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THE proceedings of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday, as will be seen from the report which appears in another part of our columns, were not so protracted as might have been anticipated. The reports of the Board of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes offered no particular cause for remark. The nomination of the Prince of WALES as Grand Master, which was carried by acclamation on the motion of W. Bro. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P., evoked the genuine enthusiasm with which it is always greeted, and three candidates, Bros. R. B. MARTIN, D. P. CAMA, and S. POPE, Q.C., were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. The motion of Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, P.G.T., that a sum of £1000 be granted from the Funds of the Board of General Purposes towards the cost of the land recently purchased by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was at once agreed to, the proposition being received with that unanimity which the mere mention of any scheme or proposal that will benefit our senior Institution invariably elicits. These matters and the election of 12 brethren to serve on the Board of Benevolence constituted the business of the evening, and having dealt with them in their appointed order, there was nothing left for Grand Lodge but to adjourn. It may be mentioned that sundry foreign brethren of distinction were present and appeared to be greatly impressed with the smoothness, promptitude, and good feeling with which the work of Grand Lodge was carried out.

WE have more than once remarked on the amazing increase in popularity which the Mark Degree has made during the last few years among the general body of Freemasons, and the culminating piece of good fortune which fell to its lot on Tuesday, when Bro. the Earl of KINTORE, M.W. G.M.M.M., nominated the Prince of WALES as Grand Master for the ensuing year, with the concurrence of His Royal Highness, will be hailed with none the less satisfaction because it has come upon our readers as a surprise. That members of the Mark Degree will be delighted beyond measure with the announcement goes without saying, nor do we imagine that any other feeling than that of hearty congratulation will be experienced by members of the other Masonic bodies. Indeed, why should there be any other feeling? The PRINCE is head of the Craft, and, as a matter of course, also of the Royal Arch; while the Mark, though it is recognised in Scotland, forms no part of our English system of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. Some thirty years since it seemed as if the Mark Degree would have been accepted as belonging to that system, but the late Earl of ZETLAND, then Grand Master, had conscientious scruples against disturbing the articles of the Union, and the Mark remained on its old footing, though a supreme authority in the shape of the Mark Grand Lodge was established, and ever since the Degree has gone on its way flourishing ever more and more, until now it is among the most prosperous of our Masonic organisations. But though the Mark forms no part of our English Craft Masonry, there is nothing incongruous in the same personage occupying the position of Grand Master in the two separate and distinct Grand Lodges. No possible objection can be raised to the most strictly constitutional Mason enrolling himself a member of extra-constitutional Masonic societies, and the PRINCE and the majority of our most distinguished Craftsmen being Templar and Ancient and Accepted Rite Masons, it would be absurd to suggest that the tenure of the two Grand Masterships—of Craft and Mark Masonry—by His Royal Highness could exercise any influence calculated to prove detrimental to the interests of the former. However, this is neither the time nor the place for discussing so elaborate a question.

It is enough that the Prince of WALES, who is already a Past G. Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, has very graciously consented to accept the office of Grand Master for next year, and our Mark brethren are to be congratulated on the circumstance.

WE mentioned incidentally the other day that the GRAND MASTER had given his sanction to the issue of a warrant for the constitution of a new lodge, to be known as the Northern Counties Lodge, and intended for the convenience of brethren hailing from the northern counties of England who are resident in, or may visit London from time to time, say at our School elections, at the Festivals of our Institutions, or to attend Grand Lodge. The idea, which is most excellent, owes its origin, we believe, to Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, a leading N. and E. Yorkshire brother, and sundry of his fellow workers in the Craft in northern England, and we are very pleased indeed to hear that the prospects of the lodge, when organised, receiving a hearty measure of support are so promising. Lodges which are established, like the Empire and Northern Counties Lodges, for special purposes of the character we have indicated, have nothing exclusive about them, and though the stickler for the right of everybody to go everywhere and do everything he pleases may perhaps shake his head ominously at the idea that these are class lodges of a new variety, we have no better advice to offer him than that, when the Northern Counties Lodge is in working, he should seek an opportunity of visiting it. If he succeeds in his attempt, we are satisfied he will find everything in the best of form, and himself much edified, and all the better and happier for the hearty welcome which will have been accorded him. These lodges are likely to be of great service in strengthening the ties of Masonic goodfellowship, and, to employ an Irish style of speech for the occasion, we say unhesitatingly, "More power to them."

FOLLOWING up our remarks of a fortnight since on the misconduct of an Irish lodge in utilising its Masonic organisation for political purposes, but not apparently in any direct way associated with those remarks, we had last week, curiously enough, a letter from an English correspondent, in which he gave it as his opinion that it was contrary to the principles which underlie our Craft that any reference whatever should be made in lodge to the political or religious services of any brother or brethren, no matter how distinguished he or they might be. We do not gather from the letter of "SURPRISED" that in the instance he referred to anything was said of a character to provoke discussion; in which case, of course, there would be a most decided objection to such references being introduced during the proceedings. As far as we can make out, the distinguished P.G. Officer merely mentioned the fact that the P.G.M. was a candidate for Parliamentary honours. We see no objection to this. The fact that a P.G.M., be he Liberal or Conservative in his politics, is considered worthy of being elected a member of Parliament, is one of which he and all his brethren have reason to be proud. It shows that our rulers are men of position and prepared to play their part, according to their several political inclinations, in the good government of their country. But there would be a most decided objection to a P.G.M. being commended for his services as a Liberal or Conservative politician. This was precisely what the Irish lodge we referred to the other day did. Though not assembled as a lodge, the members agreed to support their Worshipful Master in his candidature for an Irish constituency, and, in doing so, they, as we hold, violated one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. The introduction of any such conduct into our lodges is certain sooner or later to provoke retaliatory movements in behalf of opposing candidates, and there is an end of our Masonic system at once. The mere allusion, however, to a brother being a prominent politician is harmless. We, for instance, feel a national pride in the fact that half-a-dozen members of Mr. GLADSTONE'S Cabinet were, and some four or five members of Lord SALISBURY'S Cabinet are, members of the great Masonic Fraternity. We do not concern ourselves about their politics; but we are proud that men of such intellectual calibre are among us. If the P.G.

Officer referred to by our correspondent praised the political opinions of his chief, he did wrong; but if he did no more than make passing allusion to the P.G.M. being a candidate for election in the new House of Commons, then, with all due deference to "SURPRISED," his objection to the P.G. Officer's conduct seems quite uncalled for.

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ONE of the best evidences to offer those who fail to note the influence of Freemasonry in making "the world kin" is to be found in the popularity of the Craft in India, not simply with English and Scottish residents, but with native gentlemen, Parsees, and other religionists. At a recent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. DARASHA RUSTONJEE CHICHGUR, of Bombay, testified most heartily to the benign characteristics of our beloved Society, stating that the Lodge Rising Star was started as the first native lodge [apparently No. 342, Bombay, of 1844] under the Scottish Constitution, through the good offices of the lamented Bro. Dr. BURNES, and declared that the brother who now holds the "hiram" of India under the Grand Lodge of Scotland had introduced into his Provincial Grand Lodge many distinguished Masons, "and given them the highest positions, without distinction of caste or creed." *This is as it should be.* We believe that the first Hindoo lodge, consisting mainly of high caste Brahmins in Bombay, warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, is the Aryan, No. 1709, of A.D. 1877, which has a grand future in store for it, and to all such we wish "God speed."

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BRO. CHICHGUR, with justifiable pride, referred to the distinguished roll of members in his lodge—No. 342 (S.C.)—some of the best and foremost men of Indian Society, e.g., Bros. M. CURSETJEE, an ex-judge; K. R. CAMA, a great Oriental scholar; M. C. MURZBAN, the well-known engineer of Bombay; N. FURDOONJEE, and S. S. BENGALIE, made Companions of the Indian Empire for their distinguished public services, as also another member, Bro. D. F. KURRAKA, magistrate; Bros. the late P. O. H. CAMA ("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"); Dr. A. PANDORANG, ex-Sheriff of Bombay; the present Sheriff, Judge H. DADABHOY; and other notable men were also enumerated. Does not such an instance of the beneficent effects of the Craft aptly illustrate the "old charge"—"Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendships amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance?"

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OUR pen was scarcely dry with which we wrote the foregoing, when the "Masonic Record of Western India" came to hand, announcing the death of Bro. NOWROZJEE FURDOONJEE, C.S.I., who held the high position of Substitute Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. A Funeral lodge was held under the presidency of the M.W. Bro. Captain HENRY MORLAND, Grand Master, in the Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, when the jewels, clothing, working tools, banners, &c., were draped in black, and the oration was delivered by Bro. DOSSABHOY FRAMJEE, C.S.I. The deceased was initiated in Lodge Rising Star in 1864, and his career as a member of the Craft has been such as to attract the notice of the GRAND MASTER, and to obtain the universal esteem of the Brotherhood. Whilst Master of his mother lodge he presented 500 rupees to its Charity Fund, and he was never more delighted than when engaged in advancing the true interests of the Society of which he has proved to be such an ornament.

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THE *Keystone* is continuing its extracts from Bro. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S "Early Newspaper Accounts of Freemasonry." One of the old lodges referred to has been traced by Bro. HUGHAN, and is given by him in last week's *Freemason*. Another notice is of February, 1737 (London), when the funeral of a Bro. ELLIS took place, at which "the whole Society attended, with all their Masonry Formalities, which made a very entertaining sight. The like ceremony has not been performed for 20 years." The deceased was a member of the lodge held at the "Antwerp Tavern, behind the Royal Exchange." Another quotation describes the grand procession on April 15th, 1736, of Lord LOUDON, Grand Master elect of England, and the members of Grand Lodge, from "the Earl's House, in Privy Garden, to Fishmongers' Hall, in Thames Street." The cavalcade must have been a most imposing sight, and we can quite fancy the Grand Ball in the evening "was conducted with the usual magnificence and grandeur." We are much indebted to Bro. C. P. MACCALLA, the Editor, for such an interesting series of reports.

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BRO. HAWKINS'S excellent analysis of the Royal Arch Regulations Revision, which appeared in the *Freemason* last week, will enable companions to judge of the merits and advantages of the contemplated changes. We warmly advocate the assimilation of the Regulations as much as possible to the Craft Constitutions, just as we have of others in reference to the new laws

of the Mark Grand Lodge. Taking the rules of the Grand Lodge as the basis of all Masonic legislation, for all Degrees, the more we can arrange for similar laws to be operative under similar circumstances in connection with all regular Masonic bodies, the easier it will be for the members to understand and obey. There need be no conflict of varying clauses in the laws for different Degrees, simply because they belong to different Rites or governing bodies, and hence we warmly welcome the method followed by the revisionists of the Grand Chapter Regulations, and are fully persuaded in our own mind that their adoption will be followed by general efficiency, and will obtain the intelligent co-operation of the many companions who delight in working the beautiful and imposing ceremonies of Royal Arch Masonry. We shall refer again to the subject before February, and shall mention with special emphasis some of the suggested alterations, so that their character may be more widely known and appreciated. We commend Bro. HAWKINS'S "brief account" to the careful study of the companions.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Prinsep, District Grand Master of Bengal, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and there were also present among other Grand Officers the following brethren:

Bros. the Most Honourable the Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W.; V. A. Williamson, as G.J.W.; Canon Portal, Grand Chaplain; J. W. Woodall, Grand Treasurer; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Thos. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Dr. E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. German Correspondence; A. Meadows, G.S.D.; R. C. Driver, G.J.D.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; J. H. Paul, M.D., D.G.D.C.; Butler Wilkins, G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; Henry Garrod, G.P.; A. Lucking, G.A.P.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Col. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Lieut.-Col. A. W. O. Saunders, D.G.M. Madras; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G.C.; Rev. J. C. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; H. S. Burney, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; F. Davison, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; H. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; S. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; H. G. Buss, P.G.A. Sec.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C.; Major E. Locock, P.G.S.B.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; E. Toller, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; J. Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; and S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.

Grand Lodge having been opened, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the absence of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, through illness, read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd September, which were put to the meeting and confirmed.

The acting Grand Master made the following communication from the M.W. Grand Master:

It having come under the notice of the M.W. Grand Master that the distinguished brethren who represent this Grand Lodge at the various Foreign Grand Lodges have not hitherto been invested with any badge to mark their position as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England such as has generally been presented by those Foreign Grand Lodges to the English brethren representing them in this country,

His Royal Highness has been pleased to approve the accompanying design, and recommends that a jewel made in accordance therewith be conferred on each of the brethren in question, to be held and worn by them while actually officiating as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England.

[The jewel was exhibited to the brethren, who were informed by the acting Grand Master that if any of them wished to inspect it they could do so, as it would lie on the Grand Secretary's table for that purpose. In the meanwhile, as it had been approved by the Grand Master, he would call upon the brethren to signify their approval of it. The jewel was then approved by the brethren.]

Bro. W. BURDETT-COUTTS, P.M. 2030, afterwards rose and said: R.W. acting Grand Master, there has fallen upon me the honourable duty of nominating to Grand Lodge its Grand Master for the ensuing year. As this is but a preliminary step to another and more important occasion, I need not detain you by referring to the claims of His Royal Highness the Grand Master to re-election to the high office which he has so long adorned. Suffice it, sir, for me to say that they are claims which dwell on every Mason's lips, and which are graven on every Mason's heart. I will, therefore, proceed at once to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for re-election to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P.: M.W.G.M. and brethren, I beg to propose Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, P.M. 2030, as the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. Dr. F. ERNEST POCOCK, W.M. 1891, Z. 1891: M.W.G.M., I must claim your indulgence, and that of the members of this Grand Lodge, while in as few words as possible I proceed to nominate as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing 12 months a well-known brother in the Craft. I do not profess to be a public speaker, and it is fortunate for me that the brother whom I am about to introduce to your notice is sufficiently well known to render oratory superfluous. The brother whom I am about to introduce is Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama—(applause)—a native, as most of the members of this G. Lodge are aware, of India, that large, that immense tract of country on the other side of the globe, which has been famous for the production of true, loyal, and zealous men, whether in civil or Masonic jurisdiction. The election of Bro. Cama as G. Treasurer to the G. Lodge of England would be a graceful act of courtesy by English Masons to our colonial brethren, and more especially if it should so happen that he should be elected at the ensuing communication, as doubtless you all remember there will be held in London a grand Colonial and Indian Exhibition which will naturally bring to our country numbers of Colonial Masons of all degrees and of every clime. The election of our brother will materially strengthen that

spirit of fraternal union which should exist, and which I am pleased to know does exist, between us, the favoured nation here who have the privilege from time to time of meeting the supreme rulers of the Craft in this Grand Lodge, and those brethren who, being carried far and wide over the face of the whole globe are from that circumstance precluded from that privilege, but at the same time pay allegiance to the same lawfully constituted authority as ourselves. With your permission I would read some of the claims of Bro. Cama. (Cries of no, no, and time.) I appeal to you, sir. (No, no.) Then, our Bro. Cama's claims are sufficiently well known to render any further reference to them unnecessary. (Hear, hear.) I will therefore no longer take up the time of Grand Lodge; I feel it to be unnecessary, and I will leave the matter in the hands of Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. JOHN GIBBS, W.M. 1613: I beg to nominate Bro. Richard Biddulph Martin for the important office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. Martin was initiated 19 years ago, and is I believe Treasurer of his mother lodge; he is a Past Master and Treasurer of No. 1506, and a Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities.

