midst who has been so much of your pleasure, who has been so much of your life's, as well as your lodge's enjoyment, is a wrench that to-day you will feel acutely; but we shall assuredly feel the slow pain of separation long after he has left us. Just as we seemed to be settling down upon a solid basis of prosperity, and with a unity of feeling not surpassed by any lodge in the island, there comes like a thunderbolt from the sky, this sudden departure of Bro. Judd. I have thought as much of his absence as anyone, and I know how deep is the blow to this lodge. To me individually it is a deeper blow, yet perhaps Bro. Judd and myself were more together than any two business men in Shanklin. We seemed to be attracted by some mysterious, yet intuitive feeling, and our friendship has grown—strengthened I will admit by our

Masonic meetings,—that I shall feel his leaving as keenly as anyone, for I lose one whom I valued as a friend, and one whom I very much appreciated as a companion. Through all the long years he and I have known each other no difference has marred our friendship, or separated us an hour in our lives; therefore I feel it unnecessary to touch with but a light hand the expression of my regard for him, for that is already known to him, and I know what I shall feel when he is gone away, that void in my everyday life, that feeling we express by saying "we miss one," he will equally feel in his distant home in the North. Brethren, in my leisure moments I often ponder over what I term abstract qualities and conditions of life, and I shall here make an assertion which probably some, when they hear it will mentally contradict me, yet some may possibly support my opinion. It is that the sum of human happiness is not increased, neither is it predominant in those who appear to have so many friends, but that you attain its highest excellence of perfection, in the choice of rarity in the few. Yet after all it seems to me though you may surround your life, and your views of life with cultivated pleasures, and narrow the circle of your friends, and have but few avenues of enjoyment, and those shall be rich and rare ones, though you may concentrate your sphere of happiness within as small a compass as you possibly can, then contemplate your narrowed world as I have done, and I think by its very exclusiveness it is safe from invasion, yet it is assailed by an unfortunate circumstance like this, which was life of one of its best pleasures, and leaves you to cast about with a want, that perhaps you will never again satisfy. Such, brethren, will the loss of Bro. Judd be to me in sickness or in health, daily almost have we seen each other, and in the routine of a life which necessarily contains dull months, for recollect in a place like Shanklin, you have to create your own pleasure in the main; it is not produced for you, we have, when together, been able to enfold from within ourselves, by ourselves, and for ourselves, a pleasure that has sweetened the dullness of Winter and heightened the enjoyments of Summer. I have endeavoured to express my regard and esteem by indicating the measure of my loss; I trust the Great Architect of the Universe will preserve and prosper him, and in the round of Fortune's wheel, He may some day place him once more amongst us.

Bro. CONNER, P.M. Sandown Lodge, expressed his deep regret at Bro. Judd leaving, as he had always been a welcome visitor to Sandown Lodge.

Bro. WILLIAM JUDD replied at some length, conveying to the brethren his appreciation of the kindness displayed and of the unexpected tribute of their esteem, which he should always value, however far from Chine Lodge he might be. His separation from the lodge he should feel as keenly as they would, but he hoped they would meet sometimes in the future to renew old ties of friendship.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said how proud he felt to see them attending that evening. He welcomed, especially as visitors to Shanklin, Bros. Sir W. Gordon Macgregor, Bart., George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657; and Councillor Corke, of London, and he hoped that at some future time they would honour the lodge by another visit.

Bro. SIR W. GORDON MACGREGOR, BART., in responding, spoke of the gratification it gave him to be present as an old friend of Bro. Judd, and to see the warm feelings of friendship all the members had for him, which he should never forget, and, as a memento of his visit, he should present the lodge with a Masonic portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, an announcement which was received with loud applause.

Bro. GEORGE KENNING thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toasts, as it gave him the opportunity to express his esteem for Bro. Judd, whom he had only known for a few weeks, but of whom he had learned from many of the brethren the very great interest he had taken in Masonry, and in Chine Lodge since its formation, and to whom much of the prosperity of the lodge was due. He spoke in terms of admiration of the zeal and energy the brethren had displayed in erecting such a commodious building as soon as the lodge was formed, and that such a unity of feeling prevailed amongst them, as was evident by the reception accorded to Bro. Judd, and hoped that at some future time he should have the pleasure of visiting them again.

Bro. JOHN CORKE, P.M. and Treasurer 1613, said it gave him great pleasure to be present, and, as an old P.M., he hoped the brethren would never forget "Charity," which was one of the pillars of Masonry.

Bros. INMAN, WHITEHEAD, MENDL, PETHERICK, FIRTH, and WITHERS replied for their respective lodges.

Bro. Dr. DABBS proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER thanked them for the cordial manner in which it was received, and said he was happy to announce that at the lodge meeting he should propose a candidate, and one whom he believed the brethren would be proud of as Chaplain.

Bro. ALFRED GREENHAM, S.W., proposed "The Past Masters' Health," and acknowledged the services Bro. Dabbs had rendered the lodge, and how much he had done to augment the Building Fund, which this year, he believed, would be reduced £150.

Bro. Dr. DABBS thanked them for the kind way in which he had been spoken of, and the hearty reception the toast received. He assured them it was a great pleasure to him if he could help them in any way, and having been the first W.M., he should always take an interest in its welfare.

Several good songs were sung, and Bro. Dr. Dabbs gave an amusing recitation, which was very much appreciated. It was given in his best style, and thoroughly deserved the loud applause it received.

London theatrical managers are to be congratulated on the removal of a vexatious restriction hitherto inserted in their licenses. The present Lord Chamberlain in all licenses granted from the 29th September permits the opening of theatres on Ash Wednesday. Thus the anomaly of closing theatres and opening music halls on Ash Wednesday at last is ended.

We learn from the "Masonic Advocate" of Indianapolis for last month, that on the 2nd August, the hall of the Somerset Lodge, No. 383 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was with the charters, books, furniture, and all the other property of the lodge totally destroyed by fire, the flames making a complete sweep of everything. Fortunately the property was insured for 600 dollars (£120).

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In accordance with a resolution of the General Committee
A SPECIAL GENERAL COURT
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will be held at

FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS, LONDON,

On TUESDAY, the 6th day of October, 1885,

at Four o'clock precisely, to consider and, if approved, adopt the following resolution by Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee, viz. :-

"That the Provisional Contract, dated 23rd September, 1885, for the purchase for £5700 of the land on the north and east sides of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea-rise, as shown upon the plan annexed to such contract be approved, and that the Trustees be authorised to carry the same into effect."

The Provisional Contract may be seen upon application at the Office.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
5, Freemasons' Hall, Secretary.
Great Queen-street, W.C.
September 29th, 1885.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT
of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution
will be held in the Hall of the

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS, LONDON,

On Saturday, the 10th day of October, 1885,

at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider recommendation of General Committee, "That one more vacancy be declared for the October Election in consequence of the withdrawal from the Institution of Beatrice Elizabeth Wright." Also to consider Notice of Motion as under, and to Elect Sixteen, or in the event of the above Recommendation being adopted, Seventeen Girls into the School from a list of Thirty-four approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL:

"That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the Laws be altered accordingly."

F. R. W. HEDGES,
5, Freemasons' Hall, Secretary.
Great Queen-street, W.C.
October 3rd, 1885.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1885.

The favour of your Votes is earnestly solicited on behalf of
EDWARD WOLLASTON HOBSON,

Aged 9½ years, His father, Captain Antony P. Hobson, late 2nd Regiment, a member of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London, was for some years Manager of the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, and died February, 1885, after a few days' illness, from the effects of an accident received there in the discharge of his duties, leaving a widow and 12 children very badly provided for.

The case is strongly recommended by

- * Bro. Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, G. Sec., Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- " THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., 14, Bedford Square, W.C.
- " ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., 41, Russell Square, W.C.
- * Capt. N. G. PHILLIPS, P.G.D., 23, Belgrave Road, S.W.
- * FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., 28, Golden Square, W.
- " J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G.S.B., 9, Mandeville Place, W.
- " J. WILKING, Jun., 125, Strand, W.C.
- " JOHN BERTRAM, Newport Villa, Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.

* Proxies will be received by the Brethren marked by a star.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

FIRST APPLICATION.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1885.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of
CLAUDE ERNEST ARROWSMITH,

Aged 9 years; whose father, Bro. Edwin Arrowsmith, late of 331, Edgware-road, was initiated in the "Westbourne Lodge," No. 733, in February, 1876, and continued a Subscribing Member till October, 1882. He was S.W. of that lodge, and was appointed Steward to the Boys' School in 1882; but owing to the illness (which resulted in his death) he did not attend. He was Governor to the Old People and Life Subscriber to the Girls. Our Brother E. Arrowsmith died on June 29th, 1882, leaving a Wife (since dead) and Six Children totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733; also by

- Bro. M. C. JOY, W.M. 733, Ivy Cottage, Hanwell.
- * C. R. WICKENS, S.W. 733, 5, William-street, Lisson-grove.
- * S. J. HUMPHREYS, J.W. 733, 92, Church-street, Paddington.
- " W. BURTON, I.G., Rose & Crown, East-street, Kennington-road, S.E.
- " C. A. COTYBRUNE, P.G.P., P.M. 733, 29, Dean-st., Oxford-st.
- " S. P. CATTERSON, P.M. 548, S.W. 1981, P.Z. 79 and 548, P.G.S.B. Surrey, 34 Great Dover-street, Borough.
- " B. GOODWIN, P.M. 733, Jonson's-place, Harrow-road.
- " J. WELFORD, P.M. 733, Home Farm, Willesden.
- " T. W. ALLEN, P.M. & P.Z. 733, 10, Gt. Castle-st., Regent-st.
- " W. HALLETT, P.M. 733, 33, Amhurst-rd., Stoke Newington.
- " W. BELL, W.S. 733, Lancaster, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill.
- * A. ARROWSMITH, 733, 197, High-street, Borough.
- " L. ASCOT, P.M. 733, North Star Hotel, Finchley-road, N.W.
- " S. R. WALKER, I.P.M. 733, 17, Denmark-villas, Ealing.
- " JAS. LONG, P.M. 733, High-street, Marylebone.
- " W. ROOTS, 208, Great Dover-street, Borough, S.E.
- " W. CURTIS, W.S. 733, 142 Lisson-grove, N.W.
- " H. C. BALL, P.M., "St. Luke's Lodge," 7, Borough-rd., S.E.
- " B. ISAACS, P.M. 733, "Mount Lebanon Lodge," P.Z. 733.
- * G. MUSTOE, 813 "New Concord," Oliver's-yd., City-road, E.C.
- " G. J. MOORCROFT, P.M. 25 "Robert Burns," 3, Long-lane, Borough, S.E.
- " G. R. WILLIAMS, J.W. "Royal Jubilee," 169, Borough, S.E.

* By whom Proxies will be thankfully received.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION, 12TH OCTOBER, 1885.

Candidates withdrawn since issue of Voting Papers—
No. 21 ADAMES, HAROLD WILLIAM.
" 23 BROWN, HARRY RANDLE.

Votes polled for the above will be thrown away.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Secretary.
29th September, 1885.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION FOR MARK MASTER MASONS.

The PERMANENT COMMITTEE beg to announce that the GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION will, by the kind permission of the General Board, resume its Fortnightly Meetings for the Instruction and Improvement of Mark Master Masons on the FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS in the months of October, November, December, 1885, January, February, and March, 1886, at the MASONIC HALL, 8A RED LION SQUARE, at 7 o'clock precisely.

The CEREMONY OF ADVANCEMENT will be rehearsed on WEDNESDAY, 7th October, by Bro. THOMAS E. TAYLOR, P.M. Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1885.

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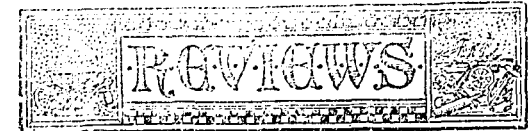
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THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GUIDE FOR 1885-86.
Compiled by Bro. PHILIP SANSON, P.M., and published under the patronage of the G.M. and G.L. of South Australia. Adelaide: Printed by J. H. Sherring and Co., 27, Currie-street, 1885.