Bro. Dr. POCKOCK: I must beg to call the attention of the Acting Grand Master to a joint of order. I was just now proceeding to refer to the claims of Bro. Cama and I was stopped, and I think it hardly fair that the claims of another brother should be gone into.

Bro. GIBBS: Then I would simply nominate Bro. R. B. Martin, a citizen of London, and I am sure well known as a banker, and a thorough good Mason. I am quite sure he is well known to every brother in this Grand Lodge. I beg to nominate Bro. Richard Biddulph Martin for Grand Treasurer.

Bro. W. R. McCONNELL, W.M. 1610: I beg to nominate Bro. Samuel Pope, one of her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, P.M. of 1610, for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. BURDETT-COUTTS: R.W. Sir, I trust that I shall not be derogating in any way from the kind and flattering proposal which the brother has made to nominate me for Grand Treasurer, but I may say that the nomination has come upon me as somewhat a matter of surprise, and I should be extremely unwilling to stand in the way of other brethren who I am sure would have greater claims than myself. My only claims would be that I have been instrumental in establishing a large and powerful lodge, at the present moment in a district with which I am more or less personally connected, but at the same time I would recognise that there are claims of seniority and claims of distinction which most certainly would entitle one at least, if not both, of those nominated to priority of choice for the great distinction. (Hear, hear.) Therefore, Right W. Sir, while acknowledging most gratefully the compliment which the worthy brother has paid to me, I trust you will permit me to withdraw from any competition. (Applause.)

The ACTING GRAND MASTER then announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., as President of the Board of Benevolence, and that Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., were chosen by the brethren as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, no other brethren having been proposed.

The following 12 brethren were the only brethren nominated as Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence:—Bros. George Pole Britten, P.M. 183; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; David D. Mercer, P.M. 1641; William H. Perryman, P.M. 3; George Read, P.M. 511; Francis R. Spaul, P.M. 1768; Edward Francis Storr, P.M. 22; Robert J. Taylor, P.M. 144; and James Willing, jun., P.M. 1987.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which were recommendations for the following grants, was adopted:—

The widow of a brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	£50 0 0
A brother of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 234, Warwick	75 0 0
A brother of the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457, Loughton	100 0 0
A brother of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, London	50 0 0
The orphan daughter of a brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	60 0 0
A brother of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Earl of Ellesmere Lodge, No. 678, Farnworth	75 0 0
A brother of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, Twickenham	100 0 0
A brother of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, Greenwich	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Chipping Barnett	50 0 0
A brother of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London	50 0 0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3115 13s. 1d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £8 4s.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th November, 1885.

The above report was, on the motion of Bro. THOMAS FENN, President of the Board, taken as read, and afterwards received and entered on the minutes.

Five appeals were then considered—one from Bombay, one from Melbourne, one from Gisborne, one from Rangoon, and one from Jersey. The first four were dismissed, and the fifth was allowed, a sentence of suspension on the appellant being removed.

Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, P.G. Treasurer, then rose and said: M.W.G.M., I rise with very great pleasure for the first time in Grand Lodge on behalf of our Girls' School to move—

That one thousand pounds (£1000) be paid from the funds of the General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to assist in defraying the expenses incurred by the purchase of the land recently determined on.

This building land, brethren, that encircles the Institution at Battersea Rise was not obtained until after months of wearying negotiations, and the purchase was cordially approved of at a Special Court of the Governors of the Charity convened for the purpose. It was also cordially agreed to by the last Quarterly Court of the Governors, and a special vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren who had taken so much trouble in the negotia-

tions of this matter; and it is my duty and my privilege, as Treasurer of the School, to appeal to the generosity of Grand Lodge, and to ask you, brethren, to co-operate with us in this labour of love, and to strengthen our hands in our earnest endeavours to increase the comfort and promote the health and happiness of the fatherless girls of the departed brethren you have committed to our care. I have the honour to move in the words of the motion as it stands upon the paper of business. (Cheers.)

Bro. G. P. BRITTON: I shall be very glad to second the proposition. I do not doubt that the acquisition of this piece of land is of very great value to the Girls' School. Happily, we have the money in hand, and I do not think we could use it better than by devoting it to the Girls' School, which is an honour to Freemasonry. (Cheers.)

The motion was put and carried unanimously.
Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.
SPECIAL MEETING.

A Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, for the purpose of considering, and, if approved, adopting the revised Book of Constitutions. Bro. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M., presided, and among the Grand Officers present were Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M.; the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M.; A. M. Broadley, P.P.G.M.M.M., as G.S.W.; Frederick Davison, P.G.W., as G.J.W.; Col. Somerville Burney, G.M.O.; W. Adlard, as G.S.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, as G.J.O.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, G. Chap.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; James Moon, G. Treas.; F. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; G. Mickley, G.J.D.; G. Graveley, G.I.G.; R. Berridge, P.G.O., G.D.C.; D. P. Cama, G. Stwd.; W. B. Williamson, G. Stwd.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; and others. There were likewise present a considerable number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, as well as of the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of private lodges.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, and the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters saluted according to ancient custom, the Grand Secretary read the summons calling the meeting, and the Grand Master announced that the revised Constitutions, as recommended by the General Board, would be submitted in sections of twelve, and if no objections were raised to any of the articles, he would declare them carried. This was done. The Constitutions as revised were adopted, and on the motion of M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M., President of the General Board, a vote of thanks to the Revision Committee, and especially to Bros. R. Berridge and A. Williams, for their very successful labours, was passed unanimously.

The M.W.G.M.M.M. directed that the minutes of the meeting should be submitted for confirmation at the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge on the following evening, when it would be in the power of competent brethren to move amendments or the non-confirmation of the minutes.

Grand Secretary having read letters of apology for non-attendance from many distinguished brethren, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING AND REPORT.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at the Holborn Restaurant. The Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M., presided. The other brethren present were

Bros. Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.; Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W.D.G.M.; Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W.; F. Davison, as G.J.W.; Somerville Burney, G.M.O.; J. S. Fas es, G.S.O.; R. Gooding, M.D., G.J.O.; Rev. Hayman Cummings, G. Chap.; Rev. F. W. Lemon, M.A., G. Chap.; J. Moon, G. Treas.; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; P. Wallis, G.S.D.; Dr. G. Mickley, G.J.D.; R. Berridge, G.D.C.; W. J. Walker, G. Swd. Br.; C. H. Driver and T. Taylor, as G. Std. Bns.; E. Hoare, G. Org.; G. Graveley, G.I.G.; D. P. Cama, P. A. Scratchley, W. B. Williamson, H. Stone, and W. E. Williams, G. Stwds.; Canon Portal, P.G.M.; General J. Studholme Browning, P.G.M. Bucks; Col. Saunders, P.P.G.M. Madras; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.J.O.; G. Cooper, P.G.S.D.; H. Cooper Smith, P.G.O.; Controller S. G. Bake, P.G.S.B.; W. Adlard, P.G.O.; A. Williams, P.G.D.; Rev. H. G. Moise, P.G. Chap.; A. T. Perkins, D.P.G.M. Monmouth; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O.; G. Powell, P.G. Stwd.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.; W. Marsh, P.G.S.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; J. Tomkins, P.G.S.; E. M. Lott, P.G.O.; E. H. Thiellay, P.G.S.; J. Stevens, P.G.J.O.; O. H. Pearson, P.G.S.O.; T. Ralling, P.G.D.; Baron de errieres, P.G.O.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; E. E. Soppet, P.G.S.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; R. Owen, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Whittaker, P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey; H. Pigeon, jun., P.P.G. Org.; Eugene Sweny, P.P. G.W.; J. Strachan, P.J.O. Northumberland and Durham; A. Stables, P.G.S.B. Notts; Horace White, P.G. Reg. Middx. and Surrey; H. S. Goodall, P.P.G.W.; T. Clark, G.S.W. Middx. and Surrey; T. Mount Humphries, P.P.G.S.B.; G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org.; H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Ovenden, P.P.G.S.; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.M.O.; J. Mason, P.P.M.O.; Hitching, P.P.S.B.; J. L. Mather, P.M.; P. Simmons, W.M. No. 1; G. Gardner; A. H. Bateman, W.M. 309; W. J. Ferguson, G. W. Mitchell, P. Shilcock, W.M. 4; F. Wilkinson, W.M. 41; W. J. Coleman, E. F. Storr, R. Clowes, H. Jenner, H. D. Cama, H. Dickey, W. A. Scurrah, E. M. Money, W. E. Williamson, T. Edmonds, R. J. Voisey, W. M. Stiles, and C. E. Soppet.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. BINCKES read the minutes of Grand Lodge of 2nd June, of the Moveable Grand Lodge held at Liverpool on 29th July, and of the Special Grand Lodge of 30th November, which were respectively put and confirmed.

Bro. F. DAVISON, P.G. Treasurer, suggested that a small edition of the revised Constitutions should be published, as well as the large edition.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar, moved that it be referred to the General Board to consider the printing and distribution of the new Constitutions.

This was seconded and agreed to.

The following report of the General Board was taken as read:

The number of certificates issued in the half-year ending 30th September last was 680, a large increase on similar periods in previous years. The total number of regis-

tered advancements being now 20,876. During the same period five warrants for new lodges were granted, viz.:

No. 356 Dunelm	...	...	...	Durham.
" 357 Chiswick	...	...	...	Kew Bridge.
" 358 Finnemore	...	...	...	Natal.
" 359 Excelsior	...	...	...	Liverpool.
" 360 St. Eilian	...	...	...	Amtwch.

In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner the number of certificates issued was 89, bringing the total registered elevations to 1896.

A warrant for a new Ark Lodge has been granted to:

Finnemore Lodge, Natal, attached to Finnemore, No. 358.

The M.W.G.M. has been pleased to appoint the R.W. Bro. John Walker, M.A., J.P., Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, in succession to R.W. Bro. Rev. C. Raikes Davy, who resigns in consequence of serious and continued illness. R.W. Bro. Col. Geo. S. Tudor, D.L., has been appointed Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire, vice R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, LL.D.

The Board have great pleasure in announcing that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to accept the office of representative from this Grand Lodge near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and that Lord Henniker, P.G.M.M.M., has accepted the office of representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland near this Grand Lodge.

The Board have carefully considered the circumstances connected with the incorrect return from the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, referred back to them by Grand Lodge in June, and having heard the personal explanations of the W.M. and Secretary, recommend to Grand Lodge that Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent should be confirmed in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fee of two guineas for the necessary dispensation.

On the application of the Secretary of the Russell Lodge, No. 23, the Board agreed to condone the irregularity in the installation of W.M., and to recommend Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. John T. Williams in the rank and privileges of P.M., notwithstanding he had not completed the full term of 12 months, on payment of a nominal fine of half a guinea.

The returns of Picton Castle Lodge, No. 297, have been laid before the Board, wherein the rank and privileges of P.M. are claimed for Bro. John James, who had not occupied the chair for the full terms of 12 months. The Board having carefully considered the whole of the circumstances connected with the case, recommended Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. John James in the rank and privileges of P.M., on payment of a fine of two guineas.

The W.M. of the King Charles the Martyr Lodge, No. 267, informed the Board that in his installation he had unconsciously violated Art. 64, page 13, Book of Constitutions, not having been qualified as W.M. of a Craft Lodge, and, through ignorance, not having procured the necessary dispensation; at the same time expressing his deep regret at having committed a breach of the Constitutions. The Board recommended the M.W. Grand Master to issue a special dispensation to cover the irregularity on payment of a fine of one guinea.

The Board having been informed that the W.M. elect of Lebanon Lodge, No. 325, had been installed without the presence of a P.M., cancelled the so-called installation, and directed that the outgoing W.M. should continue in office until his successor is legally installed.

The Seventeenth Annual Festival of the "Mark Benevolent Fund" was celebrated at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, 22nd July last, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, whose efforts, aided by 86 brethren and one lady, acting as Stewards, the most numerous Board yet constituted in support of the Fund, resulted in the subscription of £1721 16s. 6d.—more than double the largest amount ever previously received.

In consequence of this success, the Board have been enabled to admit without election the whole of the candidates for educational grants, and, in accordance with the desire of a large number of brethren, recommend Grand Lodge to sanction the establishment of a fund for granting annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons and their widows, and that such fund should be constituted by a grant of £1000 from the invested Fund of Benevolence, £105 specially given by Lord Egerton of Tatton, and one-third of all amounts subscribed at the last and future Benevolent Festivals. The Board further recommend that all monies so received should be invested, and the interest only be appropriated to the purposes of the fund, it being proposed, as a beginning, to grant an annuity of £20 to each of two men, and £15 to each of two widows—to be elected by ballot.

A Moveable Grand Lodge was held on the 29th of July, at Liverpool, under the presidency of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, who was accompanied by a large number of Grand Officers, Present and Past, and was received by R.W. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, and the members of Provincial Grand-Lodge. The arrangements for the conduct of business were in every way satisfactory, and the visiting brethren were highly pleased with the hospitality extended to them.

The Board have completed the revision of the Book of Constitutions, upon which a Committee of their body have been engaged for over 12 months, which revised Constitutions they confidently recommend to Grand Lodge for adoption.

The Board recommend the vote of £52 10s. to the Preparatory School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, enabling Grand Lodge to obtain the special voting privileges offered by that Institution.

The Board have ordered the investment of £500 on account of the Educational Fund, and £300 on account of the Benevolent Fund, making the total Invested Funds as follows:

General Fund	...	...	...	£2900 0 0
Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	£2300 0 0
Educational Fund	...	...	...	£1900 0 0

The Board have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters: Delaware, New Jersey, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Canada, Wisconsin, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nevada, Vermont, Quebec, and Scotland, as well as a letter on the Quebec difficulty, couched in the most fraternal and courteous terms, from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, in which, while fully appreciating the difficulties in the case, they offer their assistance in their arrangement.

The Board have relieved the following cases:

Mrs. E.	...	...	...	£10 0 0
" J. B.	...	...	...	5 0 0
Bro. J. H. B.	...	...	...	10 0 0

And recommend the following grants for confirmation by Grand Lodge:

Mrs. E. E., widow of Bro. J. H. E., 12	...	...	...	£20 0 0
Bro. H. M., 91	...	...	...	25 0 0
" R. C., 3	...	...	...	30 0 0
" S. L. C., 63	...	...	...	25 0 0
Mrs. E. M. W., widow Bro. J. W., 39	...	...	...	20 0 0
" H. G., widow of W. J. G., 107	...	...	...	10 0 0
Bro. H. M. W., 251	...	...	...	20 0 0
Mrs. S. H., widow of Bro. E. H., 48	...	...	...	15 0 0

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.M., President.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months ending 30th September, 1885, show the following results:

DR.		GENERAL FUND.	
To Balance, 31st March, 1885	...	...	£212 8 11
" Half-year's receipts	...	...	927 17 9
" Interest on investments	...	...	39 6 9
			£1179 13 5

By ordinary expenditure

GENERAL FUND.		CR.
" G. I. French, banners and shields	...	£600 14 3
" Brooks and Co., picture frame dealers	...	40 14 6
		10 2 0
" Transferred by vote of Grand Lodge to Education Fund	62 9 0	
" " " " Festival Fund	11 5 7	
" " " " Dewar Fund	253 16 0	
		327 10 7
" Balance at London and Westminster Bank	...	200 12 1
		1179 13 5

DR.		BENEVOLENT FUND.	
To Balance 31st March, 1885	...	...	£40 17 0
" Due from Education Fund	...	...	7 11 7
			£48 8 7
" Half-year's receipts	...	...	1211 4 6
" Interest on Investments	...	...	13 2 2
			£1272 15 3

BENEVOLENT FUND.		CR.
By Grants in relief	...	113 17 6
" Transferred to Education Fund	...	510 0 0
" Purchase of £300 Cape of Good Hope 4½ per cents.	...	305 0 0
" Expenses, Pewtress, printing	...	8 8 0
		£938 5 6
" Repaid Festival Fund	...	6 6 0
" Balance at London and Westminster Bank	...	328 3 9
		£1272 15 3

EDUCATION FUND.		
To Transfer from Benevolent Fund	...	£510 0 0
" " " General Fund by vote of Grand Lodge, June 2nd, 1885	...	62 9 0
" Interest on investments	...	18 8 5
" Overdrawn	...	25 15 7
		£616 13 0

EDUCATION FUND.		
By Balance due to Benevolent Fund, March 31st, 1885	...	£7 11 7
" Education Fees	...	82 14 5
" Purchase of £500 Cape of Good Hope 4½ per cents.	...	510 0 0
" Pewtress, printing	...	8 7 0
" Kenning, medal die, &c.	...	8 0 0
		£616 13 0

Audited and approved this 30th day of October, 1885.

(Signed)

CHARLES E. SOPPET.

The following recommendations, arising out of the report, were moved by Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, Past Grand Master, and seconded and adopted:—

- (a) That V.W. Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., be confirmed in the rank and privileges of Past Master.
- (b) That Bro. John F. Williams be confirmed in the rank and privileges of Past Master.
- (c) That Bro. John James be confirmed in the rank and privileges of Past Master.
- (d) That Grand Lodge sanction the formation of a fund for granting annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons and the widows of Mark Master Masons.
- (e) That £1000 be voted to the Annuity Fund from the invested Fund of Benevolence.
- (f) That one-third of all subscriptions received at the last and future Festivals be granted to the Annuity Fund.
- (g) That the sum of £52 10s. be granted to the Preparatory School Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, securing 20 votes in perpetuity.
- (h) Grants from the Benevolent Fund—

Mrs. E. E., widow of Bro. J. H. E., 12	...	...	£20 0 0
Bro. H. M. 91	...	...	25 0 0
" R. C., 3	...	...	30 0 0
" S. L. C., 63	...	...	25 0 0
Mrs. E. M. W., widow of Bro. J. W. 139	...	...	20 0 0
" H. G., widow of Bro. W. J. G., 107	...	...	10 0 0
Bro. H. M. W., 251	...	...	20 0 0
Mrs. S. H., widow of Bro. E. H., 48	...	...	15 0 0

Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, after carrying his motion—"That Grand Lodge sanction the formation of a fund for granting annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons and the widows of Mark Master Masons"—said a point that arose was as to how such a fund was to be raised for the maintenance and assistance of aged and decayed Mark Masons and their widows. What the General Board proposed was, first of all, that £1000 should be voted to the Annuity Fund from the invested Fund of Benevolence. The invested fund at the present time amounted to £2678. They had during the past five years spent on an average £120 a year in assisting cases as they arose. The last festival produced the very large sum of £1700. That no doubt was owing, in the first place, to the very great exertions that were made in procuring Stewards, to the great exertions of those Stewards in procuring subscriptions, and to the very able advocacy of the fund on the part of the Deputy Grand Master. Still, notwithstanding all those special reasons why that last festival was so successful, he thought that they might, at least, reckon that they never would have less than the sum of £1000 at their annual festival; and supposing that to be not an unfair estimate—and he was told it was by no means an unfair estimate—and that they might reckon upon a good deal more, they would have £333 handed over to the Benevolent Fund from the festival each year. Supposing that to be the case, they could very well indeed afford to give £1000 from their present invested funds, and then leave ample for the purposes of the Benevolent Fund as the cases arose from year to year. He must call attention to page 3 of the report of the General Board to the exceedingly handsome subscription or donation from the Deputy Grand Master toward this fund for Aged and Decayed Mark Masons of 100 guineas. That would give them something over £100 above the capital fund to start with, which he hoped would enable them to admit at once two men and two widows to be elected by ballot to this fund, and the whole sum they asked Grand Lodge to give would be invested, and the interest only applied for the purposes of the fund. The one thing he thought Grand Lodge should make themselves satisfied about was, that after giving £1000 from the Benevolent Fund they would have sufficient left for any cases of benevolence that might arise within the 12 months. That was a matter Grand Lodge were perfectly right to be satisfied about; but he thought from the figures he had given there would be no doubt about that. Their annual expenditure had never been more than £120 a year. They might reckon on having £300 a year from the Festival Fund, and then they would have £1678 left invested. He had gone carefully into it, and the Board had gone carefully into it, and he had no hesitation at all in recommending Grand Lodge to give this sum, and to allow one-third of all subscriptions received as well as one-third of the subscriptions received last time towards creating the nucleus that they wanted. It was intended that this sum should be invested from year to year and the interest only spent. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. F. DAVISON, P.G. Treas., seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

After the other recommendations had been carried and the report adopted, The M.W.G.M.M.M. said: Our next business is the nomination for the ensuing year of the most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, and I have a nomination to make which I think will not only be received with great satisfaction by this Grand Lodge, but by all Mark Master Masons. I have the greatest pleasure in proposing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and

in nominating him for the high office I now hold, and I have his Royal Highness's authority for saying that if he is elected he will be very willing, and more than willing to accept that high honour. (Loud applause.)

Bro. HENRY VENN nominated Bro. James Moon for re-election as Grand Treasurer.

The following brethren were presented by the Grand Master with Charity jewels: Bros. Anthony, Baynes, Bennett, Ball, Belton, Boulton, Bourke, Bridges, Burney, Mrs. D. P. Cama, Bros. H. D. Cama, Chennell, Church, Clark, Cleeves, Cummings, Dormer, Hill Drury, Dunbar, Dyer, De Ewer, Finchett, Glasspool, Graveley, Harwood, Head, Hogard, Kelly, W. Kelly, Kenning, Kipps, Lawson, Marshall, Mason, Mather, Millar, Murray, Norman, Nott, Rumble, Powell, Sir Pryse Pryse, Radway, Rossiter, Selte, Shirley, Simpson, Soppet, Taylor, Tisley, Toplis, Tracy, Tyler, Vincent, Voisey, Jno. Walker, M.A., M. J. Walker, Webster, Major Williams, W. B. Williamson and Wilson. The following brethren received charity bars: Bros. Huet, Cunliffe, Matier, Cooper, Lambert, Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, Cubitt, George, Terry, Weston, Pulley, Stewart, Parry, Brockbank, Mickley, Godson, Perkins, Wallis, Driver, A. Williams, Spice, Collin, Stone, Berridge and Sutcliffe.

Bro. BINCKES read a list of brethren from whom he had received letters of apology for inability to be present.

Bro F. DAVISON, P.G. Treas., said before Grand Lodge was closed he would like to express the great regret of the brethren at the death of Bro. C. T. Speight, the Grand Tyler of the Order. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Col. BIGNOLD said, as he believed the next Moveable Grand Lodge was to be held at Norwich during the year, he would suggest that it would be a suitable time if it were held in July, when the Royal Agricultural Society's Show would be held there. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would be there, and he might attend Grand Mark Lodge.

The M.W.G.M.M.M. said he felt himself pledged to hold the Moveable Grand Lodge at Norwich, and he thought that probably the time suggested would be most suitable. He sincerely hoped H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who would then be Grand Master, would be able to attend. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton. The usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Master and the Past Grand Masters," Lord EGERTON OF TATTON said it must be a great satisfaction to Mark Masons that their Grand Master had had the satisfaction of announcing that the list of Grand Masters of Mark Masonry would have a name added to it which would shed a benign influence on Mark Masonry that he believed had never been shed before by previous Grand Masters. The abilities of the Earl of Kintore were well known; but not the least of the benefits he had conferred upon Mark Masonry, with which his name would be connected, would be his obtaining the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. Although they could not enter into the details of those matters, he was sure the Grand Master had by his influence contributed to this happy result. Notwithstanding the great success of Mark Masonry, it would now take a fresh start.

Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, replying to the toast of "The Chairman," which was proposed by Baron DE FERRIERES, said he had only very lately taken an active part in Mark Masonry in London; but he had for a long time been connected with an important province, and as so connected he had endeavoured to do his duty in furthering the interests of Mark Masonry, and the brethren had this year been good enough to elect him again. Although he might not be so well known to many then present, it afforded him great pleasure to make friends with so many London brethren. He felt proud to be called upon in any way to further the larger and more extended interests of the Grand Lodge. Supported as he was by the brethren, and supporting as they did the Grand Master, he was sure they would all do their best to promote those principles which they believed to be important to the welfare of Mark Masonry and the brethren.

"Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund" was the next toast, and, in proposing it, Lord EGERTON OF TATTON said all the brethren must be gratified to learn by the report of the General Board that it was determined to found a new branch for the benefit of aged Mark Masons and their widows. That was a fitting and complimentary resolution on account of the success which the Benevolent Fund had in the summer at a meeting over which he presided. The sum then obtained certainly far exceeded any great expectations that he or any one else could have had beforehand, and it fully deserved marking by a new start for so legitimate and good an object. He was sorry to say there seemed to be plenty of applications for relief from the fund; but if properly administered it might do a good amount of good, which would justify the extension of Mark Masonry's operations. It was gratifying to find that there was a feeling growing more and more that Mark Masonry was working in a way which met a practical want. He would not be doing justice to those who got up, and contributed to the success of, the last festival if he did not recognise the exertions of the Stewards, and he would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Binckes, Berridge, and Alfred Williams.

Bro. F. BINCKES, in reply, after remarking on the marked success which had attended the Festivals of the Benevolent Fund, disclaimed all part or share in that most successful Festival over which Lord Egerton of Tatton presided, and who had munificently contributed £105. He only held on that occasion the position of Honorary Secretary. He thanked Bro. Alfred Williams, who was President, and Bro. Robert Berridge, who was Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, for the services which they and other Stewards rendered in securing the magnificent result then achieved. He was sorry now that he had not been a Steward; but there was a future, and he hoped to hold the position of Steward yet as he had at former times. There were distinctions to be won in the world. There was a blue ribbon to be won in many phases, and Lord Egerton had worn and won the blue ribbon of Mark Masonic Charity, because he had presided over the most successful Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. A larger sum might yet be collected, but Lord Egerton had laid the foundation-stone of a structure which he trusted would not only be an honour to the Order, but reflect credit upon his lordship, who laid the stone, and on all who laboured with him in bringing the edifice to a successful termination. He was happy to say the Mark Degree had contributed largely to the Institutions which the Craft maintained, besides contributing benevolence to Mark Masons. After the announcement respecting the Prince of Wales, which had been made that evening, it was evident that the different Orders of Masonry were not antagonistic; no Order should be considered antagonistic by the other; they were all working for good, and he was sure that would always be the case.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS said they knew what charitable people could do when they met, and he hoped that the Festivals that were to come might

exceed that magnificent sum which had already been alluded to. Notwithstanding what Bro. Binckes had said, Bro. Binckes did all he could at the last Festival to help the cause, and a great deal of the success of the Festival was due to him and Bro. Matier; both worked well and heartily previous to the meeting and at the meeting.

Bro. BERRIDGE also returned thanks, and the brethren then separated.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland assembled at Dublin on Wednesday last for most important business, no less than the election of a successor to the late Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.

The Board unanimously recommended His Grace, James, 2nd Duke of Abercorn (well-known to the English Craft as the Marquis of Hamilton, M.P., Senior Grand Warden 1875), and the election was duly approved. It is quite certain that a better choice could not be made, in fact, the most worthy successor to the vacant chair has been selected, and we congratulate the Craft in Ireland accordingly. The other elections comprised the Marquis of Headfort, S.G.W.; Lord Arthur Hill, J.G.W.; Edward H. Kinahan, G. Treas.; Lord Plunkett, Archbishop of Dublin, and the Rev. J. A. Galbraith, Grand Chaplains; Dr. George Moyers, S.G.D.; Harry Hodges, J.G.D.; G. A. Stephens, G. Supt. of Works; Dr. J. T. Banks, G.D.C.; Dr. J. C. Meredith, G. Steward; Dr. W. J. C. Crawley, G.S.B.; and T. S. Sibthorpe, G.I.G.

The offices of G. Secretary and G. Organist had not been filled at time of going to press.

The Grand Master, on his installation, appointed the R.W. Bro. Robert William Shekleton, Q.C., to the office of Deputy Grand Master, to the great satisfaction of the brotherhood.

FREEMASONRY IN GUERNSEY, 1753 TO 1882.

The following interesting account of Freemasonry in Guernsey, from the pen of Bro. HUGHAN, and which appeared in a local contemporary, has been kindly sent us by Bro. EMRA HOLMES.

In order to understand all the curious details of a numerical character, it will be necessary to consider the question in two divisions—(a) before the Union of December, 1813, and (b) from January, 1814, the first again being sub-divided into "Moderns" and "Ancients," the premier Grand Lodge having been formed 1717, and the second a little after 1750.

A. Before the "Union."

I. "Moderns."

1. The first lodge granted for Guernsey was held at the "Lily" Tavern, No. 228, May 10th, 1753. Its numbers since were 164, 129, 107, and 98.
2. Then followed the "Lodge of Harmony," No. 92, of A.D. 1774. Numbers since 379 and 309.
3. The "Orange" Lodge, No. 610, A.D. 1809.
4. The Mariners' Lodge, No. 611, A.D. 1809.
5. The Lodge of "Harmony," No. 612, A.D. 1809.
6. The Lodge of "Unity," No. 613, A.D. 1809.
7. "Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship," No. 615, A.D. 1810.
8. Lodge of Loyalty, No. 623, A.D. 1811.

The Calendar published by the "Moderns" 1813 (before the "Union"), but dated 1814 (just as the Calendars now are issued in advance) omitted Nos. 1 and 2, the latter having likely been inactive before that date, seeing another lodge of the same name was granted in 1809.

II. "Ancients."

- 1A. The "Orange" Lodge, A.D. 1763 (No. 116), and reissued A.D. 1789.
- 2A. The "Mariners'" Lodge, } A.D. 1784 (No. 222).
"Royal George," St. Peter's Port, }
- 3A. The Lodge of "Harmony," A.D. 1805 (No. 334).
- 4A. Doyle's Lodge of "Fellowship," A.D. 1806 (No. 336); also 98.
- 5A. Lodge of "Amity," A.D. 1806 (No. 337).
- 6A. Lodge of "Loyalty," A.D. 1810 (No. 349).

Notes.

No. 4A, though only warranted in September, 1806, changed its number for 98 on the 14th September, 1807, by payment of £21 to the Grand Lodge for the lapsed warrant of that number issued for Jersey in 1762. O. course, the lodge only dates in reality from 1806; but its precedence is, according to its number 98, as stated.