This is the fifth issue of the "S. A. Masonic Guide," which was originally published when South Australian Masonry was incorporated in the Masonic systems of the old country. Now that S. Australia has an independent Grand Lodge of its own, the Guide, which is published under the patronage of the G. Master of that body and the body itself, must be regarded as the official directory of Masonry in the colony. We do not say that the change which has recently taken place in the Masonic relations between South Australia and the mother country has made Bro. Sanson's work more trustworthy; there is no reason why it should be so. But, as a result of that change, it must be allowed that this Guide assumes, as a matter of course, a greater degree of importance; it was the directory of a subordinate section or branch of Masonry, it is now the directory of a section or branch which is supreme and independent in its own territory. As to the contents, they are of the usual character, while the work of compilation has been done with all possible care and great judgment. The roll of

lodges shows there are 35 holding under the Grand Lodge of South Australia, four of these having been constituted since that body was organised, and the total membership is 2345. There is also one Irish lodge, the Duke of Leinster, No. 363, on the roll of Grand Lodge of Ireland, with 98 members, which has elected to remain under the old banner, so that the total number of subscribing Masons in the Colony is 2443. In arranging the numerical order of the lodges under the new Constitution, the natural plan has been followed of placing them in the order of seniority according to the dates of their respective warrants. Thus, No. 1, South Australia, is of English origin and ranked as No. 423 on the roll of United Grand Lodge, its warrant dating from October 1834; No. 2, of Scotch origin, was No. 341 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the date of its warrant being 5th August, 1844; No. 3, of English origin, running it very close, having been warranted 10th December of the same year; Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, were originally English; No. 9, originally Irish; No. 10, English; No. 11, Irish; Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, English; Nos. 17, and 18, Irish; Nos. 19, and 20, Scotch; and so forth; Mount Gambier Lodge, warranted as No. 1207, English, on 31st December, 1867, being, however, placed as No. 35 on the roll, the reason being that it had no part in the movement for establishing the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and only gave in its adhesion to the new order of things after Nos. 31 to 34 of the South Australian Constitution had been granted their warrants. We notice further that Kincaid Lodge, No. 457, I.C., meeting in Narracoorte, and having a warrant dated 8th January, 1877, is not assigned any place on the roll of South Australia, neither is it spoken of as having held, or holding, aloof from the new arrangement. We presume, therefore, it is in a kind of gulf between the two jurisdictions, or perhaps it is in a dormant state, and when it has awakened from its slumbers, will determine whether to remain under the old banner or join the new. On referring to our Grand Lodge Calendar and the "Cosmo" for the current year we find this No. 457 in its old place on the roll of Grand Lodge of Ireland, so that it must have been nominally in existence when these were published in November, 1884. We notice also that the South Australian Constitutions recognise both the Arch and the Mark Degrees, so that in time no doubt we shall find the bodies which work those Degrees ranged under the banner of a South Australian Supreme Grand Chapter. As to the rest of the contents, we regard them as containing, apparently, all the information which it is likely that a brother outside the jurisdiction of South Australia, or belonging to it, yet having no very great responsibility attaching to his position, is likely to stand in need of. The outline given of the Constitutions states all that is likely to be required for general purposes, and the same may be said of the Calendar, lodge lists, &c. We offer Bro. Sanson our hearty congratulations on his judgment and accuracy as a compiler.



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INDUSTRY LODGE (No. 186).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, which was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., Bro. John G. Horsey, W.M., P.M. 1619 and 1892, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, was installed as W.M. for the second year. He invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. G. W. Hook, S.W.; W. S. Page, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; John Seex, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, S.D.; J. B. Sherring, J.D.; N. Cornock, I.G.; R. C. Powell and J. L. Cooke, Stwds. We sincerely trust that the continuance of Bro. Horsey in the chair of this lodge may bring about a return of its former harmony—a result anticipated by its members on re-electing him to a position he has found hitherto fraught with difficulties.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—The above lodge held its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday afternoon, the 19th ult. There were present Bros. J. J. Brinton, W.M.; G. W. Marsden, S.W.; R. J. Voisey, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, sen., Treas.; Charles Wilson, Sec.; D. B. Mercer, I.G.; F. M. N. Smith, Org.; and Charles Gooding, Stwd. The members not holding office present were Bros. B. R. Briant, P.M.; A. Middlemass, P.M.; Bradley, Elgar, Arnold, Jones, Cockle, J. Arlidge, R. Irvine, and J. E. Heller. The visitors were Bros. James Glanville, W.M. 217; Maurice Whyatt, 5; and F. Williams, 101.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. in the usual manner, after which the minutes of the preceding lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren next proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. G. W. Marsden, the S.W., was declared by the W.M. to have been unanimously elected, as were Bro. J. C. Reynolds, sen., as Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison, as Tyler. An Audit Committee was also appointed for the ensuing year, which consists of the Past Masters of the lodge and in the lodge, together with the brethren holding office at the present time. Matters affecting the lodge were discussed at great length and with unusual ability. To adopt the language of the W.M., the questions had been thoroughly thrashed out and satisfactorily settled. During the hours of labour, a brother, a lineal descendant of Robert Bruce, made application for assistance, and received substantial aid and sympathy. The lodge was then closed in the customary manner.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment to an adjoining room. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G. Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The Earl of Lathom;" and "The Grand Officers Past and Present;" each toast being introduced by some remarks of an appropriate character, and somewhat at length also.

The I.P.M., Bro. Middlemass, next proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a powerful and eloquent speech. He remarked, in the course thereof, that the W.M. presided over them for the last time that evening, at least, for a long season, no doubt. He (the speaker) had known their W.M. for a long series of years, extending beyond their becoming members of that lodge; and it had been a source of pleasure to him to meet with a brother with whom he

had thus associated within the walls of Freemasonry. They were all aware that he had discharged the onerous duties of Master of that lodge efficiently and satisfactorily, and no doubt their Master was pleased to retire from the labours of office, and number himself among the Past Masters thereof. If the W.M. were not present, he (the speaker) would express himself in more eulogistic terms; but as an old member of the Fourth Estate he was much esteemed, as he was as a member of that lodge.

The toast was then pledged.
The Worshipful Master, in responding, and acknowledging the expressions of regard conveyed to him by Bro. Middlemass, remarked that he was pleased to retire from the position he at that moment occupied, inasmuch as he would give place to a far more able and efficient brother. During his year of office he had been supported by the officers and members of the lodge in a manner which had been a source of great comfort to him. No one could have been more aided than he had been, and no one could have felt more than he had how very far short he had been in managing the affairs of the lodge when contrasted with his predecessors. As they were aware, the chair he then filled had been occupied by Masters of brilliant abilities, who had made their mark not only in the Craft, but in the literary and legal world, and other departments also. How far short of these gentlemen he had been, he himself was painfully aware. But no doubt their prestige had stimulated him to action, and their example had been a guiding star to him under all circumstances. Without reservation, he thanked them for their kindness and forbearance, and though last, yet not least, for the jewel and collar they had, in his absence that evening, voted to him as the Master of the lodge for the services he had rendered.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of W.M. Elect, Bro. G. W. Marsden, jun.," who had been unanimously elected that evening to succeed him in office. He congratulated the lodge on the choice they had made, and their brother on being so selected and elected. The name of "Marsden" was well known and respected in Camberwell, and it was an honour to the lodge to have a Marsden as their W.M. Moreover, their brother was in the full vigour of youth and health, with his mental faculties alive and well-strung, whereas he (the W.M.) was "in the sere and yellow leaf"—he could not add "frosty, but kindly," for the rheumatism which he at that moment endured proved to the contrary. That their W.M. elect might have abundant labour on hand during his year of office was much to be desired, inasmuch as he had the ability to labour, and thus promote the prosperity and well-being of the lodge. He (the speaker) would decrease, whilst their Master in prospective would increase, in Freemasonry. He could not forbear observing that a more able or efficient body of officers could not be found in any lodge outside that of the Sphinx. He was aware that that was a bold assertion, but an assertion he maintained, inasmuch as they all had made their mark in the Craft, and would be most invaluable in the assistance their W.M. would receive at their hands. He hoped that the ensuing year of office would be one of unclouded prosperity; that the Great Architect of the Universe would be pleased to shower down the continual dew of His blessing on them all, and that the lowering clouds which had hung over the lodge would be dispelled, and only the silver linings thereof be visible.

The Worshipful Master elect, in an excellent speech, responded. He thanked the brothers for having unanimously elected him as the Master of the lodge. He would attend to the duties with the utmost care and attention, and he felt that he should have the cordial assistance of the members during his term of office. Their W.M. had alluded to his youth as one reason why the lodge would be more efficiently conducted. He did not coincide with that view of the subject, inasmuch as he thought that matured wisdom was far preferable to inexperienced wisdom. However, he would endeavour to emulate the examples on record, and, with the aid of those around him, endeavour to discharge the duties of the office to their satisfaction, and, he ardently hoped, to the welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Visitors." There were only three present—Bros. Glanville, Whyatt, and Williams—but what was lacking in quantity was compensated for by quality. The esteemed Master of the Stability Lodge, Bro. Glanville, an old friend and brother, was always welcomed wherever he went. As regarded the lodge over which he presided, it had a custom of having an "outing" once a year, the elements of which were composed of the members of the lodge, their wives, friends, and "many people who on earth do dwell." The place to spend this happy day was generally Shepperton, and he (the W.M.) had been one of the number that formed that happy party. He wished that every lodge would have a similar "outing," which, as regarded the Stability Lodge, had been a decided success, and much appreciated by all present. Bro. Glanville had been a factor in making these red-letter days all that could be desired. He was a most excellent Master of a lodge—a man of stability, and firm and decisive in action and principle, as were also the other brothers whose names he had mentioned.

Bro. Glanville, in his usual manner, responded to the toast, as did also Bros. Whyatt and Williams.

"The Officers of the Lodge," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer," and "The Secretary," were also given as toasts from the chair, and acknowledged.

Bros. Voisey, Gooding, Williams, Middlemass, and others vocalized some excellent songs. A most happy evening was spent; and after the W.M. had, in the temple and at the banquet-table, occupied the chair for upwards of six hours, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of the afternoon and evening.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1503).—The first meeting of the session was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Regent Masonic Temple, Café Royal, Regent-street, W. Present: Bros. G. J. Jones, W.M.; H. S. Lee, S.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., as J.W., in the absence of Bro. W. C. Smith, who is in the country, indisposed; J. E. Shand, P.M., Secretary; Frederick Hill, S.D.; T. B. Cox, J.D.; C. M. Brander, as I.G.; E. H. Hoare, W.M. 1765, Organist; W. J. Higgins, W.S.; J. Waugh, P.M.; T. W. Eastgate, I.P.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., hon. member; J. Edell, W.M. 108; W. H. Bolt, G. W. Harrington, Joel Emanuel, T. Pratt, Armstrong, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Brock, W.M. 145; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793;

W. H. Baker, S.W. 1620; Christmas Piper, W.S. 2030; R. A. Kirkaldy, S.W. 1321; G. F. Hammond, J.W. 1765; C. Parsons, S.D. 1637; and others.

The minutes of the April meeting and the emergency of June 4th were confirmed. Bros. Mason, Barber, Millis, Amelot, and Buret were passed to the Second Degree. Ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur Neat, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. H. S. Lee, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Hammond, P.M., re-elected Treas.; and Bro. Potter, P.M., re-elected Tyler. The by-laws were read, and auditors appointed. Three candidates were proposed for initiation in November, two members resigned, and three placed on country list. A Past Master's jewel, value £10 10s., was voted to the W.M., Bro. Jones, for presentation in November. The brethren (48) afterwards dined at the Café Royal, in the customary good style this establishment is renowned for, although the summons still carried only the word refreshments, which to visitors of this happy and successful lodge is always a subject of surprise and enjoyment, as the creature comforts are so well provided (a full dinner) under the modesty of refreshments. Bros. Hoare, Org.; H. Twiney, S.D. 1319; Hammond, P.M.; Eastgate, P.M.; afforded some excellent music, and the brethren separated until the installation meeting, fourth Thursday in November.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th ult., at the Kensington Hotel, adjoining Addison-road Station. The minutes of the previous ordinary meeting, and of a lodge of emergency at which the removal of the lodge meetings from the South Kensington Hotel to the new quarters was arranged, were submitted and confirmed, the immediate cause of the removal being the purchase of the latter hotel by Mr. Bailey, of Bailey's Hotel, and his inability to accommodate the lodge. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. P. M. Taylor, who worked the ceremonies of the evening with even more than his accustomed ability, his initiation of Mr. Arthur Dovey being specially impressive. The brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, in consequence of the W.M. elect withdrawing his election for the present, on account of private affairs which might preclude his devoting sufficient time to the duties of the office. The choice fell upon the J.W., Bro. C. Walter.