No. 336 was reissued for a lodge at Stonehouse, Plymouth, and so disappeared from the Guernsey roll.

No. 5 I find was altered to "Unity" later on.

(B.) From January, 1814.

The two Grand Lodges having united, the numbers were allotted alternately to each Grand Lodge (so long as the "Ancients" lasted), commencing with No. 1 for "Ancients," the former No. 1 of "Moderns" taking No. 2, so that the "Union" list comprised for Guernsey;

Name, "Moderns." "Ancients." List A.D. 1814. Altered in 1832. Altered in 1863.

"Doyle's"	98	123	99	84
"Orange"	116	141	—	—
"Mariners"	222	279	197	168
"Harmony"	334	428	—	—
"Unity"	337	431	—	—
"Loyalty"	349	448	299	243
"Orange"	610	617	—	—
"Mariners"	611	618	—	—
"Harmony"	612	619	—	—
"Unity"	613	620	—	—
"Doyle's"	615	622	—	—
"Loyalty"	623	630	—	—

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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

FREEMASONRY AND THE EDITOR OF OLD AND NEW.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I shall be glad if you will find room for the enclosed correspondence in your next issue and oblige,
A PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

In the November number of "New and Old," a monthly magazine, the editor makes the following reply to some correspondent:

"A Freemason."—I am afraid you do not understand the principles underlying your profession. Consult an article in the July number of the "Christian Remembrancer" for 1847, written by the late Bishop Armstrong, quotations from which are given in his life, p. 169-181, and you will there find that you are committed to a system of Deism, and nothing else. One of the "Constitutions, concerning God and Religion," obliges members, to "that religion in which all men agree;" in other words, it requires the Christian to suppress all that is peculiarly Christian; the Jew all that is peculiarly Jewish, the Mahometan all that is peculiar to the Koran, and to join in one religious Brotherhood. You see that *Freemasonry is preparing the way for Anti-Christ.*"

The above statement of the editor of "New and Old" containing so many false inferences, both of fact and opinion, I wrote him the following letter, requesting he would insert it in the December number, which he has refused to do:

A FREEMASON.

"To the Editor of 'New and Old.'"

"Sir,—Your answer to a correspondent under the above title in the November number is so incorrect in fact, and untrue in your inference, that I must beg space in your next issue for these few lines to correct these mistakes.

"1st. You state, 'You are committed to a system of Deism, and nothing else,' which is perfectly untrue, as Freemasonry is not a religion at all.

"2nd. You state, 'One of the Constitutions of Freemasonry concerning God and religion,' obliges members to that religion in which all men agree.' This ignorant statement carries its own refutation, as there is no religion I have yet heard of in which all men do agree; and Freemasonry, as before stated, is not a religion: I have at this moment the Book of Constitutions of Freemasonry before me and have referred to the first article in it 'Concerning God and religion,' and there is not a single word of the pretended extract you quote in it, but there is this in it, 'A Mason of all men should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is therefore particularly bound never to act against his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality.'

"Lastly, your inference 'That Freemasonry is preparing the way for Anti-Christ,' has not a grain of truth in it, for if it had, I am quite certain the present Archbishop of Dublin, the present Bishop of Peterborough, the Earl of Limerick, or the writer would not remain for one hour members of the Order. I was one of the early members of the E.C.U. and at this moment a member of the C.B.S.
A PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY."

In place of the foregoing he inserts the following weak evasion to myself, utterly ignoring the untrue statements he has made in the November number:—

"A Freemason."—Study the whole of Bishop Armstrong's article referred to, and answer it. I doubt not you and many other Freemasons are Christian believers. But what then? If you believe there is only one way of salvation, and One Name, what are you doing and saying to warn your fellows, Jews, Mahometans, Hindoos, &c., of their great danger? It is hard to believe that St. Paul or St. John would not, in season and out of season, have spoken out for their one Lord. Would they have called Him the 'Great Architect,' and said no word as to His being our only Saviour, Intercessor, and Judge?"

To which I have replied as follows:—

December 1, 1885.

"To the Editor of 'New and Old.'"

"Sir,—In the November number of the above magazine you published statements that were untrue respecting the Masonic body. I challenged your statements, and requested you to publish my reply, which you have not had the common honesty to do.

"I shall therefore send a copy of your statements and my letters to the Freemason newspaper, and the public will then know that no reliance is to be placed on any reply you may make to correspondents in future.

"With Bishop Armstrong's inferences and opinions I have not anything to do; I have simply to deal with the principles of Freemasonry as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, to which I have already referred you.—Yours truly,

A PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY."

The *Keystone* of the 14th ult. contains a paper by Bro. Rob. Morris, written, we are sorry to hear, during hours "made leisure by sickness," on "Jachin and Boaz." The sickness, however, has not marred the effect of the essay, which is in the lucid and fluent style that characterises all our brother's contributions to Craft literature. It contains a fund of information—the result of a careful study of the biblical accounts of these notable pillars.

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FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. Fromholtz, W.M.; Coop, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Halkim, S.D.; Steng, J.D.; Johnson, W.S.; Weisler, A.D.C.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and Jordan, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., and Snook, 1604.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Chamley was raised. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Chevalier, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. F. Walters, P.M., &c., for his valuable services in connection with the successful election of a daughter of a deceased member of No. 141 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts followed.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE (No. 1658).—A meeting of this flourishing and prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall. There were present Bros. John Darwin Smith, W.M.; J. Hill, S.W.; Buckeridge, acting J.W. (owing to the absence of Bro. W. J. Richardson, caused by a sudden death in his family); G. J. Earney, P.M., Treas.; A. Storr, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Gibby, S.D.; R. Rowlands, acting J.D.; F. Shrimpton and E. A. Francis, D.C.; H. Cohen, I.G.; R. Walden and E. A. Norman, Stwds.; W. Boys, P.M.; J. Cox, P.M.; S. Mackway, F. J. Tull, R. Carter, E. M. Gibson, J. Letchford, M. Syers, E. Side, A. Side, C. J. Smith, S. Larham, S. F. Bygrave, J. George, J. Shore, F. Williams, J. Austen, P. Cohen, L. Sigle, B. Cohen, W. J. S. Barringer, and C. Pigeon. The visitors present were Bros. J. Brady, G. Stokes, H. Townshend, J. R. Smith, T. Ring, A. Town, W. Douglas, and H. Peacock.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. C. Pigeon, of St. John's Lodge, No. 486, Calcutta, as a joining member—it was declared unanimous in his favour; also for Mr. W. J. S. Barringer as a candidate for initiation—it was likewise unanimous. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. E. M. Gibson answered the questions belonging to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. E. M. Gibson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First, when Bros. J. George, A. O. Side, E. D. Side, and M. Syers gave their proofs of proficiency in the First, and were entrusted. The lodge being resumed to the Second Degree, those brethren were admitted and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Mr. Barringer was admitted and initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom. Bro. Bygrave, upon the second rising, proposed Mr. F. A. Whitlock as a candidate for initiation—seconded by Bro. J. George.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to a substantial refreshment, provided by Bro. G. Venables.

The toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and Grand Officers" were proposed. In each case the W.M. spoke words of a highly complimentary character, which the brethren fully endorsed.

The toasts of "The W.M." and "The Initiate" were drunk, and responded to in a very pleasing manner.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to that of "The Visitors," who in turn responded, speaking highly of the working of the W.M. and officers and the cheer offered and given to them.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next proposed.

The Treasurer spoke in great praise of Bro. J. Hill, S.W., who had been acting Secretary for Bro. A. Storr, P.M. He had rendered the most effective service to him and the lodge in every way, and in every case the lodge had secured a most efficient member in him. The brethren signified their cordial assent to every word by cheers.

Bro. Hill then responded, saying that he did every thing as a work of pleasure and love for the Craft and the lodge. He would render any one of them such services as lay within his power, and thanked them for their kind expressions and trust in him. He recommended the brethren to attend lodges of instruction and make themselves perfect in all the work, so that they might feel comfortable on entering a lodge, or if called upon to do any work, should the proper officer be unavoidably absent.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" being given and responded to, the Tyler was called upon, and the evening closed, every one having spent a pleasant time.

The musical part of the evening was fully sustained by Bros. W. Boys, J. Hill, R. Rowlands, P. Cohen, S. Mackway, and A. B. Norman. The recitations of Bro. H. Cohen and A. Town were enthusiastically received.

SHADWELL CLERKE LODGE (No. 1910).

—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Friday, the 20th ult. Bro. E. Kendall, W.M., presided, and among the officers, members, and visitors present were Bros. F. R. Kendall, S.W.; J. L. Mather, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Sec.; C. Belton, P.M.; C. H. Driver, P.M.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; R. Ellis, C. Trebeck, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. H. Wye, Col. A. W. O. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; C. M. Gray, F. Richardson, P.G.D.; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts., Secretary R.M.B.I.; B. Brown, and E. J. Mills.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. L. Mather, W.M. elect, was presented and installed in office for the ensuing year; and having received the customary salutations from the brethren, Bro. Mather proceeded to appoint, and invested the following as officers, viz: Bros. Lord Molesworth, S.W.; Richard Ellis, J.W.; Rev. A. Morris, M.A., LL.D., Chap.; C. Belton (elected), Treas.; C. F. Matier (4th time), Sec.; T. W. Price, S.D.; F. J. Tyler, J.D.; C. H. Driver, P.M., D.C.; E. M. Lott, G.O., Org.; and T. W. Eley and C. Trebeck, Stwds.

Congratulations having been passed to the new Master, and the rest of the business disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren made a move for the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet was held under the presidency of Bro. Mather, W.M. Later on, the usual toast list was honoured, the applause which greeted the toasts of the G. Officers, the W.M., the I.P.M., the Visitors, and the Institutions being very hearty.

SAINT MARY ABBOTTS LODGE (No. 1971).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., for the purpose of electing a Master for the ensuing year, and for other more private lodge business. Unfortunately, the Parliamentary elections for the borough took place on the same day, and many of the lodge members were unavoidably absent. Bro. Alfred Williams, W.M., presided. W. Bro. Captain Nicols, P.M., acted as I.P.M. in the absence of W. Bro. Captain Compton. There were present also W. Bros. James Green, Treas.; the Rev. C. Darby Reade, Dr. David S. Skinner, Alfred J. Pritchard, Bros. Sidney Pitt, Captain Andrews, R. C. Halse, R. Rockingham Gill, E. C. Engelbach, A. C. Hauke, W. Beavis, and T. Friend, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read

and confirmed, a ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved in favour of the Senior Warden, Bro. Reuben Charles Green.

W. Bro. James Green was re-elected Treasurer for the fourth year in succession.

Bro. Captain Andrews expressed his regret that the banner which he intended to present to the lodge that evening was not quite ready, but would be so in a few days.

The Treasurer then proposed that a meeting of emergency be called for Thursday, 10th December, for the purpose of receiving Bro. Capt. H. S. Andrews' much appreciated gift. This was unanimously carried, and the W.M. appointed the hour of six p.m. for the meeting of the lodge and presentation of the banner, and seven o'clock for the banquet at Bayley Hotel, South Kensington.

The lodge was then closed.

Many guests have been invited and are expected to attend this interesting presentation.

ARUNDEL.—Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love

(No. 56).—On Thursday, the 19th ult., Bro. Edward Collings was installed W.M. of this lodge; Bro. T. U. Price was the Installing Master. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. Burnell, S.W.; Dr. Paxton, J.W.; G. Evershed, P.M., Sec.; A. E. Garwood (C.E.), S.D.; Longman, J.D.; C. Chamberlain, P.M., I.G. Bro. Robertson was re-elected Tyler, and was also invested with his collar by the W.M. Bro. T. Suter was re-elected Charity Steward. The lodge unanimously resolved to present Bro. H. W. Mardon, the retiring W.M., with a Past Master's jewel, and considerable regret was expressed at Bro. Mardon's absence on this occasion, owing to important business duties, and also at his loss to the lodge owing to his removal to Bishop's Stortford, while the brethren expressed their high appreciation of the manner in which he had ruled the lodge during his year of office.

The banquet took place at the Norfolk Hotel subsequently, when Bro. Barkshire provided a sumptuous repast.

Several visiting brethren were present, including Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary.

DEVONPORT.—Friendship Lodge (No. 202).

—The annual meeting of Lodge Friendship took place on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., when Bro. J. F. Burns was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. H. Welch, P.M., re-elected Treasurer, having most ably filled that office for many years past. Lodge Friendship is about the largest lodge in the province, numbering about 140 members. There were present, beside the usual brethren of the lodge, Bros. S. Jew, P.M.; Foxwell, P.M.; Heath, P.M.; and several other visitors, including Bro. Sylvester, of the United Service Lodge, Portsmouth. An enjoyable evening was spent, Bro. Sylvester rendering some high-class music, which was much appreciated.

CHERTSEY.—St. George's Lodge (No. 370).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th August. Present: Bros. R. Burns, W.M.; H. C. Leigh Bennett, as S.W.; Col. Dundas, J.W.; Jam-s R. Boor, P.M. and Secretary; A. D. Mackay, I.P.M.; G. B. Smallpiece, P.M.; G. M. S. O'Callaghan, S.D.; Bros. Edward S. Prior, J.D.; Chas. H. Broad, D.C.; W. Bros. Major Verney, P.M.; Rev. W. W. Martin, P.M., Chap.; Henry Clowes, P.M. 356 (S.C.), as I.G., P.M. Lodge Goodwill, Bellary, Madras; Bros. Capt. W. O. Cavanagh, W. E. Paget Hoblyn, W. Angel Thomas, Chas. Wheeler, and Charles E. Clive Bayley. Visitors: Wor. Bros. Geo. Harcourt, M.D., P.M. 370, P.A.G.D. of C. England and Wales, and P.D.P.G.M. Surrey; and G. D. Lister, P.M. 410, and Past G. Supt. of Works Surrey.

The lodge was opened in due and ancient form, and with solemn prayer. After the working of the lodge was completed, Wor. Bro. Major Verney, P.M., then proposed, and the W.M. seconded, a vote of congratulation to Wor. Bro. Dr. Harcourt, P.M., the founder of the lodge, expressing the deep pleasure the brethren experienced by his reappearance in the lodge after an absence of eight years, and trusting he might be able to visit them more often in the future, as his presence would at all times be gratifying to the feelings of the brethren.

Wor. Bro. Harcourt addressed the lodge, thanking the brethren for their cordial welcome, congratulating them on being located in such a commodious building, and giving a few early recollections of the resuscitation of the lodge in the year 1838.

General acclamation was then accorded to the Wor. brother the founder of the lodge.