The lodge having been closed in the usual Masonic manner, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in a satisfactory style.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE (No. 2048).—On Saturday last, this successful lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, when there was a good attendance of members. The W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, opened the lodge, supported by Bros. Henry Lovegrove, I.P.M. and Treas.; C. J. Axford, S.W.; Philip Cheek, J.W.; C. P. McKay, Sec.; B. M. Surridge, S.D.; W. Heath Burgess, J.D.; H. Webb, I.G.; T. E. Worrall, D.C.; S. Reece, Stwd.; John Reed, P.M. 720, Org.; and a number of lay brethren.

The first business, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, was the ceremony of raising Bros. Arthur Scurrah, Frank Chas. Joseph, H. W. Parker, and Wm. Dent Dickenson. These candidates were taken two by two as far as the obligation, all being present during the concluding portion of it. Bro. Alfred Wm. Gerrard was then passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Messrs. James Hunt, Edwin James Sadgrove, and George Powell were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the First Degree. Two candidates for initiation, viz., Mr. Wm. Robert Nelson, already balloted for and approved, Mr. John Dolling, balloted for and approved at this meeting, and Bro. Robert Wilkin, a candidate for raising, were not present, so that there is therefore some substantial business standing over for the next meeting. The whole of the ceremonies were most carefully performed by the W.M., whose powers of endurance must be great, for his style at the conclusion of the work was as bright and as careful as at the commencement. In consequence of the length of time necessarily occupied in the foregoing work, a notice of motion placed on the paper in the name of Bro. R. M. Surridge, S.D.—“That the regular meetings be increased to five”—was agreed to be postponed for discussion until the next lodge in February.

Bro. Scurrah, W.M., then said that he had a somewhat pleasurable duty to perform. The brethren would remember that at their last meeting he had thrown out a suggestion with regard to the lodge furniture. Up to that time they had been working with borrowed furniture; but he thought that the time had arrived when they ought to possess furniture of their own, and, in order to avoid the inconvenience of causing a drain upon the lodge funds, and the still greater inconvenience of going into debt for it, he had on the occasion referred to made an offer to present pedestals to the lodge if the other members would amongst them provide the remaining articles. That offer had been very heartily responded to; one after another the brethren had risen in their places and promised certain articles, and the result was as follows: The lodge had the three pedestals from himself; the tripod and perfect ashlar from Bro. Axford, S.W.; the Wardens' columns from Bro. Cheek, J.W.; the plumb rule from Bro. Surridge, S.D.; and the tracing boards from Bro. Wake. Bros. Burgess, Webb, and another had given the three candlesticks; the three cushions had been provided by Bro. McKay, the Secretary; and Bro. Worrall the three gavels, and sounding board by Bro. Arthur Scurrah. Bro. F. Levander (brother of the brother whose name the lodge bore) had furnished them with a handsome bible, with the request that it might be placed on the Master's pedestal without comment, and that had been done. The articles now left to be provided were the ballot-box, the wands, the dagger, and the level. The articles of furniture which they had acquired the W.M. then presented, in the name of the several donors, to Bro. Lovegrove, the Treasurer, as the property of the lodge.

Bro. Lovegrove having in the name of the lodge returned thanks for the donations, the W.M. said that he had now another pleasing duty to perform. Past Master Stiles had been a very good friend to them in assisting in the work in the early days of their existence as a lodge, even to the altering of his own plans about leaving town, in order to assist them at an emergency meeting when Bro. Lovegrove was taking his holidays. And now Bro. Stiles had presented the lodge with the silver square and compasses now lying before him. For this gift he desired to thank Bro.

Stiles, and he proposed that that worthy brother should be elected an honorary member of the lodge.

The vote having been carried unanimously, Bro. Stiles acknowledged the compliment, accepting the honorary membership, and said that he considered the honour bestowed upon him as an ample recompense for whatever services he had been able to render to the lodge.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Frederick Levander, and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of it to him.

Bro. Lovegrove said that a rustic cross in Sicilian marble would be erected at Hampstead Cemetery over the grave of the founder of the lodge within a year from the date of his death.

The Worshipful Master said he had promised Bro. Terry that he would be a Steward at some time for the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and now gave notice that he proposed to fulfil that promise by standing at the next festival. He did not expect that those members of the lodge who had already subscribed to the Masonic Charities would do so again, but he was sure that those who had not done so would be ready to support his Stewardship with their contributions.

Bro. Gerrard at this point rose, and said, in regard to the furniture not yet provided, that he should be happy to present the wands to the lodge.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an admirably served banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and were heartily received by the brethren.

Bro. Lovegrove, I.P.M., in proposing “The Health of the W.M.,” said that it had been their good fortune to secure Bro. Scurrah as one of the founders of that lodge. Bro. Scurrah was a most earnest, energetic man, and from the time that he joined the Craft it was certain that he would push forward to a front place. With the spread of Freemasonry it appeared to him the claims upon Freemasonry must increase. Though he hoped that none present would have need of such help, claims came from the most unexpected quarters, exemplifying the vicissitudes of life, and showing them all that it behoved them to support Freemasonry in the way in which the W.M. had been so successful.

The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks, said that he felt very proud and happy to find himself at the head of the lodge. He had already assured them that he took a deep interest in all that concerned Freemasonry. He believed that if a man who entered Freemasonry thoroughly looked into its principles he could not fail to become a better man. He need not further refer to those splendid Masonic Institutions, the Charities, than to say that they had the hearty co-operation and support of every right thinking Freemason, and as far as he was concerned nothing should be left untried to uphold the honour and dignity of Freemasonry, and to do his best to advance this lodge in particular, and to assist in carrying on the grand work of Freemasonry as it ought to be carried on.

Amongst other toasts which cannot be noticed in detail the W.M. proposed “The Health of the Visitors,” coupling with it “The Masonic Charities,” in honour of Bro. Terry, who was present, upon whom and Bro. Stiles he called for replies.

Bro. Stiles, as the time was getting short, generously made a very brief reply, in order to give Bro. Terry an opportunity of making a few remarks.

Bro. Terry followed with a most interesting speech, and one of the most telling appeals he has ever made, rejoicing particularly in the prospect of having to assist in the success of his next Festival the services of the “champion Steward,” Bro. Scurrah.

Among the visitors present were Bros. J. Hearsom, 167; W. R. Palmer, 143; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; H. Dickey, Secretary, 1744; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; R. Ross, D.C. 1744; Chas. Pannock, 1658; A. Lane, 167; W. W. Morgan, jun.; and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The September regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Monday, the 28th ult., when there was an average attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. Rhagg, supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. R. Whitfield, P.M., D.C.; M. Corbitt, Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; John Wood, P.M., as S.W.; Edwd. Shevbrooks, J.W.; W. Dalrymple, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; W. F. Raeburn, J.D.; W. F. Carmon, as I.G.; H. F. Dryden, J.S.; R. Perry, Org.; G. Graighill, T. Swan, W. J. Jobson, John Bulmer, M. R. Wright, T. L. Hall, E. Carr, R. Brason, J. T. Harrison, H. L. Russell, W. W. Fergusson, J. Nesbit, P.M. 24; J. T. Ridley, J.W. 406; T. R. Jobson, 1664; T. Purvis, J.S. 481; F. Wright, 1342; H. Geipel, 1427; T. Brown, 424; and others.

After the preliminary business, the ballot was successfully taken for Mr. Robt. Swanson, and the candidate being in attendance, he was regularly initiated by the W.M. The working tools and the charge were given by the J.W. Bro. W. J. Jobson was afterwards passed by the W.M. as a Fellow Craft. The acting S.W. explained the working implements. A proposition for the Charities Committee was adopted, after which the proceedings terminated.

DERBY.—Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—On Tuesday the 22nd ult., the anniversary of this lodge, which has now entered upon its second century of active work, was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. The gathering was most successful in every respect, the attendance being unusually large and influential. The W.M. elect was Bro. H. Arnold Bemrose, M.A., son of Bro. Ald. H. H. Bemrose, the ceremony of installation being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Thomas Cox. Subsequently the newly-elected Master invested and appointed his officers for the ensuing year in the following order: Bros. W. Silver Hall, P.M., as S.W.; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, J.W.; Rev. H. Price, Chap.; W. Naylor, P.G.S., Treas.; J. H. Clarke, Sec.; R. L. H. Mole, S.D.; J. Wright, J.D.; E. R. Ward, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. Marsden, P.M., Org.; M. Attwood, I.G.; T. H. Boam and H. V. Edwards, Stwds.; and W. Stone, Tyler.

The business of the lodge having been brought to a conclusion, the brethren to the number of nearly 60 partook of a sumptuous repast, admirably served in the dining-hall.

TOWCESTER.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 445).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Pomfret Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. Thomas Oldham, W.M.; John Newitt, S.W.; John Henry Spencer, J.W.; Jas. Teeton, Sec.; Grevill, S.D. (pro. tem.); W. A. Smith, J.D. (pro. tem.); McClure, I.G.; Snedker, Tyler; J. C. Jones, P.M.; William Whitton, P.M.; Greville, P.M.; Rev. J. Jenkins, Burford, Wilcox-Smith, and W. A. Smith. Visitor: Bro. William Ellison, Sherborne Lodge. Bro. Jno. Newitt was elected W.M., and Bro. George Osborn was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The bye-laws were read in open lodge.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on the 24th ult., at Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., as W.M.; G. R. Dawson, S.W.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., as J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, G.A.P., P.G.D.C., Sec.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.A.P., S.D.; L. Warren, jun., J.D.; W. E. Bridgeland, W.M. 933, as I.G.; E. F. Wood, Stwd.; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; C. F. Woosnam, A. M. Gerussi, A. Cayton, J. A. Withers, W. Tyler, G. H. Baxter, W. Waterhouse, W. H. Lockey, C. C. Braithwaite, W. Lloyd Wise, and W. J. Chignell. Visitors: Bros. Bradshaw Brown, P.M. 1, P.G.S.; Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambart, P.M. 1460; C. W. Cooke, 1837; C. L. Costandinidi, 1009; C. Rice, 1417; and W. P. Taylor, 1360.

A letter having been read from the W.M., Bro. F. D. Grayson, P.M. 160, Prov. G.J.D., regretting his unavoidable absence, the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, after which Messrs. George Kitchin and Benj. Thomas were initiated by the acting W.M., who afterwards gave the charge. Two candidates having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

SUDBURY.—Stour Valley Lodge (No. 1224).—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, on Friday, the 25th ult., a presentation was made by Bro. F. W. Jennings, the I.P.M., and P.P.G.D. of W., which afforded great gratification to a numerous body of members attending the lodge. It consisted of the portrait in oils, handsomely framed, of the W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P. G.M. of Suffolk, and P.G. Chap. of England, who has also been three times W.M. of the lodge. The picture is an excellent likeness of the D.P.G.M., who is depicted wearing his full Masonic regalia, with numerous jewels and decorations. The painting was received on behalf of the lodge by the W.M., Bro. C. W. Grimwood, who thanked Bro. Jennings in becoming terms for his handsome gift. He suspended it over the W.M.'s chair, trusting that it would remain there for many years in token of their sincere regard for the distinguished brother who had rendered such valuable help to the lodge. Bro. Martyn, who was present, also expressed his deep acknowledgments for the honour done him. The brethren afterwards supped together at the Rose and Crown Hotel. Bros. Thomas Weller Poley and A. Dupont (Brighton) attending as visitors, the party numbering twenty-seven.

SITTINGBOURNE.—St. Michael's Lodge (No. 1273).—The annual installation of the W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place on the 10th ult. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. H. Black, P.M., Prov. G.A.D.C. Kent, the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year being Bro. Rev. W. H. Bond, M.A. The installation was carried out in all its ancient custom, and formed a very effective sight. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Iron, I.P.M.; W. Rook, S.W.; G. Goble, J.W.; G. Payne, P.M.; P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; F. J. Seale, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; H. Morris, S.D.; D. M. Cowie, J.D.; L. Seager, I.G.; W. Collis, D.C.; J. M. Longhurst, P.M., Org.; Bradley and Sea, Stwds.; and C. Bennett, Tyler. Other business of a routine character having been also transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where they banqueted together, Host Owens catering to the satisfaction of all present. During the progress of the post-prandial business, a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Henry Iron, I.P.M., as a mark of the appreciation and regard in which the brethren held his services to the lodge during the past year.

OSWESTRY.—Fitz Alan Lodge (No. 1432).—The annual festival of St. John and installation of W.M. was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel. Bro. C. Drew was the W.M. elect, and Bro. J. H. Parsons, I.P.M., installing Master. After the ceremony the brethren dined together. The following officers were invested for the year: Bros. C. Drew, W.M.; J. England, S.W.; H. Ellis, J.W.; J. H. Parsons, I.P.M., Hon. Sec.; Maclardy, P.M., Treas.; Morris Jones, S.D.; A. T. Akeroyd, J.D.; Knight, Org.; John Evans, I.G.; and H. T. Wakelam, Stwd.

DUNMOW.—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A meeting was held on the 24th ult., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Rattray, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; Walter Rowe, J.W.; F. J. Snell, P.M., P.G.R., Treas.; W. de Vins-Wade, Sec.; E. F. Ferris, J.D.; G. H. Williams, I.G.; T. W. Noble, Org.; F. W. Warner, Tyler; H. E. Dehane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Renforth T. Scarr, J. L. Franklin, C. Birt, R. Brazier, R. C. Lyle, and Daniel Millbank. Visitor: Bro. E. Shedd, P.M. 276 and 1543.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting, and also of an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. D. Millbank as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, and proving unanimous, he was impressively initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Lewin, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. F. J. Snell was elected Treasurer for the same period, and Bro. F. W. Warner was unanimously re-elected Tyler. A candidate and a joining member were proposed. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the out-going W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned

to a homely country banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Dehane, the I.P.M., congratulated the W.M. on the success he had had during his two years of office, and considered he had performed his duties in a manner which had added lustre to his name, the lodge, and the province, and set an example which would be, he hoped, copied by the younger brethren coming on, and concluded by proposing his health.

Bro. Rattray replied in feeling terms, and thanked those officers who had so materially assisted him during his year of office, and made it such a pleasure to preside over them; but one thing he might say, he was glad he preceded the incoming W.M., whose able work was so well known in Essex.

The toast and reply were received with Rosslyn "fire" and Essex enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said as it was the last time he should have the pleasure of doing so, he wished to thank him for his assistance, support, and instruction, and remarked upon the great zeal always shown by Bro. Dehane, and the Masonic knowledge he possessed, and readiness to impart the same. He would say he was almost too zealous if he did not know that everything he did was in all respects Masonic, and for the good of Masonry in general, and this lodge particularly.

Bro. Dehane said that the W.M.'s very complimentary remarks led him to be perfectly certain that when he became I.P.M. his zeal would quite eclipse that which he had shown, and trusted he would not overstep it. He most sincerely thanked the brethren for their kindness to him, and alluded to that which the P.G.M., Lord Brooke, at Saffron Walden, had asked the Masons under his rule, viz., to support the Prov. Charity Committee by sending in their votes early, and concluded his remarks by saying that his voice had been heard pretty much during the two years preceding and the two years of the W.M., so he thought that when he sat next to the J.W. at banquet next year he would be entitled to well-earned rest and quietness, and to the benefit of our motto—"Audi, vide, tace."

The initiate replied to the toast of his health in an impressive manner, and, as the W.M. had told them, it was his natal day. He would be able to remember at each anniversary it was also his natal day in Masonry. He had no idea of what Masonry was; but the few minutes he had been among them he was delighted with it heartily.

Bro. Shedd replied for "The Visitors," although circumstances over which he had no control had compelled him to retire from the Rosslyn Lodge, he was pleased that distance had not prevented him coming. He was obliged for the reception he had had, which reminded him of the time when he was a regular attendant. He said that as he was going up as Steward for the Girls' School not attached to any lodge, and if he was not treading on any brother's corns in the Rosslyn Lodge, any contribution they choose to put on his list he should be pleased to acknowledge, and, as time was short, he again thanked them.

The Worshipful Master, in a few well-chosen words, proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect."

The Worshipful Master Elect hoped he should be supported in a manner similar to his predecessor, and then he should feel that nothing could go wrong in the lodge. He should expect each officer to do his duty, and he knew that he should not expect in vain, and was sure the intelligence of the young brethren coming on had so materially conduced to the pleasure of all who had seen the work done in the lodge of late years, which he hoped would be continued under his rule, so that when it was ended he might have the satisfaction of having earned the approval of the brethren.

The officers were not forgotten by the W.M.; but time being curtailed in the country, they must accept what they knew he could only say of them if he talked for hours.

Bro. Lewin, accompanied by Bro. Noble, gave "The Entered Apprentice Song."

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

WHITSTABLE.—Graystone Lodge (No. 1915).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th ult., at the Foresters' Hall, when there were present Bros. G. Barton, W.M.; the Rev. A. C. Graystone, S.W. and W.M. elect, Chap. No. 1; J. McCue, J.W.; the Rev. H. M. Maugham, Chap.; A. Anderson, Treas.; E. G. Walthew, Sec.; G. A. Gann, S.D.; S. Saunders, J.D.; T. W. Porter, D.C.; J. Wood, I.G.; T. Kemp and F. T. Browning, Stwds.; W. Gammon, Tyler; J. T. Reeves, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., G.J.D.; H. Ward, P.G.S.W., P.P.G.S.W. Wilts; Josiah Reeves, B. Lightfoot, M. Kemp, H. J. Ougham, S. W. Graystone, P.G.S. Cambridge; H. W. Gann, E. Griffiths, H. T. Gann, T. Ougham, W. Bartlett, W. P. Coleman, A. Gann, W. Chandler, and C. Gurr. Visitors: Bros. F. Nicholls, J.W. 1050; E. M. Mallett, S.W. 1365; S. Payn, P.M. 133; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; Rev. J. B. Harrison, 1096, P.P.G.C.; J. Plant, P.M. and Sec. 31; W. H. Walls, S2; J. W. Comb, W.M. 1096; and C. Etheridge.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. Arthur Conrad Graystone, S.W. and W.M. elect, was next presented, and having given the usual undertakings, was ably installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. T. Reeves, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Barton, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. M. Maugham, S.W.; G. A. Gann, J.W.; A. Anderson, Treas.; E. G. Walthew, Sec.; S. Saunders, S.D.; T. W. Porter, J.D.; J. Wood, D.C.; F. T. Browning, I.G.; and F. A. Johnson, Org. The Installing Master then delivered the usual addresses. Bro. H. Ward, P.G.S.W., acted as D.C. The W.M. was elected to represent the lodge on the P.G. Charity Committee, and at the same time a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. R. Boughton-Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Leicestershire and Rutland, for his past services as such representative. Bro. Ward, P.G.S.W., announced his intention of going up as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

After the expression of "Hearty good wishes," the W.M. closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the Bear and Key Hotel, where they were hospitably entertained by Bro. Brannon. The W.M. presided.

Bro. the Rev. A. C. Graystone, W.M., is the popular Lord of the Manor of Whitstable, and is Chaplain of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1.

MALDON.—Blackwater Lodge (No. 1977).—On Monday, the 21st ult., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, when Bro. S. H. Ellis, J.W., was installed as Master by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M. Essex, Grand Registrar, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, also taking part in the ceremony. There was a numerous muster of visitors. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Mrs. Hickford.

SUNDERLAND.—Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—On Friday, the 25th ult., the installation of Bro. John Charlton Moor, S.W., I.P.M. 97, P.G.J.D., as Worshipful Master of this lodge took place in the presence of a large number of brethren, at the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, John-street. Bro. Robert Hudson, W.M., Prov. G. Sec., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. B. Levy, P.P.G.J.W.; J. J. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Beattie, P.M. 1389; J. E. Nelson, P.M. 80; J. Hudson, P.M. 94; J. R. Smart, P.M. 94; J. Sedcole, P.M. 1119; J. Rainbow, W.M. 94; J. B. Wilkinson, J.W. 1389; J. Hewson, W.M. 949; R. Luck, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Henderson, P.M. 94; J. Dobson, W.M. 80; J. R. Smart, P.M. 94; J. Armstrong, W.M. 1119; G. Robson, W.M. 240; W. Ross, W.M. Hadrian; Edward Potts, W.M. 1676; Robert Singleton, S.W. 97; H. Horner, S.W. 949; J. J. Wilson, S.W. 80; F. S. Cowper, P.S.W. 764; W. Dawson, J.W. 94; I. Kieffer, W. H. Craven, P. Maddison, T. Atkinson, J.W. 80; H. B. Green, T. Corder, T. A. Simpson, James Adie, T. Pringle, Zetland Lodge; the Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C.; J. C. Moor, S.W.; J. Deans, J.W.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. R. Hudson, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet for the past year was read by the Treasurer, W. Beattie, P.M., which showed that a balance of £5 10s. was due to the Treasurer, that all the expenses of the formation of the lodge had been met, the Grand Lodge and provincial dues paid; £10 10s. had been given to the Boys' School; £1 1s. to the Girls' School; and £3 to the Durham Masonic Education Fund. The report was adopted, the W.M., Bro. Hudson, referring in gratifying terms to those who in money and in kind had assisted in the founding and the furnishing of the lodge.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. C. Moor, was presented by Bro. B. Levy, P.P.G.J.W., to the W.M., Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., by whom the ceremony of installation was very ably and effectively performed. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., I.P.M.; John Deans, S.W.; Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C., J.W.; Rev. W. P. Swaby, Chap.; W. Beattie, P.M., Treas.; Joseph R. Pattison, W.M. 97, Sec.; W. A. Priestly, S.D.; R. A. Brown, J.D.; J. E. Nelson, P.M. 80, D. of C.; James Hudson, I.G. 80, Org.; Henry Havelock, I.G.; J. W. Brown, Tyler; J. Pallister and W. Milburn, jun., Stwds.; J. Hudson, P.M. 94, and T. Henderson, P.M. 94, Auditors. Bro. J. Hudson, P.M. 94, was unanimously nominated as a Prov. G. Stwd. The W.M. then received the congratulations of the representatives of the various lodges represented. The hearty thanks of the lodge were accorded to Bros. R. Hudson, I.P.M.; Beattie, P.M., Treas.; and J. R. Pattison, W.M. 97, Sec., for their valuable aid in forming the lodge and fulfilling the duties of their respective offices during the past year, on the motion of the W.M.