By the express desire of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Harcourt, P.M., then took the chair, when a very pleasing and interesting incident occurred, being no less than the presentation of a very handsome loving cup to Bro. James R. Boor, P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge, in acknowledgment of the services rendered to the lodge as Secretary thereof for ten years in succession. Bro. Harcourt, P.M., requested Bro. Verney, P.M., to assume the duties of Secretary, and Bro. Boor was escorted to a place opposite the chair of K.S., when he was addressed by Bro. Harcourt in the following terms: Bro. Boor, I do not know how many years it is since you and I first met in lodge, but I believe it was in the year 1868. You have been a true and faithful member of the lodge, and a most useful member. The duties of Secretary are in a lodge of the most important character, and these duties you have faithfully carried out for I do not know how many years; these important services have not been forgotten by your brethren, and I was much gratified to hear that they were to be recognised in the present they now offer for your acceptance. I have no doubt you will feel as much pleasure in receiving it as they do in giving it to you. I know this is the feeling of every member of the lodge, and I am sure it will be gratifying to you to receive such a handsome present. therefore, in the name of the lodge, present to you this cup, and I trust you may be spared many years to enjoy its use, and may it assist you in promoting that hospitality which is the just attribute of every true brother, and may those who come after you recognise in it the value which was placed on your services by your brethren of Lodge 370.

Bro. Boor then replied as follows: Worshipful Master and brethren of the lodge—I cannot sit down without returning you my very hearty thanks for your very kind and gracious present to me. I am very proud, Worshipful Sir, that you preside in the chair of King Solomon to present this loving cup to me on the part of the brethren of the

lodge. As the father of the lodge, and its first W.M. in 1840, you having resuscitated it, and I am especially gratified that the W.M. has asked you to make me this handsome present on their behalf. It was on the last Saturday in October, 1868, when you first introduced me into the lodge, an event which I shall ever remember with brotherly feeling, and, to show your true Masonic spirit towards me, you were the means of my being appointed in the following year one of the Prov. Grand Stewards, and in 1873, on the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting at Chertsey, you, as D.P.G. Master of the province, recommended me to the P.G.M. for provincial honour, when he was pleased to appoint me to the office of P.G.S.B., and on that occasion I promised to devote myself to the cause of Charity in undertaking the office of Steward to the respective Masonic Charitable Institutions, and I have much pleasure in announcing to you that I have fulfilled that promise by serving the office of Steward four times to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, four times to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and twice to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, being a Vice-Patron of the first, and a Vice-President of the two latter. Since receiving your valuable gift I feel quite a head taller. The deep feeling of my heart will not allow me to express all I wish to say; in fact, I feel quite overcome; but I must again return you my sincere thanks. I feel assured that when the G.A.O.T.U. calls me from this sublunary sphere, the number of St. George's Lodge will be found engraved on my heart.

GLOUCESTER.—Royal Lebanon Lodge (No. 493).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. B. J. Brook Smith, D.P.G.M.; A. V. Hatton, P.M., S.W.; W. Renwick, J.W.; S. Bland, Treas.; E. G. Woodward, P.M., Sec.; T. Hanman, S.D.; W. Edwards, J.D.; S. Moss, P.M., D.C.; R. J. Weston, I.G.; T. H. Daniels, Stwd.; B. Doyle, Tyler; T. Thomas, Asst. Tyler; A. Woodward, I.P.M.; F. W. Fisher, P.M.; H. Jeffs, P.M.; J. A. Matthews, P.M.; Maitland, Hooper, Quilter, Barnes, Clark, C. G. Clark, F. Crump, P.M.; Chudbom, Parker, Gilland, Winfield, Haviland, Gardner, Daniels, Read, Steeds, Fisher, J. A. Robinson, and others. Visitors: Bros. Clifford, 855; Foster, 839; Needham, 839; Vassar Smith, 839; White, 839; Taynton, W.M. 839; Ellis, 839; Chance, 839; Carleton, 1067; Parker, 1067; Buller, 246; Felton, 246; Norman, 246; Sweeting, 246; Thorne, 246; Steel, 246; Baron de Ferrieres, 82 and 246; Kynaston, 82; Baxter, 82; Forth, 246; Evans, 1005; Lea, 1005; London, 1005; Ferris, 1005; Hayward, 1005; Jew, 1005; Tifton, 1005; Frowde, 1005; Tream, 1005; Lance, 1005; and others.

The installation of the W.M., Bro. S. Bland, P.S.W., was performed by the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Brook Smith, assisted by the P.M.'s of the lodge. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. A. Woodward, I.P.M.; W. Renwick, S.W.; H. S. Crump, P.M., J.W.; W. Edwards, S.D.; R. J. Weston, J.D.; A. V. Hatton, P.M., Treas.; E. G. Woodward, P.M., Sec.; S. Moss, P.M., D.C.; E. F. Parker, I.G.; J. A. Matthews, P.M., and T. Hanman, Stwds.; B. Doyle, Tyler; and J. Thomas, Asst. Tyler.

GLOSSOP.—Devonshire Lodge (No. 625).—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Norfolk Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. William Swire, W.M.; Samuel Warhurst, S.W.; Albert Andrew, J.W.; Walter Thorpe, Treas.; Charles Wilde, Sec.; Alfred Walker, S.D.; Wm. Eversden, J.D.; Stewart, D.C.; Eli Oldham and James Parker, Stwds.; Brown, Tyler; John Hall, P.M.; James Rhodes, P.M.; G. E. Cox, P.M.; Wm. Dawson (Mayor of Glossop), P.M.; Dearnaley, P.M.; S. Robinson, I.P.M.; W. H. Hodgson, P.M.; S. Collier, P.M.; Joe Collier, P.M.; J. S. Bowden, P.M.; Capt. Partington, Samuel Rowbottom, J.P.; John Armitage, Cyrus Garside, J. Walker, Org.; S. Bamforth, Walter Fielding, A. Rowbottom, Patchet, and others. Visitors: Bros. Stewart, Installing Master and D.C. Benevolence; Marple, 625; Tym and Compton, Benevolence; and Wagstaffe, W.M. Loyalty. Bro. Wm. Swire was installed W.M.

BRIDLINGTON.—Londesborough Lodge (No. 734).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Creaser, P.M., took place on Tuesday last in the Masonic Hall, St. John's-avenue. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. J. Timmins, and the installing Master, Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., J.P., D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, afterwards entered the lodge, and was received with grand honours. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and was performed in that admirable manner for which Bro. Bell is so noted in the Craft. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. J. Timmins, I.P.M.; A. Woodliffe, S.W.; F. W. Wardill, J.W.; F. J. Timmins, Treas.; C. Gray, P.M., Sec.; E. Mainprize, S.D.; J. Kennard, J.D.; H. C. Clarke, I.G.; W. Milner, P.M., D.C.; C. Gray, P.M., Almoner; G. Moody, D. Craig, and J. Varey, Stwds.; and Robert Severs, Tyler.

The installation banquet was afterwards held at the Black Lion Hotel, the W.M. being supported by the D.P.G.M. and several Past Masters, as well as an excellent assembly of the brethren. A sumptuous spread was provided by the host and hostess, and the brethren were highly delighted with the arrangements made for their comfort.

Dinner being over, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Gray, in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," remarked upon the kindness and fraternal feeling which had prompted the D.P.G.M. to come over to Bridlington for the purpose of installing their excellent Bro. Creaser in the chair, and hoped he might be long spared to give that assistance to the Craft, which was so highly appreciated by the whole of the brethren, more especially in the Province of North and East Yorkshire.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in returning thanks, dwelt upon his love for Masonry. He was always ready to do all in his power to further the interests of the Craft, and it always gave him great pleasure to visit the Londesborough Lodge, for which he believed there was a great future, which he believed would be hastened by the advent to the Master's chair of the worthy brother whom he had that day installed in the chair of K.S. He would therefore propose to them the toast of "The W.M. and Officers of the Londesborough Lodge," and looked forward to their having a very successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master thanked the Dep. P.G.M. for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast, and would endeavour, so far as he had the power, to work the lodge to that state of prosperity which Dr. Bell had predicted for it. The brethren of the Londesborough Lodge were intending to hold a Swiss Bazaar in the coming summer, and he hoped each one would try his utmost to make it a success.

The remaining toasts were then proposed and responded to, and one of the most enjoyable banquets ever held by the Londesborough Lodge was brought to a close, the brethren being loud in their praise of the handsome manner in which the W.M. had entertained them.

During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were given by Bros. F. and E. Wardell, D. Craig, Davis, Jas. Watson, and R. Severs.

CANTERBURY.—St. Augustine's Lodge (No. 972).—On the 18th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Bro. Wm. Plant was installed W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. S. F. Pringuer, P.M., performed the ceremony, and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Price, I.P.M.; S. Newman, S.W.; R. Westwood, J.W.; G. Pilcher, P.M., Treasurer; S. Pringuer, P.M., Sec.; H. Pringuer, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; J. Welsh, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Pilcher, I.G.; W. Ladd and T. Easton, Stewards; and R. Blake, P.M., Tyler. There were also present Bros. T. Crump, P.M.; J. Welsh, P.M.; George Cox, P.M.; Joseph Plant, P.M.; John Allen, P.M.; Robert Ewell, Ed. Mills, Geo. E. Tournay, C. Richardson, F. R. Young, E. A. C. Larkin, E. Plume, P.M.; H. Claris, J. S. White, Ed. Ayre. The visitors on this occasion, who were numerous, included Bros. T. M. Bentom, P.M. 521; E. Cockerell, S.W. 1449; A. Develin, J.W. 1449; T. Hearn, W.M. 199; C. F. Wachter, W.M. 2099, P.G.S.D.; E. G. Walthew, Sec. 1915; G. Barton, I.P.M. 1915; H. T. Naylor, P.M. 1449, P.G.S.B.; J. T. T. Reeves, P.P.G.A.D.C., 1915; W. H. Dibbin, 622; W. H. Longhurst, P.M. 31; A. W. Anderson, 1449; W. Ashenden, 31; W. D. Young, W.M. 31; Montague, P.M. 743; Tonblings, J.D. 1449; Martin, 1449; Hire, W.M. 125; Syree, P.M. 709; H. Ward, P.M. 31, G.J.W.; B. Anderson, 1449; and V. S. Vickers, 199, P.G.C. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Town Hall. Present: Bros. J. Shaw Carleton, W.M.; J. S. Bradstock, S.W.; Wm. Lynes, P.M., J.W.; S. W. Woods, Treas.; M. F. Carter, P.M., Sec.; W. Roberts, S.D.; Richard Macartney, J.D.; Thos. Cadle, P.M., I.G.; Job Webb, Tyler; A. Parker, I.P.M.; Russell Jas. Kerr, P.M.; W. C. Heane, P.M.; John Davies, P.M.; S. W. Hadingham, A. C. Bright, T. H. Deakin, and Wm. Spence.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Spence was raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony of raising being performed by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Geo. H. Rose Holden, B.A., and he was duly elected. A petition applying for admission into the Boys' School for a son of a deceased member was signed by the W.M., Wardens, and brethren present.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where a harmonious evening was spent.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—SS. Peter and Paul Lodge (No. 1410).—A meeting was held on the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. James Line, W.M.; John Odell, S.W.; C. W. Guille, as J.W.; Rev. C. M. Otley, Chap.; E. Carr, Treas.; T. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; H. H. Booth, J.D.; M. M. Harris, D.C.; B. Fox Rogers, I.G.; J. C. Hipwell, Stwd.; Frost, Tyler; Wilford, P.M.; Cooper, P.M.; Coales, P.M.; and Terry, P.M. Visitors: Bros. B. T. Fontaine, P.P.G.T.; R. King, P.P.G.S. of Works; J. Reeve, P.P.G.J.W.; W. H. Bull, P.P.G.J.W.; several members of the Stuart, 540, and other lodges.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Odell, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly obligated, after which Bro. T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W., assumed the chair, and the W.M. elect was installed in the chair of K.S. in due and ancient form. The W.M. having been properly saluted in the several degrees, he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Line, I.P.M.; C. W. Guille, S.W.; H. H. Booth, J.W.; Rev. C. M. Otley, Chap.; E. Carr, Treas.; T. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; M. M. Harris, S.D.; B. F. Rogers, J.D.; J. C. Hipwell, D.C.; W. Merrikin, I.G.; L. Cooper, P.M., and H. G. Hipwell, Stwds. The P.M.'s jewel of the lodge was presented to Bro. J. Line. It was proposed that a suitable jewel should be presented to Bro. E. Carr in recognition of his long and valuable services as Treasurer. The Secretary read a dispensation for the initiation of Mr. J. Wright as a serving brother.

All business being ended, and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Cannon, at which 35 brethren were present.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This prosperous lodge met at the Clarence Hotel on the 25th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Chandler, S.W.; Warner, J.W.; R. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.M., Secretary; Finch, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Porter, Org.; Blanchard, A.W.S.; C. Stevens, P.G. Org. Middx., I.P.M.; J. Piller, P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. J. C. Jessett, P.G. S.B.; Argyll, P.M. 946; and Schartau, 1549.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. W. Smith and W. G. Pailthorpe, and proved to be unanimous. Mr. Smith being in attendance was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. Bro. B. G. Williams was then passed as a F.C. The bye-laws having been read, the election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Warner. Bro. Handel was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks having been given to the W.M. for his services, and a Past Master's jewel voted to him, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland-street, on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. R. J. Harnell, jun., W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Deaton, J.W.; Flint, S.D.; J. R. Harnell, J.D.; Totten, I.G.; Baker, P.M., Preceptor; Deaton, Secretary; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ives, P.M., candidate. Bro. Baker, P.M., having taken the chair, worked the installation ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. Baker, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Deaton seconded, that Bro. Harvey, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. Baker, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Deaton seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction—carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting was held on the 24th ult., at the Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street. Bro. T. Adams, W.M., was supported by Bros. Christmas, S.W.; Masefield, J.W.; Cottebrune, P.G.P., Preceptor; Stroud, S.D.; Cross, Sec. and I.G.; Von Joel, Collins, and Weekes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cottebrune being the candidate. Lodge was opened on the square, and afterwards resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Adams resigned in favour of Bro. Stroud. Bro. Cross answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Adams returned to his position as W.M., and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Adams for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in the lodge. All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. There were present Bros. W. H. Boys, W.M.; Buckeridge, S.W.; G. Lavington, J.W.; Peet, S.D.; Crouch, J.D.; C. Pigeon, I.G.; R. Walden, Treasurer; G. S. Stokes, Rowlands, and J. Hill, Preceptor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. W. H. Boys and Bro. R. Rowlands; the latter giving the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. G. Stokes was the installed Master, and invested his officers, the whole ceremony being rendered in a very forcible and correct manner. Bro. Stokes afterwards rehearsed the initiation ceremony. Bro. Buckeridge was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the work being Initiation ceremony, the charge, lecture on the tracing board, and 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. W. Battley, W.M.; J. Crutenden, S.W.; J. R. Ailman, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; R. E. Cursons, S.D.; W. J. Mason, J.D.; J. H. Wood, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; Captain A. H. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G. S. of W. Punjab; Captain H. S. Andrews, W. Mathews, D. Stroud, E. C. Mulvey, W. Thomas, C. S. Mote, T. Rosedale, W. H. Wadhams, and Wm. Robinson, Visitor: Bro. J. Potter, 1987.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Thomas and Andrews candidates respectively. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Potter was elected a member. Bro. Crutenden was elected W.M. for next meeting. Communication from Bro. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, was read to the brethren concerning the Masonic club about being formed. A vote of thanks to Bro. Mulvey for acting as Preceptor was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Lodge was then 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 26th ult., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; A. Gaminell, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; G. Coleman, S.D.; S. Hewitt, J.D.; J. Rowe, I.G.; W. Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; W. Thorpe, E. C. Mulvey, W. Kedge, T. A. Dickson, and T. E. Weekes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. E. C. Mulvey having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 2nd Section of the Third Lecture. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. W. Kedge, 749, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. F. Kedge, W.M., and seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Fowles proposed that Bro. A. Gaminell, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Coleman, I.P.M., proposed that the ceremony of installation be rehearsed in this lodge of instruction on Thursday evening, the 31st inst., and that Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, be asked to take the chair on that occasion; also that Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., write to Bro. John Jacobs to that effect—seconded by Bro. W. Fowles, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

BURY.—Chapter of Unanimity (No. 42).—The annual festival of this old centenary chapter was held at the Derby Hotel on Tuesday, the 24th ult. Present: Comps. Alfred Hopkinson, Z.; Wm. Barrett, II.; Wm. Hutchinson, J.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.J.; W. O. Walker, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; John Halliwell, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Kenyon, P.Z., P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; W. Balmer, P.Z., S.E.; S. Bailey, P.Z.; the Rev. W. Clayton, S.N.; O. C. Crompton, P.S.; J. Mellor, J. T. Newbold, R. Pollitt, G. Openshaw, and others. Visitor: Comp. Dr. Guinness Beattie (I.C.)