After the close of the lodge, the annual festival was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, by a high tea, at which Bro. J. C. Moor, W.M., P.G.J.D., presided, and was supported by Bros. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; B. Levy, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Luck, P.P.G.R.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.D.C.; Mr. R. Redpath and Mrs. Redpath; Mrs. Moor; Mrs. Levy; Bro. W. Beattie, P.M., and Mrs. Beattie; Mrs. Taylor; Bro. J. E. Nelson, P.M. 80, and Mrs. Nelson; Bro. J. Hewson, W.M. 949, and Mrs. Hewson; Bro. Jas. Dobson, W.M. 80, and Miss Dobson; W. H. and Mrs. Craven; Bro. W. Ross, W.M. 1970, and Mrs. Ross; Bro. Geo. Robson, W.M. 240, and Mrs. Robson; Mrs. Egde; Bro. Jas. Sedcole, I.P.M. 1119; Bro. R. Singleton, S.W. 97, and Mrs. Singleton; Bro. H. Horner, S.W. 949, and Mrs. Horner; Bro. T. Atkinson, J.W. 80, and Mrs. Atkinson; Bro. the Rev. J. J. Brown, J.W. 2039; Bro. J. Deans, S.W. 2039, and Mrs. Deans; Bro. J. J. Wilson, S.W. 80, and Mrs. Wilson; Bro. Jas. Hudson, I.G. 80, and Mrs. Hudson; Bro. W. Dawson, J.W. 94, and Mrs. Dawson; Bro. H. Havelock, I.G. 2039, and Mrs. Havelock.

The menu consisted of tea, coffee and cakes; chickens, ham and tongue; pigeon and rabbit pies; game (kindly sent by the Marquis of Londonderry), tarts and tartlets, and dessert. While the tables were being cleared a short adjournment took place, which was spent in conversation in the Masonic Hall, and harmony was rendered by Bros. W. H. Craven, W. Beattie, and James Hudson. The company then repaired to the banqueting room, where fruit and cake were served, and temperance beverages.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England."

Bro. J. E. Nelson, P.M., gave "Our Rulers in the Province of Durham," to which Bro. B. Levy, P.P.G.J.W., and Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S., replied.

Bro. Hudson then proposed "The W.M., Bro. J. C. Moor," and referred to Bro. Moor's services to the Craft in the province, and augured for the lodge a prosperous career.

Bro. Moor having replied, "The First W.M. and Officers of the Londonderry Lodge" was proposed by Bro. R. Luck, P.P.G.R., in eloquent terms.

Bro. Hudson suitably responded.

Bro. the Rev. J. J. Brown, J.W., proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. R. A. Brown, J.D., replied.

"The Visitors" was next proposed, and the brethren having replied, the proceedings terminated.

At intervals, Miss Gibson gave pianoforte music, Mr. Hill performed solos on the violin, and harmony was contributed by Bros. Beattie, Hudson, Craven, Havelock, and others.

CROYDON.—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. J. D. Langton, W.M.; H. M. Hobbs, S.W.; F. T.

Ridpath, J.W.; J. S. Fraser, Sec.; M. L. Levéy, J.D.; George Price, P.G. Treas. Surrey; W. D. Merritt, P.P. G.D.C. Essex; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, E. C. Holdsworth, F. W. Leaver, C. Holden, A. B. Crundall, and W. Lane, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Fred. West, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; C. Daniel, P.M. 65; C. Tarry, J.W. 1790; E. Gillemand, 463; and J. Hirschman, 957.

The W.M., in the absence of the S.D. and I.G., appointed Bros. W. G. Oates and E. C. Holdsworth to those offices respectively. Bros. Oxenham and Leaver were raised to the Degree of M.M.; and Bro. Crundall was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Cambridge presiding at the harmonium. The W.M. proposed a sincere vote of condolence with Bros. E. Samuel and W. G. Goode, the S.D. and I.G. of the lodge, in the sad bereavement they had sustained in the loss of their wives, which was adopted with many feelings of sympathy. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; F. Chandler, S.W.; C. Coleman, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; J. Laurence, J.D.; J. C. Allman, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; J. Stevens, W.M. 1425; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; W. Craig, 1425; F. G. Baker, 753; C. Andrews, 77; Capt. A. Nicols, 1074, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; G. Davis, P.M. 167; M. J. Green, J. Brazell, A. Cornwall, W. Martin, H. Robinson, C. S. Mote, R. E. Cursons, A. G. Boswell, J. C. Conway, W. J. Mason, S. J. Humfress, F. Goswell, J. Reid, J. Temple, W. H. Trownson, P. W. Rogers, H. Curtis, J. Cruttenden, W. Middleweck, W. Death, and H. Dobbin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree were answered by Bro. Martin. Lodge resumed to the First Degree and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Martin being the candidate. Bro. Nicols worked the 7th Section of the 1st lecture. A proposal was then carried that the committee appointed last week make inquiries for other quarters for the lodge of instruction to meet at and report at the next meeting. 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 24th ult., when there were present Bros. J. R. Hamell, W.M.; A. Kedg, S.W.; B. Solomon, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; Wilkie Jones, J.D.; R. J. Hamell, I.G.; W. Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; 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. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st Section of this lecture. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 2nd Section of this lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 1st Section of this lecture. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Fowles proposed that Bro. A. Kedg, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week. Seconded by Bro. J. W., carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when the officers for the year were appointed, viz., Comps. Hodgkin, M.E.Z.; Stedman, H.; A. Holman, J.; W. D. Stone, N.; G. E. Chapman, S.E.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; and Hall, Janitor. Comp. Briscoe, the retiring Z., was presented with a handsome jewel for the efficient discharge of the duties of his office.

In the evening the companions dined together at the Bear Hotel, and enjoyed a very excellent repast provided by Host Whitcomb. Those present, in addition to the officers, included Comps. V. P. Freeman, P.Z., Prov. G. S.E.; Packham, Z. Yarborough, Prov. G.S.; W. W. Turner, P.Z., P.G.S.; J. C. Lucas, P.Z.; Jos. Farncombe, P.Z., Prov. G.S.; S. Tanner, P.Z.; G. Stone, P.Z.; W. D. Stone, S. Stone, R. H. Ellman, and A. Russell. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Crosskey, in responding to the toast of "The Officers," incidentally mentioned that it was his twenty-first year of office as Treasurer to the chapter.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Glasgow Cathedral Chapter (No. 67).—The annual meeting of this chapter, for the installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year, was held within St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult. Comp. W. Campbell, M.E.Z., occupied the chair, and was supported by Comps. James A. Goldie, M.E.H.; Peter M'Inany, M.E.J.; Robt. Gardner, S.E.; David Ronald, and others.

The chapter having been opened, the Scribe read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved of, and afterwards the following office-bearers were installed, the ceremony being performed by Comp. Campbell, viz.: Comps. Peter M'Inany, M.E.H.; James Sutherland, M.E.J.; Wm. Johnson, S.E.; Johnstone Wardlaw, jun., Treas.; George Dank, 1st Soj.; W. L. Dobson, 2nd Soj.; James Giffen 3rd Soj.; W. L. Dobson, D. of M.; William Anderson, Steward; and J. S. M. Adamson, Tyler. After a vote of thanks to Comp. Campbell for officiating, and there being no further business, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form, after which a pleasant and enjoyable hour was spent in harmony.

GLASGOW.—St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69).—The election meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult. Comp. John Terris, M.E.P.Z., presided, and was supported by Comps. Charles Stewart, M.E.P.J.; J. M'Innes, P.P.Z.; T. M. Campbell, Treas.; W. J. Donaldson, P.Z. 79; J. M. Campbell, S.E.; and a large number of companions of this and other chapters.

Bro. John M'Kellar, M.M. 117, was admitted, and received the Mark, Excellent, and Royal Arch Degrees from

Comp. Charles Stewart. The chapter then proceeded to elect office bearers for the coming session, when the following were unanimously elected: Comps. Charles Stewart, M.E.P.Z.; James Leitch, M.E.P.H.; John Wright, M.E.P.J.; J. M. Campbell, E.S.E.; John Barr, E.S.N.; T. M. Campbell, Treas.; Wm. C. Buntin, 1st Soj.; J. W. Hart, 2nd Soj.; Chas. J. Dunn, 3rd Soj.; Thomas Arthur, Supt. of Works; Adolphe Hagmann, Std. Br.; and James Gray, Janitor. The several office bearers were then installed, and received full instructions as to their various duties, the Installing Companions being Comps. J. Terris, P.P.Z. 69, and W. J. Donaldson, P.Z. 79, who were assisted by Comps. John M'Innes and J. B. M'Nair, both P.P.Z.'s 69. Votes of thanks being awarded to the presiding companions, the chapter was closed in due form.

ARDROSSAN.—Neptune Kilwinning Chapter (No. 111).—The annual meeting for the election of office bearers in this chapter was held on Wednesday night, the 23rd ult., when the following companions were elected:—Comps. Robert Marshall, First Principal Z.; John Bain, Second Principal H.; John Treddan, Third Principal J.; John Robertson, S.E.; Wm. Marshall, S.N.; W. Ross, Treas.; Thomas Tyrell, 1st Soj.; John Adair, 2nd Soj.; Peter Sharp, 3rd Soj.; and Henry Barr, Janitor. The chapter is in a prosperous condition, the funds being in a good state.

BRO. DARASHA R. CHICHGUR IN THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the 7th August last, the Grand Master before proceeding to the ordinary business, introduced Bro. Darasha R. Chichgur, Honorary Substitute Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, who, it will be remembered, was, on the eve of his departure from Bombay for England, the recipient of many hearty good wishes for a pleasant and successful journey, and who, after acknowledging the kind reception accorded him by his brethren in Grand Lodge, delivered the following address, which, we doubt not, will prove interesting to our readers:

Bro. CHICHGUR, addressing the Grand Master, said: I come from a distant country called India, and one of its towns, Bombay. I belong to the Provincial Grand Lodge of India, and, being a native of India, it will be a surprise to you that I have attained so high a Masonic position under the Scottish Constitution. I have to congratulate myself at being able to be present at the Quarterly Convocation of this Grand Lodge during my travels in England. I am thus enabled to pay my respect, and show loyalty and fidelity to the fountain head from which we in the East have received the benefits of Freemasonry. It is true Masonry had its origin in the East; but, owing to the decay and downfall of civilisation, and consequent spread of the spirit of religious intolerance, it left its shores, and entered on a far congenial sphere in the West. When the great sons of Caledonia came down for the purpose of trading in the East, they brought with them this noble plant, and planted it on the fertile ground of India. The soil being congenial, the plant, under the guidance and care of the British, developed once more, and soon came to maturity. The sons of the East, on whom the rays of education were then just beginning to dawn, came forward to cultivate the tree which once belonged to them. It was with great difficulty and hesitation this right was given to them. The chief advocate for spreading the benign influence of Freemasonry among the natives was Dr. Burnes, a relative of your renowned poet Burns. The first native gentleman who urged to get the Masonic portals opened to us was Bro. Manockjee Cursetjee, who has made a name as the foremost advocate of female education in India. Lodge Rising Star was thus started under the Scottish banner as the first native lodge. It has up to now held its own against many others, and is reckoned one of the best lodges in Western India. In illustration of this, I may be allowed to mention a few distinguished names which have been connected with this lodge, which of itself will show that it has admitted the best and foremost men of Indian society: Bro. Manockjee Cursetjee, an ex-judge; Bro. K. R. Cama, a great Oriental scholar; Bro. Pestonjee C. H. Cama, a well-known merchant of Bombay, whose liberality was lately shown by his giving in charity £20,000 for building a hospital for the sick and infirm of all denominations, and whose son is a member of the Grand Lodge of England; Bro. M. C. Murzban, the well-known executive engineer of Bombay; Bro. Pheerozshah M. Mehta, barrister-at-law, twice elected as Chairman of the Municipal Corporation of Bombay; Bros. Nowrojee Furdoonjee and Sorabjee S. Bengalee, eminent citizens of Bombay, on whom, for their distinguished public services, the Government conferred the title of Companions of the Indian Empire; Bro. Dadabhoj Nowrojee, a gentleman of great renown and reputation, who established in London the East Indian Association; Bro. Jamsetjee D. Wadia, master builder in her Majesty's Dockyard; Bro. Doossabhoj F. Kurraka, the author of the "History of the Parsees," a magistrate of Bombay, who was lately made a Companion of the Star of India by Her Majesty's Government; Bro. Doctor Atmaram Pandorang, an eminent medical practitioner, ex-sheriff of Bombay; Bro. Rhaimtoola Sayani, solicitor, the present Sheriff of Bombay; Bro. Hormusjee Dadabhoj, a distinguished pleader and ex-judge; Bro. M. M. Bhowngree, barrister-at-law, agent to his Highness the Thakoreshaeb of Bhowngree, and an officer of this Grand Lodge; and many others who belong to the noble profession of medicine and law, with various University honours attached to their names. The present Master of this lodge is Bro. Rustom M. Chichgur, a chip of the old block to which I have the honour to belong. It speaks fair of a brother, who now holds the Hiram of India, on behalf and under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to have introduced into his Provincial Grand Lodge some of the above distinguished Masons, and given them the highest positions, without distinction of caste or creed. Under the judicious management of Bro. Captain Morland, and the conspicuous support of this Grand Lodge, lodges in India flourish. Being an Executive Officer of the Indian Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry, I cannot but testify, on the present occasion, to the kind support and good advice tendered to us from time to time by your worthy Secretary, Bro. Murray Lyon. It depends much upon the tact and judgment of the Executive Officer to promote or mar the interests of the Craft. I take this opportunity of congratulating the Craft in having such a worthy Secre-