The chapter having been opened, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Handley, who had been already elected, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. Sillitoe. The Three Principals elect, viz., Comps. W. Barrett, Z.; W. Hutchinson, H.; and the Rev. W. Clayton, J., were presented to Comp. Sillitoe, and by him installed in their respective chairs. The various officers were invested with their collars and inducted into their offices. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Comp. Sillitoe for his able services, and the chapter was closed with due ceremony, after which the companions adjourned to a banquet, served in a manner for which this ancient hostelry has long

been famous. The newly-installed M.E.Z. presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Superintendent of the Province, Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie," met with a most enthusiastic reception, as it always does at Masonic gatherings in the province over which he so ably presides.

"The Prov. Grand Second and Third Principals, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was also warmly welcomed.

Comp. W. O. Walker then proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of Comp. Sillitoe, the Installing Principal." In doing so, he said that throughout the large Province of East Lancashire Comp. Sillitoe was regarded as the backbone of Royal Arch Masonry, and they in that old chapter were proud to number him amongst their members.

The toast was drunk with applause, and responded to. The toasts of "The Newly-Installed Principals," "The Exalte," "The P.Z.'s," "The Officers," and "All Poor and Distressed Companions" were also proposed, and suitably acknowledged.

During the evening Comps. Hutchinson, Bailey, and Pollitt sang some excellent songs. Comp. Openshaw presided at the piano.

STONEHOUSE.—Brunswick Chapter (No. 159).—The annual meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, to instal the Excellent Principals for the year ensuing, viz.; Ex. Comps. Charles A. Nicholson, Z.; J. Cobblestick, H.; and Henry Mortimore, J. The ceremony was conducted by Ex. Comp. J. Gidley, P.Z. 70, 1205; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.Z. 189, P.P.G.P. Soj.; R. Pike, P.Z. 230; and the following Board of Installed Principals:—Ex. Comps. A. R. Lethbridge, P.Z. 159; B. S. Johns, P.Z. 159; J. H. Stephens, P.Z. 159; J. Bartlett, P.Z. 159; S. Jew, P.Z. 105, P.P.G.T.; R. Lavers, P.Z. 202, P.G. Std. Br.; and J. D. Brooking, P.Z. 1071, P.P. G.A. Soj. Cornwall. The officers were then invested as follows:—Ex. Comp. J. H. Stephens, P.Z., S.E.; Comps. J. Garland, S.N.; T. Geach, P. Soj.; W. H. Williams, 1st A. Soj.; W. G. Hodge, 2nd A. Soj.; R. Hurrell, Treas.; Charles Marshall, D.C.; F. J. Radmore, Org.; J. E. Davis, S.S.; C. H. Sutton, J.S., and Ex. Comp. I. Bartlett, Janitor. The companions retired to the Imperial Hotel, where an excellent dinner was laid by Comp. Sutton. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a truly enjoyable evening was spent.

WIMBORNE.—St. Cuthberga Chapter (No. 622).—The installation of the Principals of this chapter took place on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Comp. A. Lawton was duly installed into the chair of Z.; Comp. A. H. Jolliffe in that of H.; and Comp. A. W. Ward in that of J.; the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Comp. the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.Z. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Comps. Thomas Lodder, I.P.Z.; H. Baverstock, Scribe E.; H. G. B. Frampton, S.N.; A. C. Todd, P.S.; H. Geary Dyer, 1st A.S.; W. Burt, 2nd A.S.; T. Loddor, Treasurer; D. Hazlett, Janitor. In addition to the above there were present Comps. H. C. Burt, P.Z.; J. Whitehead Smith, P.Z.; E. T. Budden, P.Z.; Francis, Z. 137 (Poole); J. A. Atkins, P.Z. 622; and C. H. W. Parkinson, P.Z. 622. The companions afterwards dined together, a very pleasant evening being spent.

Mark Masonry.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).—The above lodge held its usual meeting at the Shoreditch Town Hall on the 18th ult. Bro. J. Funston, W.M., opened the lodge in the usual form, and was well supported by the brethren. Bros. R. A. Germaine and E. T. Holloway having with others been balloted for, the ceremony of their advancement in this Degree was rendered—Bros. Meek, P.M., P.G.S.; H. Stephens, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.O.; and Beasley, P.M., Past Provincial Grand Officers; and Bro. J. J. Gould, P.M., assisting. The Secretary having read the summons of the Grand Lodge, requesting the attendance of the officers, present and past, and inviting the members of the lodge to attend Grand Lodge to meet the Grand Master and officers on the business of the Degree on the 1st inst., the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. H. Little, P.M.; Andrews, Smither, and R. Marshall. This lodge is very successful, and numbers amongst its members many Past Masters and officers esteemed in Craft Masonry.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 26th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. A. S. Harris, W.M.; Skinner, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; J. Mason, P.P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W., P.M., Sec.; Cama, G.S., &c., Hon. Member, acting S.D.; Smout, acting J.D.; Lawson, I.P.M.; and Bro. Cama, 13, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dr. Kaka, 1042, was balloted for and duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Skinner. Bro. J. Mason was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Schofield re-elected Tyler. Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.M., having been compelled, through ill-health, to resign his active membership of the lodge, was unanimously elected an honorary member. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the outgoing Master, letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. Goodall, P.M.; Parkhouse, J.D.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., Bro. Thos. Atkinson, W.M., P.G. J.O., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. John Rothery, S.W., P.G. Std. Br.; Bewlay, J.W., P.C.I.G.; J. Paterson, M.O., P.G. Stwd.; J. Eden, S.O., P.G. Stwd.; Thos. Rowlings, J.O.; Rev. James Anderson, Chap., P.G. Chap.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M.,

Reg. of Marks, P.G. Sec.; Thos. Brakenridge, S.D.; W. J. Tyson, J.D.; John Casson, I.G.; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; W. D. P. Field, J. Bowes, and others.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for three candidates, which were accepted, and Bro. D. Atkinson being in attendance, was advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M. It being the meeting for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, the following brethren were elected: Bros. Wm. Bewlay, W.M.; Geo. Dalrymple, Treas.; and Thos. Richardson, Tyler. The W.M. then presented four brethren with their Grand Lodge certificates, and the lodge was closed in due form.

INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 355).—The usual weekly meeting of this Mark lodge of instruction was held at The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on Friday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary; C. E. Soppet, W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. Willing, jun., W.M.; W. M. Stiles, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; G. Gregory, M.O.; H. Dickey, S.O.; J. H. Batty, J.O.; G. Morley, R.M.; C. J. Knightley, Secretary; and W. J. Ferguson, S.D. (all of the Royal Savoy Craft Lodge, No. 355); A. Gaminell, Brixton Mark Lodge, as I.G.; J. L. Mather, P.M. Old Kent Lodge, T.I., Preceptor; Beeglymer, Edmonds, Carter, A. Millar, and others.

The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Willing, jun., supported by his officers in their respective positions. Bro. J. L. Mather, the Preceptor, elected the W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The Grand Secretary having expressed himself pleased with the good working and success of the meeting, most kindly promised to rehearse the ceremony of consecration at an early date. The lodge was then closed.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street, on the 28th ult. Amongst those present were Sir Knights T. C. Walls, Grand Sub-Prelate, M.P.S.; Mickley, V.E.; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Treasurer; John Mason, Recorder, &c.; H. J. Lardner, Prelate; W. Lake, the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M.W.S.; Marsh, P.M.W.S.; Hurd, J. Harris, E. A. Harris, and others. Sir Knight the Rev. T. Lemon, 102, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Codd, 1728, and it proving to be unanimous, he was installed as a Knight of the Order by the M.P.S. Sir Knights the Rev. T. Lemon, Codd, J. Harris, and E. A. Harris were then installed as honorary Viceroy and Sovereigns. A sanctuary of K.H.S., and a commandery of St. John the Evangelist, having been subsequently opened, Sir Knights the Rev. T. Lemon, W. Lake, Hurd, J. Harris, E. A. Harris, and Codd were respectively admitted into those knightly degrees. It was resolved unanimously—"That in future the meetings of the Premier Conclave shall be held on the first Monday in the months of January, March, June, and November." The conclave was then closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern. The usual routine of toasts followed.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS COUNCIL (No. 1).—This important council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Alfred Williams, T.I.M.; T. Poore, P.T.I.M.; T. Cubitt, P.C. of W.; T. C. Walls, D.G.M., Recorder; Graveley, C. of G.; Spice and Bryant, Stewards; Clark, Sturlevant, Edward Storr, D. Cama, Dr. Mickley, Catterson, Scurrah, Cumberland, Lemon, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. L. Steele and S. Cama, and it appearing to be unanimous, they were duly greeted, admitted, and received as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., by Bro. T. Poore. It was resolved unanimously, on the motion of the T.I.M., "That the installation meeting in future shall be held on the third Thursday in May." It was also unanimously resolved—"That a committee be appointed to revise the By-Laws." The members of the committee having been appointed, letters from Bros. F. Richardson, P.G.C.W.; Loveland-Loveland, the Rev. W. Lemon, Baron de Ferrieres, James Moon, and others were read pleading inability to attend. The council was then closed in the degree of S.M., and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant. A few toasts followed the banquet.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 27th ult., when officers for the Association were appointed for ensuing year. This Association was formed to enable members of the Craft and their friends to become Life Subscribers or Life Governors of the various Masonic Charitable Institutions by payment of instalments of not less than 4s. per month.

The Honorary Secretary, Bro. W. W. SNELLING, announced that he had received subscriptions amounting to £1642 os. 10d., and that the sums paid over to the Masonic Charities were as under:—

To Aged Masons' Fund	£482 10 0
To Widows' Fund	316 7 0
To Boys' School	341 5 0
To Girls' School	393 15 0
and the balance at bank was	£80 12 S.

The past officers were then unanimously reappointed as follows: Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, President; Bro. J. White, Vice-President; Bro. W. W. Snelling, J.D. 1541, Hon. Sec.; and six other brethren members of the Committee, and the thanks of the members were unanimously given to them for their past services.

Prospectus and bye-laws of the Association will be forwarded to any member of the Craft, on application to Bro. W. W. Snelling, at offices of the Association, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples has become a Vice-President of the National Refuge Harbours Society.

GRAND MASONIC BALL AT MANCHESTER.

The members of the Zion Lodge, No. 1798, Manchester, gave a grand ball on Tuesday, the 24th ult., which proved a complete success. A Committee was selected, in the first instance, to make and carry out the arrangements, and the lion's share of the work fell to the lot of Bro. G. Board, I.P.M., who deserves the highest praise for his universal labours and time devoted to bringing about a satisfactory result. The Stewards, under the superintendence of Bro. Samson Levi, were Bros. George Board, I.P.M.; Elias Nathan, P.M.; Julius Arensbergh, P.M., P.P.G.P.; M. Stewart, W.M. elect; Morris Rosenthal, J.W.; Aubrey Franks, George Rideal, Joseph Schoeps, Joseph Gershon, A. Besse, M. Hart, E. Wise, S. Frankenstein, W. Edwards, Phillip Hart, M. Newman, and Chas. Goldsmith—all members of the Zion Lodge.

The ball was held in the Manchester Assembly Rooms, Cheetham Hill-road, and, although rather a high price was paid for the hire thereof, still in this instance the game proved to be worth the candle, and brought a brilliant assembly together, the suite of apartments having the reputation of being the finest in the United Kingdom. The ball was under the patronage of the R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, who had kindly granted permission for Craft and Royal Arch clothing to be worn.

Dancing commenced at 8.30, and terminated at 4 a.m. The fine band of the 4th Dragoon Guards, under the leadership of Mr. T. Marten, was in attendance, and played 14 round and 10 square dances. The M.C.'s were Bros. H. Smith and Son, of Sale. The net proceeds of the ball are to be given to the Masonic Charities; but up to the present the total amount has not been ascertained, but will be announced in due course.

THE FIRST ANNUAL DINNER OF THE UBIQUE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1789.

The first annual dinner of the above lodge was held at its head-quarters, the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W., on Friday, the 27th ult., Capt. Butterworth, Scots Guards, in the chair. The members mustered in full force, and did ample justice to an excellent dinner provided by the worthy hostess, the dessert being kindly provided by Bro. Swingle.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the Chairman rose to propose the toast of the evening, which was "The Health of our much esteemed and talented Preceptor, Bro. George Boulton, P.M., P.Z. 1604." In giving it, he said it afforded him the utmost pleasure to do so, and after referring in eulogistic terms to the excellent services rendered to the lodge by that popular brother, presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a magnificent gold watch and chain as a slight mark of their esteem for him. It gave him all the more pleasure to do so, as, having had the pleasure of that brother's acquaintance for a quarter of a century, he knew his sterling worth, not only as a man, but as a Mason; his courteous manner and readiness at all times to give every assistance and advice to those brethren seeking it, great many of whom owed their present state of efficiency to his careful teaching; and he concluded by trusting that he would be long spared to wear it.

Bro. BOULTON, in rising to respond, was greeted with a round of applause. He referred to the very kindly way in which the lodge had always received him. He said the present occasion had taken him by surprise; he was sure he was not deserving of such a substantial mark of their favour. (Cries of "Yes.") He had simply done his duty in endeavouring, through every means in his power, to further the interests of the lodge. He thanked the brethren heartily for this kind mark of appreciation of his humble services, and he would cherish it as long as he lived. The brethren gave "For he's a jolly good fellow."

"The Health of the Chairman" was then proposed and drunk.

Capt. BUTTERWORTH, in rising to respond, said he felt it an honour to preside over the meeting that evening, seeing so many old and familiar faces. He had just returned from the Soudan, where he was surprised to hear on all sides the kindly expressions of opinion and enquiries after his and Bro. Folsom's health. He could assure them that those feelings were highly appreciated. It was a great source of comfort for one to know that when fighting the battles of his country he was not forgotten at home, and especially amongst his brother Masons. He felt sure that where such feelings existed a country was bound to conquer.

Several other toasts followed, amongst which were "The Secretary, Bro. Coughlan, P.M.," and "The Treasurer, Bro. Gibson, P.M.," which were suitably responded to by those brethren.

The toast of "The Mother Lodge" was responded to by Bro. MASON, S.W.

Some excellent singing was indulged in, there being a goodly display of talent present, and the evening was brought to a close with "Auld lang syne" (Bro. Coughlan), the brethren dispersing shortly before midnight, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

LEIGH-BENNETT.—On the 25th ult., at Thorp Place, Chertsey, the wife of Bro. H. C. Leigh-Bennett, of a son.

RAWLINSON.—On the 29th ult., at Alexandra Park, Manchester, the wife of Captain E. C. B. Rawlinson, Deputy C.C., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

REID—MORRIS.—On the 26th ult., at St. Phillip's, South Kensington, H. G. Reid, of Cromwell-crescent, to M. Morris, of Neven-road.

DEATHS.

STRETTON.—On the 28th ult., at 40, Saxe Coburg-street, after a short illness, Alice, the wife of Bro. C. E. Stretton, P.M. 279, P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire and Rutland.

SEARS.—On the 30th ult., at West-hill, Dartford, Maria, widow of the late W. Sears, aged 80.



Bro. the M.W. the Grand Master visited the Comedy last Saturday, where "Erminie" is being played to enormous houses with brilliant success. Miss St. John has never been seen to greater advantage.

"Nadsherda" is said to be the title of the new play which is to succeed "Dark Days" at the Haymarket. In it Mrs. Barrymore will join her husband, and the cast will not be much altered from the present, except that Miss Lingard will be missed. She is about to go out with a company of her own, in a new drama by Mr. Clement Scott and Mr. Wilson Barrett, on tour in the provinces.

The last nights of "The Fay O'Fire," as we predicted, are likely to be shortly announced, on which Mr. Dark and Miss Ewretta Lawrence will transfer "On 'Change" from the Strand to the Opera Comique, Miss Minnie Palmer taking possession of the former house. A new piece, by Mr. T. P. Hurst, author of "Loose Tiles," precedes "On 'Change" now.

"Kenilworth" is now announced to be brought out on the 19th inst. In the meanwhile the stage is undergoing some alterations necessary to the burlesque. This new piece for the Avenue is looked forward to with much interest, as it will include a popular and brilliant cast both of ladies and gentlemen.

The Holborn is announced to reopen with comic opera next Saturday, the 12th inst. Miss Vivianne Dallas is to play the chief character. This young lady, who is new to the stage, has lately been playing in "Boccaccio" in the provinces in a company of her own, and has won much popularity. "The Pet of Newmarket" is the name of the opera. We do not know if Miss Dallas is to be the "Pet," but hope she will be the Pet of the Holborn.

Bro. George Edwardes, the popular acting manager of the Savoy, leaves Mr. D'Oyle Carte at Christmas, and joins Mr. Hollingshead in partnership at the Gaiety, where we are sure he will prove himself equally popular. We wish him every success in his new career as joint manager. "Jack Sheppard" is announced as the new burlesque, in which, we believe, Miss Farren will be seen, and again charm her admirers.

Great preparations are in progress at the Adelphi for the new drama by Messrs. Pettitt and Sims, which is to deal with the affairs of the sea. It is said 400 men of the Naval Reserve are to appear in the piece, which will include Miss Mary Rorke, Miss Millward, Miss Maude Brennan, Mrs. John Carter, Mr. Terriss, Mr. Garden, Bros. J. Maclean, P.M. 1319, and J. D. Beveridge, and Messrs. Howard Russell and Percy Lyndal. In consequence of the stage being required, the theatre will close next Saturday, the 12th inst., until Boxing-night.

The "Theatre Annual" is just published, and contains tales written by Bros. Toole, Irving, and Sims, Messrs. Chas. Wyndham, Frank Marshall, Wilson Barrett, and Beatty Kingston, and poems by Mrs. Bancroft and Mr. Clement Scott; the latter is also the Editor. Besides this there are portraits of the following in character: Misses Eastlake, Kate Rorke, Ellen Terry, Phyllis Broughton, and Violet Cameron; Messrs. Wilson Barrett, Willard, Terriss, and Bro. Irving. We can heartily recommend it, as also the December number of the "Theatre," containing photographs of Miss Eastlake in "Hoodman Blind" and Bros. Charles Warner, Mr. Godfrey Turner writes an interesting article on "The Falstaff Lectures."

Bro. Augustus Harris (Maybury Lodge) announces the withdrawal of "Human Nature" on the 12th inst., in order to rehearse and get ready for the Pantomime, "Aladdin," which is to be introduced to his patrons on Boxing-night in all the glories of Drury Lane management. It is to excel its forerunners. One of the chief attractions is to be the procession of famous beauties from the earliest ages of history. We do not know if the favourite ladies of our day are to be represented, or whether the show will end with the last generation. This scene is to take the place of the procession of Civic Guilds of last year, and that of the Kings and Queens of England in the pantomime of the year previous. Bro. Harris also furnishes the Pantomime of "Cinderella" at the Crystal Palace. On the withdrawal of the Christmas entertainment, "Human Nature" is likely to be brought out again, as its popularity has increased rather than diminished.

We regret to state that Miss Ellen Terry's health has been so unsatisfactory of late that she has been compelled to withdraw, her part being ably played by Miss Winifred Emery in "Olivia." On Monday "Louis XI." will be revived for a short time, which has not a part for Miss Terry. After that Mr. Wills's new play, "Faust," will be produced; the date is not yet fixed, but it is not likely to be long. Mr. H. B. Conway is to be in the cast. "Faust" is being looked forward to as a great event. Rumour says the mounting of the play is to supersede anything ever done at the Lyceum. This is saying a great deal after Bro. Irving's stage mounting of "Hamlet" and "Much Ado about Nothing."

"The Japs," in spite of the lessees trying to keep it on the stage, has met its doom, which we predicted from the first would not be long. To-morrow night (Saturday) a new burlesque, entitled "The Flying Anglo-Dutchman and the Phantom Penny Steamer," is to be produced, with the clever trio, Mr. Willie Edouin, Miss Alice Atherton, and Bro. Lionel Brough, in the chief parts. A welcome addition will be Miss Helen Hastings, who, last Friday, gave a matinee at Toole's, where she played the chief part in "The

Country Girl" with much success. This young lady has not been seen for some time, and we notice she is not remembered by some of our contemporaries. We think we are correct in recognising her as having developed from Miss Tiny Hastings, who played in "Vice Versa" and "Silver Gilt," at the Strand, and in "The Three Hats," at the Royalty, two or three years ago. We were certain at that time of her ability. We shall notice the new burlesque at the Novelty in another issue.

On Monday, Bro. Toole returns to town and reopens his own theatre with a new play, written for him by Mr. Maddison Morton, who is one of the brethren of the Charterhouse, and the author of several pretty little pieces, some of which Bro. Toole has produced. "Going It" is the title of the new play, which has already been well applauded in Glasgow. It is much of the same order—we are told—as other of Bro. Toole's character sketches, the subject being that of a middle-aged gentleman who comes up to London possessed of means, and "goes it," of course, paying dearly for his fun. The extravaganza, "The O'Dora," is to follow. We do not doubt that our popular brother will receive the usual hearty welcome from his audience, and make a first night speech, which, we regret, circumstances will prevent our being present to hear.

In noticing the new play at the Olympic, we have remarked that the British public cannot expect to have each production more attractive than any which have gone before; but an exception must be made to Gilbert and Sullivan's last work—"The Mikado"—which has been playing at the Savoy since March, and probably will be playing by next March and long after that. It is allowed by all that this comic opera crowns all those which have been produced by those gentlemen, not excepting "Patience," which it most resembles. It is said that Mr. W. S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan are engaged on another opera for Mr. D'Oyle Carte, and that will be their last. If so, it will be a source of much regret that their long connection will cease; but playgoers and music people will ever bless their names for the enjoyment they have caused, both on the stage and in many a household, with their works—"Pinafore," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Patience," "Iolanthe," "The Princess Ida," and "The Mikado." Having taken off the Army, Navy, and the House of Lords, Mr. Gilbert flies to Japan for the plot of his last work. Both its story and its music have long ago become quite familiar to most people. Many of our readers must have danced in "The Mikado Lancers," and have heard Mr. Gilbert's words, sung by Mr. George Crossmith, to Sir Arthur's music:

"As it seems to be essential that a victim should be found,
I've got a little list; I've got a little list
Of social offenders, who might well be underground,
And who never would be missed—never would be missed.
There's the pestilential nuisances who write for autographs;
All people who have flabby hands and irritating laughs;
All children who are up in dates, and floor you with 'em flat;
All persons who in shaking hands shake hands with you like that—
And all third persons who on spoiling 'tête-à-têtes' insist—
They'd none of 'em be missed—they'd none of 'em be missed!
There's the nigger serenader, and the others of his race,
And the piano organist—I've got him on the list!
And the people who eat peppermint and puff it in your face,
They never would be missed—they never would be missed!
Then the idiot who praises, with enthusiastic tone,
All centuries but this, and every country but his own;
And the lady from the provinces, who dresses like a guy,
And 'who doesn't think she waltzes, but would rather like to try;
And that singular anomaly, the lady novelist—
I don't think she'd be missed—I'm sure she'd not be missed!"

Mr. Gilbert has enriched "The Mikado" with some of his wittiest and most pungent puns, the dialogue and lyrics alike being worthy of his brilliant pen. Sir Arthur Sullivan's music bears the strain of his former works, "The Mikado" being almost a continuation of "Patience" and "Iolanthe." The mounting of the work is of the usual order of the Savoy—exquisite; nothing left to be desired. The dresses of the chief characters and the chorus ladies and gentlemen are of themselves a work of art. The company includes Mr. Rutland Barrington, Mr. Crossmith, Mr. Lely, Miss Lenora Braham, Miss Jessie Bond, Miss Brantram, and Bro. Richard Temple. It speaks for its popularity that "The Mikado" is the only play, except "The Private Secretary," which was being played in the spring and run through all the hot summer months, and is still drawing as crowded houses as ever it did.

To those about to see "The Capers," and Miss Bertie Crawford in it, our advice is, don't, unless they want to be depressed. A more milk-and-water piece could not be conceived. It must take very little to amuse our transatlantic brethren if they can laugh or even sit out such a dull performance as occupied the stage at the Standard last week. But we can only credit Miss Bertie Crawford's popularity as being amongst the backwoodsman who scarcely ever has the opportunity of going to a theatre. Will Mr. Walter Parke rush to the newspapers and disclaim being a joint author of such a stupid play as "Capers"? It is of the variety order of entertainment, without anything entertaining in it, either dialogue, dance, or music. "Capers" is without a single redeeming feature, and we hope our American friends will not waste their time in sending over such trash for us to see. Miss Bertie Crawford is of the Minnie Palmer and Lotta type. Neither of those ladies need feel the least jealous, for she only imitates them at a distance—and that a great way behind. She may call herself, or be called, the Tennessee Nightingale; we prefer our own nightingales, and she is as like them in her singing as light from darkness. Dance

she cannot either. Youth and comeliness are her only forte. It is odd that when Minnie Palmer was in London, and had made a genuine sensation, Lotta came over and tried to win the public in the same style of entertainment, but utterly failed, and now "My Sweetheart" is again announced to appear in London, yet another American lady makes her debut, and has ignominiously failed to win the least sympathy, for none is deserved.

Mrs. Conover would seem at last to have met with fortune at the Olympic. She has long courted it, but until she was tempted to produce the new drama by Mr. Robert Buchanan and Miss Harriet Jay, "Alone in London," she had not been successful. The theatre would seem in a fair way of reviving its old days. It has been made comfortable and cheerful looking. The terrible draughts and horrible smells which held sway there for so long with ill luck, have been banished. "Alone in London" will suit the tastes of those who like the uncompromising blood and thunder type of melodrama, and for others who do not enjoy such realistic scenes there is much to attract. It gives an old story in a not very new form. But how is it possible for every author to devise something which no one has ever done before? A drama to be a reflection on the stage of real life must be like those which have been played before in style, until real life entirely changes. As an eminent actor remarked to us the other day, "Some people continually cry out for something quite original, and are not satisfied unless each new play eclipses all its predecessors." The scenes in the Olympic play are those so dear to a large section of playgoers, introducing modern London in every act. We have a common lodging-house in Drury-lane faithfully portrayed, a burglary in a bank, a representation of Westminster Bridge, showing the Houses of Parliament from the south side, and a sluice gate at Rotherhithe, the latter the most touching of all. We shall not now go into the details, horribly and comically depicted in "Alone in London;" we shall content ourselves with merely remarking that Annie Meadows, played by Miss Amy Roselle with her usual power and depth of expression, is the heroine. She is linked to a swell mobster. Her husband—not worthy of the name—tries many devices to rid himself of her when he finds he cannot live on her; and last of all, Richard Redcliffe, splendidly played by—as witness the hisses and groans of the audience—Mr. Herbert Standing, takes his wife—who has fainted in his arms because he is trying to take from her her only comfort in life, her child—to a dock at Rotherhithe, ties her to a post, and turns the handle to let the water in; but when the dock gates open, and the water has almost risen to her face, the inevitable hero is close at hand and rescues her. The last act is not less interesting than the former ones. It is a good idea of pushing the little son through the bars of a window that he may open the doors of the bank to admit his burglar father, but who is received in his mother's arms and hushed, while the door is opened by the hero, who has heard of the plot to rob the bank. The wind up may appear a little strange. A waif, who has been injured by the villain Redcliffe, dogs him everywhere, and apprises his wife and the hero, John Tiddlecomb, of all that he is doing, is the means of his being imprisoned, and at last shoots him dead. But this is introduced that the course may be clear for the hero to marry his old lover Annie. Miss Harriet Jay plays the street boy admirably. Mr. Leonard Boyne is the honest countryman, and adds considerably to the interest in the piece. There can be small doubt that "Alone in London" will draw for some time to come, and will be sent through the provinces. The audience seemed to be intensely taken up with the scenes—none more so than the Duke of Beaufort—an authority on plays—the Duchess, and his family, who were in close proximity to us. We congratulate Mrs. Conover on the turn of the tide. She deserves it, for she has tried to please the public, and is imbued strongly with that virtue which is denominated the chief characteristic of a Freemason's heart—we mean Charity. Her name frequently appears in the subscription lists of dramatic charities and benefits. We do not know if any of our three great Institutions have ever been brought under her notice.

ST. GEORGE'S CLUB, HANOVER SQUARE, W.