tary to represent the Scottish Constitution. If I may be allowed to make a remark here, I would venture to say—let the efforts of the Grand Lodge be to give us few lodges under its Constitution, and they should be constituted, supported, and ruled by brethren of real culture and ability, as by so doing the stability of our Craft will increase tenfold, and induce many more good men to join the Craft, and thereby the Institution will be better able to spread the doctrine of humanity and sympathy hundredfold in time to come. These cultured men will be able to expound the beautiful teachings of Freemasonry in a manner that will tend to make Masons more tolerant of one another, and more sympathetic in their hearts towards their fellow-creatures. With narrow mind and blind zeal, the working of the ceremonials will never bring good results. It is therefore better for our brethren to give way to the educated and cultured men of the Craft in assuming high offices in the lodge whenever they are available. Now, Most Worshipful Sir, as long as this Grand Lodge continues to administer justice without fear or favour, the Provincial Grand Lodge of India, and the daughter lodges working under it, will remain firm, staunch, and faithful to their mother Grand Lodge, and will ever try to enlist her sympathy and goodwill by upholding the prestige of the Scottish Constitution in India. In conclusion, I have personally to thank you most warmly and sincerely for the hearty reception given to me by you, sir, in particular, and by the brethren of the Scottish Constitution, individually and jointly. This act of kindness and courtesy, I have no doubt, will be reciprocated by my Indian brethren in displaying their allegiance and loyalty on all occasions. It shall be my earnest endeavour, so long as I am a member of the Indian Grand Lodge, to promote friendly feelings between the fountain-head and the daughter Grand Lodge.



In common with all our contemporaries, and with the public who have already had the pleasure of visiting the Haymarket, we tender our most sincere congratulations to the new lessees—Mr. Edward Russell and Bro. Captain S. F. Bashford—on the undoubted success which has attended their efforts in taking over this famous and well-known theatre. "Dark Days," as dramatised by Mr. Comyns Carr from the late Mr. Fergus's (Hugh Conway) book of that name, is one of the strongest, most interesting, and charming plays we have ever seen. On the play itself, the stage mounting, the company who represent the characters, and all the surroundings it would be not possible to say too much. It was a big venture and a heavy responsibility to follow in the management of the Haymarket after such lessees as those who have from time to time had the house; but especially the late managers—Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft—who were so popular with all classes; and we are alluding particularly to their management as separate from their playing. But we read and hear on all sides only one tone of praise and conviction that the prestige of this, the first play-house in London, has not in the least diminished since it has passed into new hands. This is why we join in the unanimous verdict, because the grand continuity—a principle so dear to a Mason—remains unbroken, and the traditions uninterrupted. Were it not that Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, instead of being on the stage, occupied a box on the first night, no one, unless told so, would have known that any change had taken place. There is very little of the book to be recognised in the play of "Dark Days," except that the heroine believes, as does her faithful lover, that she is the murderer of her wicked husband until, by the confession of the real culprit, the self-reproach is lifted, so that Mr. Comyns Carr may almost claim the play to be original. A young medical man, Basil North, is in love with a girl named Philippa; but his proposal of marriage comes too late, for she has allied herself to a man she hates, partly to please her mother, and partly because North did not tell her of his love. This husband, Sir Mervyn Ferrand, is a scoundrel, and already is married to the sister of a man, one William Evans, who bleeds the baronet for 15 years to keep the secret. Philippa and North go to Sir Mervyn to inform him that in future she means no longer to hide the shame; but will go by his name, although separated, that the world may know his villainy. He taunts them with being lovers in a guilty sense, and then dares Philippa to proclaim his marriage to her to the world, and informs her for the first time that that was not a legal marriage, for he was then the husband of another woman. Her hatred for him becomes intense at this. The extortioner Evans now threatens him, unless he hands him a sum of money which he demands. The baronet refuses, but at last yields, and tells him to meet him at a certain place and a certain time. Sir Mervyn does not keep the appointment, having discovered something by which he thinks he may rid himself of this man, who has lived on him for so many years. Exasperated at not getting the money, Evans tracks Sir Mervyn in a wood, the snow coming down fast, and after a long wrangle Sir Mervyn offers to pay him the next day, but having been lied to and threatened by the baronet, Evans fires a pistol and kills his victim, having obtained the pistol surreptitiously from the house of Dr. North. Like Pauline, in "Called Back," Philippa's reason has left her, and she is haunted by fright, and in her delirium rushes out of the house into the wood and comes upon the corpse of her bigamous husband. Basil North follows her to take her back to his mother's house, and is horrified to find her over the dead body with his own pistol on the ground, and believes her to have murdered Sir Mervyn in her madness. They go to Seville for a change of scene and life, and there read that a man has been arrested for the crime. North resolves to return home in order to save the man he believes to be innocent. The last act shows us a Court of Justice, in which Evans is being tried for the capital offence. Dr. North is called as a witness to prove that the pistol found near the murdered man was his, and he affirms that on the day of the murder he had had a visit from the baronet of an unpleasant nature and had prepared his pistols. Suspicion falls on him now, and at this juncture Philippa rushes into the Court declaring she killed the man. Evans on seeing her is so frightened, thinking she is a spirit, that he acknowledges to being the murderer, and so the play ends. To Miss Lingard, as Philippa, falls a task somewhat similar to that as Pauline, in "Called Back." We

need scarcely say she plays it with a tender and sympathetic spirit. Mr. Barrymore, as Dr. North, is dignified, manful, and earnest, if a little heavy. The Sir Mervyn Ferrand of Mr. Beerbohm Tree strikes us as the best played part. He faithfully portrays the character of the wicked and cold-blooded cynic; and though Mr. Beerbohm Tree gives us a lot of dialogue which is outside the plot, yet it is not wearisome from him, but entertaining. Bro. Robert Pateman is the vulgar villain Evans, and he represents the part much as he did that of the process-server at the Adelphi lately, that is, "par excellence." Miss Lydia Foote and Miss Helen Forsyth display great aptitude for their respective parts. Mr. Sugden makes a good Hon. Percy Pentland, who, though not very brilliant in talents, is a well meaning fellow and affectionate lover. Messrs. Russell and Bashford have introduced two changes for the comforts of their audience. The second circle seats are reduced to two shillings—a pit—and opera glasses are lent to the occupants of the stalls and balcony. We suppose the next move will be the compliment of a burlesque on "Dark Days." We only hope the new lessees will go on as they have commenced.

Mr. Edgar Bruce wishes it to be stated that he is not going to play in the new musical piece to be brought out at the Prince's next week, as some papers have announced. The mistake has possibly arisen owing to the fact that on the night of its production he will take up the part of Anthony Sheen, about to be vacated by Mr. Garden. We hear the little piece is to be of a political character, the music by Mr. Walter Slaughter.

Mr. Hawtrey, of "The Private Secretary," has purchased the rights of the "Excelsior" ballet, which is now being played under his management at Her Majesty's. We wish him success; he is plucky to have taken up such a diverse field.

Obituary.

BRO. THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY, K.G.

The news that Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., whose name has been familiar to the public as a doer of good deeds for considerably more than half-a-century, has at length passed from among us, will be received with general sorrow by our readers as by all other classes of the community. The good Earl was known for his active and instinctive philanthropy. There is hardly a scheme which has been started in our time for the benefit of poor and suffering humanity to which he did not at once give his adhesion, and in behalf of which he did not work both assiduously and cordially. He appears to have taken no active part in Masonry, into which he was initiated in the Apolo University Lodge, No. 357, in 1819, the very year of its constitution, but his whole life has shown that he was deeply imbued with that holy sense of Charity, and that deep loyalty for things Constitutional, which are of the very essence of the Craft. It is no exaggeration to say that the nation as one man is grieved at the death of one so deservedly respected, and we should feel we had omitted a duty if we had allowed the sad event to pass without expressing our sorrow at its occurrence, and our sincere sympathy with the relatives and friends of our late respected brother.

BRO. W. M. RIDLAND.

The funeral of W. Bro. W. M. Ridland, W.M. 230, Devonport, son-in-law of Councillor R. Cawsey, took place at the Plymouth Cemetery on Thursday, the 24th ult., and was very largely attended. The deceased had been a member of the Masonic Order for many years, and after passing through the various chairs he was in January last installed as W.M. of the lodge in the presence of a very large number of P.M.'s and brethren. Bro. Ridland had been connected with the firm of Messrs. Hicks and Co., Plymouth, for about 16 years. He was formerly cashier, but was promoted some few years since to the position of out-door manager, which brought him into contact with a great number of business men, who all recognised his ability and genial disposition. Bro. Ridland, although he did not directly associate himself with the public affairs of the town, took an active interest in local politics, and was Auditor of the Devonport and Stonehouse Junior Liberal Association. The brother had been failing in health for some time, and died on Sunday, the 20th ult., from disease of the kidneys. He leaves a wife and three young children. The funeral cortege left the house of the deceased, 2, Valletort-place, Stoke, at 2 p.m. on Thursday. About 14 carriages containing brethren of the Masonic Order preceded the glass hearse, and then about 20 carriages containing the relatives and personal friends of the deceased.

BRO. W. B. SPENCER.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., the remains of the late Bro. W. B. Spencer, of Halifax, were accompanied to the grave by representatives from the four Halifax Lodges, the Howarth Lodge, and the Elland Lodge. The deceased was one of the oldest Freemasons in the district, and was much respected by the brethren. He was W.M. of the Howarth Lodge in 1859, and W.M. of the St. James' Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, in 1860. He was one of the founders of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1736, Halifax, and was also the first W.M. He was ever a zealous worker in this cause, which he had much at heart, and his friendship will be missed greatly by those who knew him.

BRO. H. M. LEVY, P.M., P.Z.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M. and P.Z. of the Joppa Lodge and Chapter. Bro. Levy had been ailing for some time past, but the news, though it may have been anticipated by his family and friends, has come upon us as a surprise. Bro. Levy in his day had taken an active part in the doings of the Craft. He was a Life Governor of all three Charities, and had served as Festival Steward twice for the Girls' School, twice for the Benevolent Institution, and once for the Boys' School. He had also been a member of the Audit Committee of the Girls' School, and one of the Committee of Management of the R.M.B.I. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Jews' Cemetery, Willesden and among those present to show their respect for the deceased were several of his Masonic friends. We offer the expression of our sincere sympathy with the family of our late brother.



R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., will visit York on Tuesday, the 20th inst., and deliver a political address.

Bro. Lieut.-General Sir F. Roberts, Bart., arrived at Balmoral Castle on Monday evening, and had the honour of dining with Her Majesty.

Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, addressed a political meeting at Stockport, Cheshire, on Monday evening.

The proposed Cabinet Council will be held on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., having been postponed from Tuesday, the 29th ult., the day originally fixed.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Balmoral on a visit to her Majesty on Friday, the 25th ult., the weather during the journey being bitterly cold and stormy.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold its usual monthly meeting tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at Freemasons' Hall at the hour of 4 p.m.

It has been resolved to invite Bro. Digby Seymour, Q.C., to stand as candidate in the Conservative interest for the borough of South Shields, at the approaching General Election.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt, P.G.A.D.C., had sufficiently recovered from his recent indisposition to be able to leave town for his residence, near Swanage, during the latter part of last week.