We heartily congratulate the spirited management of the St. George's Club on the fruitful result with which so much satisfaction is following the great efforts they have put forth for establishing an institution which has for its object, in addition to the usual conveniences of a club, the bringing together in closer bonds of affinity the sons of England resident beyond the seas. In addition to the great number of English gentlemen who have joined this club, we understand that a great influx of Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, and American gentlemen of rank and distinction have been elected by the influential Committee, of which the Right Hon. Lord Bateman is President, as also of the club. Among these new members may be recognised many names well-known within the organism of the Craft, both at home and abroad. The St. George's Club is established by a fusion of the late Hanover Square Club with the Imperial and American Club, and is now designated the St. George's Club. Considering the members of this Institution are resident over the habitable surface of the globe, the title will at once convince our readers of its appropriateness, and at the same time afford a guarantee to those who desire the comforts of a well-appointed institution. We understand that the number of members is now 2000, and when we add, that in addition to the influential name of the Right Hon. Lord Bateman, President of the club, the number of Vice-Presidents includes such distinguished names as those of Bro. the Duke of Portland, Bro. Earl Clanwilliam, C.B., K.C.M.G., Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., Director of the South Kensington Museum, Sec. of Colonial and Indian Exhibition, 1886, W.M. of the Empire Lodge, consecrated on Tuesday, Nov. 24th, P.M. 1159, who is to preside at a house dinner, to be held on Wednesday next, the 9th inst., at which the band of the Grenadier Guards, under the baton of Dan Godfrey, will perform a selection of instrumental music, and many others. We should consider that the influx of members will continue to be legion, and heartily wish the institution success, feeling assured that in the admirable appointment of, and the conveniences which the club affords our visiting brethren to the 1886 exhibition, will be assured, convinced of the old adage that a Mason may find "In every land a brother and every place a home."



The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1886," has just been issued, it being its sixteenth year of publication. As in previous years, it contains ample particulars respecting every home and foreign Masonic body, of any recognised position, the points in which it differs from its predecessors being an improved, and perhaps, a more concise arrangement of the contents, and that greater accuracy in the details which is the invariable result of the same careful enquiries, repeated again and again through a long course of years. It contains particulars of all the newest lodges and chapters, even that of the Empire Lodge, which was consecrated as recently as last week, being included. As a guide to the general body of the Craft it will be found invaluable, while in the case of those who travel much, or are members of several branches of Masonry, it may be considered almost as an indispensable *vade mecum*.

Bro. Lord Brabourne presided at the last monthly House dinner of the Empire Club for the current year on Wednesday.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom had the honour of being included in Her Majesty's dinner party at Windsor, on Wednesday, the 25th ult.

Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., one of the defeated candidates at the recent election for York, has been nominated for the Sowerby Division of the West Riding (North) of Yorkshire.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the Garter, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, on the Marquis of Abergavenny.

The Prince of Wales has forwarded a cheque for twenty guineas to the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland, with a suggestion that it should form a prize for the Irish tenant farmer class.

At a recent meeting of the members of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Bro. Stephen Knight, S.W., P.P.D. of C., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Head was elected Treasurer.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples presided on Monday evening at the annual meeting of the Association for the Relief of the Poor of the City of London and the parts adjacent, a considerable number of subscribers being present.

Bro. W. A. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., was among the guests at the annual dinner of the Scottish Corporation, held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Monday (St. Andrew's Day), under the presidency of the Earl of Idlesleigh. Subscriptions to the amount of upwards of £2000 were announced.

Bro. Plunket, M.P., H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, has taken the initial steps towards having the statue to the memory of the late General Gordon erected in Trafalgar-square, it being supposed it will be placed on the site now occupied by that of the late Bro. General Sir Charles Napier.

The Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638, has resumed its meetings for the session at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, and the average attendance of brethren from the neighbouring fraternities shows that those who hope to attain to office are not unmindful of the duties which go with honours. Brethren will be cordially welcomed at the meetings, which are held every Monday evening at 8 p.m.

A National Great Priory of the Templar Order will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday next, the 11th inst., at four p.m., when the report of the Council for the past year will be submitted, and in the event of there being a sufficient number of candidates, the Great Prior will hold, under the banner of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, a Priory of the Order of Malta for the purpose of installing them members of the Order. The usual banquet will follow at six p.m.

The Loan Collection of Soudanese Relics now and for some time past on view in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre deservedly ranks among the principal attractions of the day. The events of which they are a memorial are of recent occurrence, and of so glorious a character, as showing the sterling stuff of which our British battalions are composed, that if the collection remained open for several months to come, there would certainly be crowds upon crowds of visitors anxious to divide their attention between the exciting and realistic scenes in "Human Nature" relating to the fighting in Egypt and the mementoes of that fighting. The exhibits have been lent by many among the principal actors in the events to which they relate, the list of contributors being headed by Bro. General Viscount Wolsley, whose collection, consisting of banners, drums, shields, silver-mounted swords, &c., occupies Trophies i, ii, and iii. Lieut.-Col. Kitchen—Trophies v. and vi.—shows a Mahdi uniform from the battle of Abu Klea, camel saddle and sheepskin rug belonging to a Mahdist Emir killed at Debbeh, a Soudanese Sheikh's robes, crocodile shields, the colonel's Arabic seal as Emir of the Bishareen and Kababdeh Arabs, and a piece of Brussels carpet from Gordon's room at Khartoum. Bro. Vice-Admiral Sir W. Hewett, Trophy viii., has sent among many objects of interest the robe of honour and shield given him by the King of Abyssinia. Among Gen. Graham's collection at Trophy ix. is a Soudanese Kourbash, the parting gift from General Gordon when starting for Khartoum, and a Soudanese easy chair. At Trophy xii. are some curious musical instruments lent by Col. Paget, Scots Guards, and there are several relics of Arabi to be seen in the inner room, the late Egyptian rebel General having presented them to Bro. A. M. Broadley, who was his leading council at the memorable trial at Cairo after the Tel-el-Kebir campaign. It must be very gratifying to Bro. Augustus Harris, to whom we are indebted for the exhibition, that he should have been able to bring together so large and various a display of relics of recent events in Egypt, and all the more so from the manner in which his efforts have been appreciated by his patrons.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G. Master Mason of Scotland, arrived at Windsor Castle on Friday, 27th ult., and had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal Family.

Both the Queen and the Prince of Wales are among the prize-winners at the Birmingham Cattle Show, the former in the Cattle and the latter in the Sheep Classes.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., presided at a Wardmote of the electors of Broad Street Ward, held on Wednesday, for the purpose of electing a representative on the Court of Common Council.

A testimonial, consisting of a silver claret jug and salver, was presented on the evening of Thursday, the 26th ult., to Bro. G. Borlase-Childs, on his retirement from the post of surgeon to the City Police.

The Prince of Wales has consented to open the Mersey Tunnel. The ceremony has been arranged to take place about the middle of next month, and His Royal Highness will be accompanied on the occasion by the Princess of Wales.

Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., R. Berridge, Captain Lambert, P.G.S.B., C. E. Soppet, C. F. Matier, P. F. Saillard, A. Williams, J. Church, W. T. Sugg, and others, were among the guests at the annual banquet, on Monday, of the Court and Livery of the Playing Card Makers' Company.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 5th inst. Monday—Scottish Corporation; Premier Conclave. Tuesday—Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Officers Mess. Thursday—Metropolitan Dairymen's Association; Westminster and Keystone Lodge; St. Andrew's Lodge; Victoria Rifles Lodge; St. James's Chapter. Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge; Thistle Lodge; Odd Volumes.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Earl of Arran, Lord Monkswell, Lord Brooke, Sir A. Borthwick, M.P., Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., W. A. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., and F. Seager Hunt, M.P., were among the principal guests at the banquet given at the Hotel Métropole on Saturday last to Count Münster on the occasion of his leaving England, on being transferred from the German Embassy in London to that in Paris.

The distinction of Knight of St. Patrick has been conferred on Bros. the Marquis of Headfort and General Viscount Wolsley, a chapter of the Order having been held by command of Her Majesty at the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin, on Saturday last, when Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, invested the two noble lords with the insignia of the Order. A banquet was held in the evening in honour of the event, when both Bros. Lord Headfort and Lord Wolsley, returned thanks for the toast of "The Newly-installed Knights."

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Bro. Lord Suffield, visited Birmingham on the 27th ult., for the purpose of opening the new Suburban Hospital, founded by Mr. J. Jaffray, Bros. Lord Brooke, Lord Leigh, and the Marquis of Hertford being among the distinguished persons present at the ceremony. An address on behalf of the brethren of the province was presented by R.W. Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. of Warwickshire. On Saturday His Royal Highness visited the annual show of Fat Stock, and subsequently the Dog Show in Curzon Hall, the reception at both being most enthusiastic.

Her Majesty held a grand investiture of the Orders of the Bath and St. Michael and St. George, at Windsor, on Wednesday. Bros. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain) and Sir Albert Woods (Garter) were present officially, and among the officers who received the different distinctions were Bros. Sir C. Warren, that of a G.C.M.G.; Major-General R. Buller, V.C., that of a K.C.M.G.; and Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P., that of a C.B. Previous to the ceremony, a grand luncheon was given by the Queen.

A grand Masonic ball, promoted by the Zion Lodge, No. 1798, Manchester, in aid of the Masonic Charities, was held in the Assembly Rooms, Cheetham Hill-road, on the 24th ult. The ball was under the patronage of Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. of East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. Over 200 ladies and gentlemen were present. The band of the South Staffordshire Regiment (from Salford) occupied the orchestra. Bro. S. E. Levi officiated as Master of Ceremonies. The twenty-four dances were made up of ten waltzes, six quadrilles, four lancers, two polkas, and two galops. There were the usual decorations. The brethren wore regalia.

The following brethren have been elected members of the new House of Commons since our note of last week, namely: Bros. P. Rylands (Burnley), Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B. (Cardiff), Lord Muncaster (Egremont Division of Cumberland), T. F. Halsey (Watford Division of Herts), Sir M. A. Bass, Bart. (Burton Division of Staffordshire), Lord Charles Beresford (Marylebone East), F. Seager Hunt (Marylebone West), W. Burdett-Coutts (Westminster), Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B. (Hastings), Sir J. Fergusson (Manchester N.E.), Marquis of Hartington (Rossendale Division of N.E. Lancashire), T. W. Boord (Greenwich), W. H. Long (Devizes Division of Wiltshire), Sir A. Borthwick (Kensington South), W. W. B. Beach (Andover Division of Hants), Col. E. R. King-Harman (Thanet Division of Kent), Gen. Feilden (Chorley Division of Lancashire), S. Leighton (Oswestry Division of Shropshire), Sir G. Macpherson Grant, Bart. (Elgin and Nairn), P. McLagan (Linlithgowshire), Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart. (Hornsey Division of Middlesex), T. Love Jones-Parry (Carnarvon District), Lord R. Grosvenor (Flintshire), T. Duckham (Leominster Division of Herefordshire), Sir A. Campbell (Renfrewshire), Sir T. D. Acland (Wellington Division of Somersetshire), the Earl of Bective (Kendal Division of Westmorland).

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Health's Defences.—None save the strongest can with impunity pass through the sudden transitions from wet to dry, from cold to muggy weather, so prevalent during the autumnal and early winter months. Influenza, bronchitis, cough, sore throat, or quinsy will attack those most watchful of their health; but they can readily arrest any of these complaints by rubbing Holloway's Ointment twice a day upon the skin over the affected parts, and by assisting its corrective action with appropriate doses of his Pills. This well-known, safe, and easy mode of treatment efficiently protects the invalid both from present and future danger without weakening or even disturbing the system in the slightest degree.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Augustus Harris has made arrangements with Bro. Carl Rosa for a season of English opera at Drury Lane Theatre during next summer.

Bro. Sir John Gorst, O.C., H.M.'s Solicitor-General, who only last week was returned as Member in the new House of Commons, has been appointed to a judgeship in the Court of Queen's Bench, *vice* Justice Sir H. C. Lopes, who succeeds Sir R. Baggallay as a Lord Justice of Appeal.

We regret to hear that Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., who is rector of Long Melford and deservedly respected by his parishioners, was somewhat violently handled during an election riot by a mob of roughs from another district, who, however, were ignorant of our rev. brother's personality.

On the 1st of January, Messrs. Martin and Co., bankers, of Lombard-street, perhaps the oldest firm in the country, will establish branches at Sidcup and Chislehurst. This house has lately been extending its London business, and is showing afresh a tendency to move with the general increase of population and business.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburg, on Monday evening (St. Andrew's Day), when Bro. Col. Sir A. Campbell, Bart., was re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. the Earl of Haddington and Kintore, Depute and Substitute Grand Masters respectively. The Festival of St. Andrew was held subsequently. Full report next week.

The long-deferred consecration of the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, has been arranged for Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. The ceremony will be performed by R.W. Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex, who will be assisted by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middlesex, with Bros. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Secretary, as S.W.; and H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of Wks., as J.W.

We are asked to announce that the first annual ball of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 29th January. A numerous list of Stewards has been printed, with Bro. Geo. Gardner as Treasurer; Bro. F. Walden, as M.C., assisted by Bro. W. H. Wilson, and Bro. H. Furze, as Hon. Sec. It is stated that a dispensation will be obtained for brethren to appear in Masonic clothing.

Bro. Sir P. Colquhoun presided at a meeting, held at the Westminster Town Hall on Wednesday, for the purpose of considering how best to carry out a scheme, proposed by Bro. H. Roberts, of the firm of Bros. Bertram and Roberts, for utilising the waste food of hotels, restaurants, &c., and distributing it in a palatable form among the poor. A Committee, with power to add to their numbers, was the result.

MESSRS. LEONI AND CO'S PATENT GAS HEATING AND COOKING APPARATUS.

Very great improvements have been effected of late years in the apparatus in use in large and small establishments for heating and cooking purposes, and there is probably no firm in England which has had more to do in simplifying, perfecting, and cheapening these apparatus than that of Messrs. Leoni and Co., of the Patent Adams Works and Offices, 54-70, St. Paul-street, New North-road, Islington, N.; and also Show Rooms, 74, Strand, W.C. The success achieved by this firm is due to the care and personal supervision bestowed by Messrs. Leoni on every detail of the manufacture, while the perfection to which they have carried their patents is shown by the numerous medals and certificates of honour which have been awarded them at different local and international exhibitions, and the testimonials they have received from their customers, as well as from men of science. Thus among the more recent honours awarded them may be mentioned three silver medals at the International Electric and Gas Exhibition, Crystal Palace, 1882-3, and the gold medal at the International Health Exhibition in 1884—the Inventions Exhibition of this year not being available for the admission of inventions which had been previously exhibited. Among the testimonials they have received may be mentioned that of Mr. William Whiteley, the well-known "Universal Provider" of Westbourne-grove, who, writing in July, 1881, mentions having had in use for the five preceding years Mr. Leoni's cooking apparatus, and that it had proved "eminently satisfactory," having "with the greatest ease and without any interruption" prepared "meals daily for upwards of 3000 persons." Sir E. H. Currie, Chairman of the London Hospital; the Secretary of the Corporation of Birmingham; and the Lady Superintendent of the National Training School of Cookery, South Kensington, are equally laudatory in their accounts of these cooking stoves. As regards the stoves, kitcheners, &c., &c., they are of the best material and make; are sold at prices, according to size and finish, which are moderate, almost beyond conception; and are very marvels of economy. The kitcheners made of cast iron range in price from £3 15s., which is suitable for a family of from four to six persons, the consumption of gas per hour being only 11 cubic feet, while the largest size, suitable for schools, colleges, &c., cost £37, and consumes only 30 cubic feet of gas per hour. If further corroboration is needed, we should advise our friends to visit the manufactory, St. Paul-street, New North-road, N., where they will be received with courtesy, and we feel sure, will be delighted with what they see.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, December 12, 1885.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
" 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.