We understand that the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Lord Henniker, has fixed the annual Grand Lodge for the Province of East Anglia to be held at Norwich, on Wednesday, the 21st instant.

Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., presided at a meeting held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Tuesday of the London Chamber of Commerce, the object being to hear a paper read by Mr. Archibald R. Colquhoun, C.E., F.R.G.S., on "A National Policy in the East."

Bro. J. F. B. Firth, M.P., is expected to preside at a great meeting proposed to be held at St. James's Hall on Thursday next, the 8th inst., under the auspices of the London Municipal Reform League, in connection with the Municipal Corporations' Jubilee.

Bro. General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., K.C.B., was presented on Monday with an address at Redruth congratulating him on his safe return from the Sudan. The gallant general thanked his friends for their kindness, and pointed out that if he were an absentee landlord, it was not his fault.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Creation Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., on Thursday, October 29th. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock. Bro. Davies, Preceptor, as W.M.; Bro. W. G. Reynolds, P.M., as S.W.; Bro. W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Hon. Secretary.

The "Masonic Advocate" makes mention of a veteran member of our Society, Bro. Sylvanus Hatch, Port Lavacca, Texas, who was initiated in 1809, and who on the 1st June last celebrated his 97th birthday, surrounded by his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to the number of 40. We cordially echo the wish of our Indianapolis contemporary that Bro. Hatch may yet be spared many years.

Bros. J. H. Puleston, M.P., Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, R. B. Martin, M.P., Alderman Savory, Sir W. A. Ogg, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir John Bennett, Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, N. B. Headon, J. Judd, H. Jones, G.S. of Wks.; G. Shaw, T. Clarke, Sheriff-elect; and E. Dresser Rogers, were present among the guests at the farewell banquet given by the late Sheriffs at Drapers' Hall, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult.

Bro. Thomas Glidden, Ill. G. Master of the Grand Council R. and S.M., of New York, has just issued a history of the Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, Rochester, in that State. The chapter was founded early in 1819, but succumbed to the great Anti-Masonic agitation of 1829, and remained dormant till 1846, when it was revived and the charter restored by the Grand Chapter. Since then over 1000 companions have been exalted, and the membership now amounts to about 500.

The Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, Boston, Massachusetts, celebrated the second anniversary of its pilgrimage to California in 1883, on the 3rd and 4th of last month. There was a strong muster of the sir knights, many of whom were accompanied by ladies. The place chosen for the festive occasion was Ocean House, Star Island, Isles of Shoals, and a most delightful visit was made, the weather being delightful, and the arrangements perfect. The return home was accomplished *via* Portsmouth.

Bros. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., and G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., will be among the principal speakers at a political meeting to be held at Peterborough on Saturday, the 17th instant. Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., will deliver an address to the electors of Chelsea on Tuesday next at Preece's Riding School, Hollywood-road, Fulham-road; while R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., will take part in the re-opening of a Liberal Club, at Rawtenstall, on Saturday, the 10th instant.

Bro. Wilson Barrett, always thinking what he can do for the creature comforts of his patrons, now opens the iron gates in the vestibule at 6.30, thus enabling about 200 occupants of the dress circle and upper boxes to be protected from wind and rain, before the opening of the inside barriers. Doubtless this will be properly appreciated. "Hoodman Blind" seems destined, as we prognosticated, to have a brilliant career, and will be played for many a long day to come.

There was a considerable sale of hunters at Bro. Rymill's Farm, Littleton, near Shepperton Station, on Saturday afternoon last.

Bro. Alderman Staples was among the guests at the election meeting of the Pewterers' Company, held at the Pewterers' Hall, on Thursday, the 24th ult.

We are sorry to hear that R.W. Bro. Col. King-Harman, M.P., P.G.M. of Malta, is reported as lying seriously ill at his residence near Boyle, Co. Roscommon.

Bro. Sir Jas. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the meeting on Friday, the 25th ult.—the first held since the holidays—of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.S.W. Kent, addressed a meeting of his constituents, held in the Public Hall, Sidcup, on Thursday, the 24th ultimo.

Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton and Sir T. Dyke Acland, Bart., M.P., addressed political meetings, held the one in Cheshire and the other at Wellington, Somersetshire, on Friday evening, the 25th ult.

The banquet to be given by Bro. the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House to Bro. Gen. Sir F. S. Roberts has been postponed till Saturday, the 24th inst., so that his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief may be present.

Bros. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., the Earl of Kintore, R. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., and Charles Dalrymple, M.P., were present at a political meeting, held at St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, on Friday evening, the 25th ult.

The Princess of Wales will remain at Copenhagen till the time for the marriage of her brother, Prince Waldemar, approaches, and then H.R.H. will accompany the King and Queen of Denmark to the Duke of Chartres' seat, the Chateau d'Eu.

The Prince of Wales left Copenhagen for Hungary last week, taking Vienna on his way. It is his Royal Highness's intention to have some shooting on the estates of Counts Kalnoky and Festetics, and also to be present at the race meeting held in connection with the Pesth Exhibition.

Major-General Raymond White, late Scots Guards, was married to the Hon. Laura Edwardes, eldest sister of Bro. Lord Kensington, M.P., P.G.M. South Wales (West Division), at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Thursday, the 24th ult. The bride was given away by his lordship.

Bro. Henry Pettitt, the able and popular playwright, was very graphically portrayed in the *World* of the 16th ult. Bro. Pettitt is a member of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, which must be immensely proud of having on its roll a brother who is so capable as a dramatist and so genial as a companion.

Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Roberts and their son left London for Inverness on Saturday evening last. Previous to their departure for Balmoral on a visit to the Queen, the General will have the opportunity of discussing Indian affairs with Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for India.

It speaks well for "The Magistrate" that during the hot summer months it has continued to be played, and the Court Theatre has not closed its doors this year at all. Bro. A. Cecil, Mrs. John Wood, and Miss Marion Terry have, during the last few days, renewed their places in the cast. The 200th representation of "The Magistrate" will be celebrated next week.

The United States Government have paid Bro. Admiral Bedford Pim the very great compliment of naming the land from which the Arctic Expedition commanded by Lieutenant Greely, of the United States Navy, was rescued, the "Bedford Pim Island," in recognition of the gallant Admiral's defence of the Lieutenant, and the personal interest he has taken in Arctic research.

The death of Bro. John McClelland, a distinguished Mason of Tennessee, occurred at Nashville on the 1st August last. The deceased, who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1850 and installed a K.T. in 1858, had been for several years Grand Treasurer of the various Masonic bodies in Tennessee, and was a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Conclave of that State.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke were inducted into office as Sheriffs of London and Middlesex on Monday, at noon. There was the usual procession from the Albion, Aldersgate-street, to the Guildhall, and the ceremony having been there carried out in accordance with ancient usage, the procession returned to the Albion, where breakfast was served to over 200 guests.

The *Gazette* of Friday, the 25th ult., contained an announcement to the effect that the Queen had been pleased to grant to Bro. General Lord Wolseley and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten the dignity of a Viscount of the United Kingdom, and in default of such issue male the dignity of Viscountess to Frances Garnet Wolseley, spinster, his lordship's daughter, and at her death the dignity of a Viscount to the heirs male of her body lawfully begotten.

The Province of North Wales and Shropshire having been divided since the death of the late Sir W. W. Wynn, P.G.M., the Shropshire Province, of which Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman is P.G.M. designate, will be consecrated on the 22nd inst., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M. of England, being the installing officer. As at present arranged, the North Wales Provincial Lodge will be constituted at Wrexham the following day. Bro. Lord Harlech is the P.G.M.; Bros. Colonel Henry Platt, P.M. Royal Leek, Bangor, D.P.G.M.; and T. E. Harris, St. Eleth, Royal Leek, and St. David's, P.G. Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Unwholesome changes.—The changeable weather is causing much sickness, and exerting the most powerful influence in deranging the secretions of the body. Alternating chills and heats so derange the capillary circulation, that skin, liver, stomach, or lungs must become disordered. Holloway's Ointment, well rubbed over these organs twice a day, proves the quickest, safest, and best corrective. It penetrates the skin, enters the deeper structures, purifies their blood, cleanses their substance, equalises their circulation, and renders the secretions abundant without annoying, irritating, or exhausting them. This Ointment, perseveringly used, aided by occasional doses of their far famed Pills, is capable of removing all the formidable evils induced by variable weather and its attendant impurities.—[ADVERT.]

On Friday, the 23rd ult., Bro. the Lord Mayor will entertain the Senate of the University of London at a dinner at the Mansion House. His lordship is a graduate of the University.

The will of the late R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop, has been proved, the value of the personalty being sworn at over £105,000.

Advices from Inverness are to the effect that the health of Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., has very materially improved, his lordship having almost entirely recovered from his recent severe indisposition.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending the 3rd inst.:—Thursday—University College Dinner. Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge and Thistle Lodge. Saturday—Phoenix Chapter.

Very considerable alterations and additions are in course of being made at the Prince of Wales's London residence, Marlborough House, and it is not expected that the work will be completed before December. Over a hundred workmen have been employed there for several weeks past.

We regret to announce that the health of R.W. Bro. Lord De Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire, still causes very considerable anxiety, and that his lordship continues in a very prostrate condition at his seat, Tabley Hall. For this reason he was unable to be present at the annual meeting, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cheshire.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham was held on Wednesday last, at Alnwick, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, Provincial Grand Master. There was a large assemblage of provincial officers and brethren from all the lodges in the province. A donation of 10 guineas was passed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. J. Y. Strachan was reappointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Bro. Adam Robertson was appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden; Bro. David Sinclair, Provincial Grand Junior Warden; Bro. Robert Hudson, Provincial Grand Master Overseer; and Bro. John Starker Wilson, Provincial Grand Secretary. The reports of the lodges showed a steady increase in numbers. A full report will appear in our next.

The festival of the Charitable Society calling itself "Ye Antiente Fraternite of Ye Rahere Almoners," and which is to be held at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 22nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, is, we hear, likely to be something to be talked about. The fraternite has already a reputation for carrying out its entertainments thoroughly and successfully, and it is said such reputation may be considerably enhanced by the forthcoming festival. A quaint Old English Pageant is announced in connection with the banquet, and, as on a former occasion, we believe in 1882, when the "brynging inne of ye Boar's Head" before the Lord Mayor then presiding, Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, was so well received, will doubtless prove a most attractive feature in the entertainment. The success of the festival, which has the further patronage of the Sheriffs, Aldermen and members of the Corporation who will be present, is already assured by the early demand which has been made for places at the banquet table.

PRESENTATION TO THE COUNTESS OF MAR AND KELLIE.—A deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland attended, on Saturday, the 19th ult., at Alloa House, the residence of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, P.G. Master Mason of Scotland, for the purpose of presenting to the Countess of Mar and Kellie a bust of her husband, in testimony of the great services rendered to Freemasonry in Scotland during a long term of years, but especially during the period 1881-4, when he held the exalted office of Grand Master Mason. The presentation, which took place in the drawing-room, was made by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, G.M., in a most appropriate speech, and the artist, Bro. Rhend, having unveiled the bust, which is in white marble, on a pedestal of Devonshire marble, the latter having affixed to it a gold plate, with the inscription, "Presented by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Countess of Mar and Kellie. September, 1885." Her ladyship expressed her thanks for the gift, and the company adjourned. Subsequently a Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire was held in the Masonic Hall, George-street, for the purpose of installing the Earl of Mar and Kellie as Prov. Grand Master, and the ceremony having been carried out in accordance with usage, Prov. G. Lodge and a large number of brethren were entertained at luncheon at Alloa House by his lordship, and several toasts, including those of "Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., G.M. of Scotland," and "The Earl of Mar and Kellie," were proposed and honoured enthusiastically.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, October 10, 1885.

| MONDAY, OCTOBER 5. | |
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| Lodge | 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. |
| " | 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall. |
| " | 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn-fields. |
| " | 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. |
| " | 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. |
| " | 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav. |
| " | 1625, Iredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd. |
| " | 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell. |
| " | 1731, Cholmeley, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W. |
| " | 2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. |
| Chap. | 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tav. |
| " | 1056, Victoria, M.H., Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-st. |
| " | 1704, Cable, Cannon-st. Hot. |
| Mark | 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly. |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Loughborough, | Cambría Tav., Cambría-rd., S.E. |
| Strong Man, | Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7. |
| Sincerity, | Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7. |
| St. James's Union, | Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. |
| Euphrates, | Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8. |
| Wellington, | White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. |
| St. Mark's, | Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. |
| Rose of Denmark, | Gauden Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30. |
| Doric Chapter, | Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6. |
| Perfect Ashlar, | Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8. |

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

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hot.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.
" 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
Mark 315, Henniker, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bgds., 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 Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, 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.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
The Invicta Club, Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-sq.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1766, St. Leonard's, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Grand Masters, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
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.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall (worked in German)
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Face Stag, East Finchley.
" 1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1987, Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 73, Mnt. Lebanon, Bridge House Ho., Lndn. Bdg.
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
" 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield-rd., Bow.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons'-avenue.
" 331, Davison, M.H., 8A, Red Lion-sq.

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.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
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, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-cr.-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, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Lodge 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company City-rd.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-st., W.
K.T. D. Mount Calvary, 8A, Red Lion-sq.

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.S.), 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. Marybone, 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.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
" 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

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., Hammer smith at 7.30.

OVERWORK, WORRY, AND COLLAPSE.

TRULY ALARMING.

THE LANCET writes:—"Rarely a week passes without some signal collapse in the ranks of our foremost men.—Loss of Rest, Depression, Debility, and General Flagging of the Vital Forces, invariably precede these breakdowns, which are so Alarmingly Prevalent among all classes of the community. One man goes down Paralyzed; another goes down with Softening of the Brain; another goes down with Kidney or Bright's Disease. Such are the results of wasting the substance that lies in the Brain and Nervous System, which is their very self—the vital parts of every human being. It is the whole capital of a man's life; when he has squandered that, he is beggared and bankrupt beyond all description. The Habits, Occupation, incessant Worry, late Hours, the vices and unnatural modes of living, which seem to follow civilization, have the effect of depleting the human system of its necessary supply of Phosphorus, viz., Life Power. The more immediate results are the loss of appetite, nausea, heartburn, flatulence, dizziness, sick headaches, failure of physical and mental vigour, sleeplessness, distressing sense of weight and fulness in the stomach, all of which are known as Dyspepsia and Liver Complaints. With their torturing pains and penalties and the consequent poisoned and impoverished condition of the blood, and general disorganisation of all the vital functions, the victims don't just know what is the matter, but they have a combination of Aches and Pains, and each month they grow worse, if they work, it becomes labour. If they walk they soon tire, mental efforts become a wearisome burden, and even joys are diminished by the shadow of this weakness which is cast over their lives. The advice of Physicians to refrain from labour produces no happy results. Why? The system is debilitated, and needs to be built up by supplying the Phosphoric and other animating elements of the body which have been wasted."

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THE NEW SHERIFFS AND THE LORD MAYOR ELECT.

Both Monday and Tuesday in the current week have been important days in the City of London, the event of the former having been the inauguration of Bros. Aldermen Evans and T. Clarke as Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, that of the latter the election of Bro. Alderman Staples to the Lord Mayoralty of London in succession to Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., whose second term of office will close on the 8th November prox. These events are in no sense Masonic, but we make no apology for giving a fuller account than usual, as the new functionaries in the one case, and the functionary-elect in the other, are, by a happy coincidence, all members of our ancient fraternity, and it is not unnatural that our readers should feel exceptionally gratified that three of their brethren have been deemed worthy of having conferred upon them such high and honourable civic distinction. We are rightly proud of our grand old corporation of London,

London and Middlesex. The ceremony, like most Civic ceremonies of its kind, was an imposing one. There was a strong muster of the officers of the different Guilds of which Bros. Evans and Clarke are members, a brave display of banners, the drum and life and brass bands of the 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Militia), and the band of the Honourable Artillery Company, and, to crown all, the brilliant state equipages of the Sheriffs elect. As the weather was bright and genial, there was a numerous gathering of spectators along the line of route—from the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, via St. Martin's-le-Grand, the East side of St. Paul's, Cannon-street, Queen-street, and King-street, to the Guildhall—the hearty cheering of the assemblage bearing unequivocal testimony to the respect entertained for Bros. Evans and Clarke. Meanwhile, Bro. the Lord Mayor, attended by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Sheriff Phillips had gone in state from the Mansion House to Guildhall, and the principal personages having assembled in the Aldermen's room, a procession was formed to the hustings, on either side of which were assembled the friends of the Sheriffs elect. Bro. the Lord Mayor took his seat, and the Common Crier having called for silence, first Bro. Alderman Evans and then Bro. T. Clarke advanced, and successively took the oaths of office, as administered by the Town Clerk, Bro.

and very handsomely wrought, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Aldersgate-street, and as we are in a position to give our readers some idea of their character, it will not be out of place to supplement our illustrations with the following brief description: Bro. Alderman Evans's badge is renaissance in style, and comprises his arms and crest in the centre, flanked on the right and left with the arms of the Broderers and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies. Above these are the arms of the Haberdashers' Company. At the base are the arms of the City and of Middlesex, between which is the Welsh leek. The badge is also ornamented with the City sword and mace. Bro. Sheriff-elect Clarke's chain is a very massive one of 18-carat gold, composed of lozenge-shaped links coupled with oval rings, each alternate link bearing Bro. Clarke's crest, while the dividing links are ornamented with an embossed device.

Conspicuous among the attractions of the civic procession, was the state chariot of Bro. Thomas Clarke, which has been supplied by Messrs. Offord and Sons. This elegant vehicle embodies all the recent improvements introduced by the firm, and has been finished with great taste to the choice of the Sheriff. The colours, which were suggested by the family arms of Bro. Clarke, are a rich claret, relieved with gold and vermillion, with trimmings and hammercloth to match. The panels are emblazoned with the City arms and those of the Spectacle Makers, Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, and Loriners' Companies, of which Bro. Clarke is a member. Owing to the introduction of steel, in place of the heavy iron and woodwork formerly employed in the underworks, the vehicle has an unusually light and airy appearance, which is heightened by the large amount of gold used in the painting and mountings. The chariot of Bro. Sheriff Evans, also supplied by Messrs. Offord, is of the same light and unique construction. It is painted a dark blue, with yellow relief, and has the arms of the Haberdashers, Broderers, and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies, in addition to those of the City, on the panels. These two equipages formed quite a feature in the pageant, and we consider Messrs. Offord are to be congratulated on the success of their effort to introduce lighter carriages, a success which is evident from the fact that we noticed four out of the five state carriages in use were supplied by this firm. We think if some of those persons who are continually crying out about the decline of British industries were to pay a visit to the show rooms of Messrs. Offord, and compare the works of art therein displayed with the carriages of other nations, they would return reassured that British coachbuilding at least has little to fear from foreign competition for many years to come.

THE ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR.

Tuesday being Michaelmas-day, our civic fathers met in Common Hall, at the Guildhall, for the purpose of electing a successor to Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., as Lord Mayor of London. His lordship, accompanied by the Sheriffs, having arrived in state from the Mansion House, and having been received by the Aldermen and officers of the Corporation, a procession was formed to the adjoining church of St. Lawrence Jewry, where, in accordance with the custom proper to these occasions, Divine service was held, an appropriate sermon being preached by the Lord Mayor's Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Forrest. The Benediction having been given, the civic party returned to the Guildhall, where the Livery assembled in considerable numbers, and Bro. the Lord Mayor having taken his seat as President, a Common Hall was opened, and the Common Crier having proclaimed silence, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read, the Recorder explained to the assemblage the purpose for which they had gathered together. Bro. the Lord Mayor and his brother Aldermen having retired, those only of the latter remaining who had not passed the chair, the usual questions were put and responded to by Bro. Alderman Staples, and the replies being deemed satisfactory, the Livery returned Bros. Aldermen Staples and Sir R. Hanson. The Sheriffs communicated the result to the Aldermen, and in a short time it was announced that the choice of the latter had fallen upon Bro. Alderman Staples, citizen and leather-seller, an announcement which was greeted on all sides with the heartiest applause. Bro. Lord Mayor-elect Staples, having had the chain of office placed about his neck, and having expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, a resolution of thanks to Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler for his valuable services to the City, and of congratulation to him on his elevation to a baronetcy, was passed unanimously and acknowledged appropriately. A vote of thanks was also accorded to and acknowledged by the late Sheriffs for their services, after which the Common Hall was closed with the usual formalities, and the meeting dispersed. Among those present were Bros. Aldermen Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir H. E. Knight, De Keyser, Isaacs, and Cowan; Bros. Major Campbell (City Marshal); H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor); G. P. Goldney (City Remembrancer); Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk); and the Sheriffs Alderman Evans and T. Clarke; and Bros. F. P. Alliston, S. da Costa Andrade, T. Beard, Sir J. Bennett, T. R. Bone, A. Brookman, Deputy East, J. W. Goodinge, N. B. Headon, H. A. Joseph, W. H. Pannell, H. B. Marshall, P.G.T.; R. E. Pixley, and G. Shaw. In the evening Bro. the Lord Mayor-elect and a large party of guests dined at the Mansion House with Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler.

THE LORD MAYOR ELECT AS A MASON.

Bro. Alderman Staples has been for some few years past a member of our Society, having been initiated in Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, in the year 1881, but he does not seem to have taken a leading part in the doings of the Craft till towards the close of the year 1883, when he had a share in founding the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, and early in January, 1884, was installed by the Grand Secretary as its first W.M. In January of the current year he was for the second time installed Master, and having in the interval been exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Aldersgate Chapter, is now its M.E.Z. Our respected brother is also a Life-Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, for each of which he has served as Festival Steward, and we daresay it will not be long before Bro. Hedges finds an opportunity of enlisting his support and services in the cause of the Girls' School. Such a career, though brief, is most creditable, and the Craft cannot be otherwise than gratified that the office of Lord Mayor of London will, for the fifth consecutive year, be occupied by one among its most respected members.



which during the centuries of its existence has done so much to promote the welfare of this country, and that feeling of pride is necessarily enlarged when it is found that very many among the most influential of its citizens have sought and obtained admission into our Order. There is indeed something especially noteworthy in this very frequent conjunction of civic and Masonic eminence in the same personages, and the next time any body of men seem inclined to condemn our Society, it may be as well perhaps if they bethink themselves that a fraternity cannot be so very terrible which year after year includes among its members the guardians of law and order in the municipality of London.

But we need not waste time in demonstrating the very obvious proposition that English Freemasons are law-abiding and law-enforcing members of the community. Our present business is to describe the events which occurred in London during the early days of this week, and we take first, as coming first in the order of time,

THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW SHERIFFS,

Bros. Alderman Evans and Thomas Clarke, on whom during the ensuing 12 months will devolve the weighty cares and responsibilities attaching to the Shrievalty of

Sir J. B. Monckton, the ceremony concluding with the investiture of the new officers by their predecessors. The Under-Sheriffs, Messrs. Rose-Innes and Wynne Baxter, having also subscribed the oaths prescribed for them, the ceremony concluded, and the procession having been reformed, made its way, via Jewin-street, back to the Albion, where breakfast was served in the large hall to considerably over 200 guests, the duty of presiding being jointly undertaken by the newly-installed officers. The usual toasts followed, those of the Sheriffs and their predecessors being especially honoured. Among the company assembled on the occasion were Bros. Aldermen Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Staples, Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Stwd.; De Keyser, Waterlow, Whitehead, Isaacs, and Cowan; Bro. Admiral Bedford Pim, Bros. H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), E. Dresser Rogers, G. Shaw, Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, F. P. Alliston, Deputy East, T. Beard, Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., J. Cox, and others.

We have spoken of the investiture of the new Sheriffs as the culminating point in the whole ceremony, Ex-Sheriffs Bros. Alderman Whitehead and Phillips having for the purpose divested themselves of their gowns and placed the new chains of office on their successors. These chains, which, with the badges attached, are of massive gold