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We are glad to see that Essex maintains its character as a hard-working province which it has enjoyed for so many years. Indeed, it could hardly do otherwise under the genial auspices of its able and respected chief, R.W. Bro. Lord BROOKE, who obtained his first insight into our mysteries in that excellent school of Masonry, the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, and whose later career has more than realised the hopes that were formed of him at its commencement. On Saturday last an especial meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Southend-on-Sea for the purpose of laying, with Masonic ceremonial, the foundation-stone of All Saints' Church. There was a strong muster of the officers and members of the different lodges in the province, as well as of visiting brethren from London and neighbouring provinces. The worthy people of Southend itself and its numerous visitors at this season of the year, turned out in great force to witness the unaccustomed spectacle, while the ceremony, in which R.W. Bro. Lord BROOKE, P.G.M., assisted by his D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, bore the chief part, passed off most successfully. As regards the regular annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, it was arranged that it should be held at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Thursday, when business of the usual character would be transacted. However, of this and the especial meeting on Saturday we shall furnish a full and particular account next week. For the present it will suffice if we state that the two gatherings are a sure indication of what we have mentioned already, namely, that Essex continues loyally to uphold its ancient reputation as an active and energetic province, which fulfils all the duties of Freemasonry with a punctuality and dispatch worthy of the highest praise.

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We are in a position to announce that a Committee has been formed for the purpose of organising a testimonial to be presented to Bro. F. BINCKES, Past G. Steward, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in recognition of the many and valuable services he has rendered to that Charity during the last 25 years, and that the Right Hon. the Earl of LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, and one of the Trustees of the General Fund of the Boys' School, has very kindly accepted the office of President. The subject of Bro. BINCKES's services to Freemasonry in general, and to the Boys' School in particular, is one that cannot be dealt with justly at a moment's notice, and, therefore, we deem it expedient to reserve such remarks as we may feel called upon to offer till such time as the arrangements of the Committee have assumed a more tangible form.

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As we indicated in our somewhat brief remarks of last week, it is a matter of course that in his allocution delivered before the Great Priory of Canada at its meeting held at Windsor, Ontario, on the 18th inst., Colonel McLEOD MOORE should have referred at length to the dispute between the Scottish Templar Encampments in New Brunswick, and the body of which he is the Supreme Master. We submit, however, that though he has treated the question temperately enough, and though we agree with him that less precipitancy would have prevented the occurrence of the difficulty, his argument in support of the claims of the Great Priory of Canada to sovereign jurisdiction over the aforesaid Scottish Encampments is quite unworthy both of so skilful a dialectician as Col. MOORE, and so distinguished a body as the Knights Templar of Canada. In fact, to use a very expressive phrase, our respected frater has not a leg to stand upon, his attempted justification of the edict of non-intercourse issued by Great Priory against the Scottish Encampments being worse than useless. We dare say Col. MOORE's position is one of supreme difficulty. We bear in mind not only that the resolution of the Canadian Great Priory to sever its relations with Convent General did not originate with him, but that he was distinctly and emphatically opposed to the movement. But the resolution having been

carried, and the Prince of WALES having absolved the Canadian Sir Knights from their allegiance to him as the supreme head of Convent General, Col. MOORE, with the loyalty which characterises all his acts, has steadily upheld what are now considered to be the sovereign rights of the Great Priory of Canada, and, in so doing, has unfortunately involved it and himself in a conflict with the Supreme Templar authority of Scotland. Our readers are sufficiently acquainted with the particulars of this difference, so that we need not restate them here. Moreover, we have discussed the question in all its bearings in a former article, and much as we should like to see the difference removed, we confess there is nothing in Col. MOORE's present allocation which inclines us more favourably towards the Canadian view as enunciated by its Supreme Grand Master. Col. MOORE remarks that it was always a matter of indifference to him whether the Scottish encampments in the Dominion "remained an isolated body or amalgamated with the English jurisdiction," and he admits that the edict of non-intercourse with them is "at variance with the usages of Masonic law in England, by which, until of late, in Templar matters, we have been guided, viz., 'that a Grand Body, by its mere creation, cannot invalidate subordinate Bodies already existing in the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction.'" But he goes on to argue, Great Priory, in declaring itself the Sovereign Templar authority in Canada, has adopted "the 'American system' of exclusive jurisdiction," and hence he considers it "incumbent and a duty to the whole Order, on the part of the Scottish encampments of New Brunswick, to join this Great Priory, after its separation from 'Convent General,' being then an acknowledged, lawfully independent governing power of the Dominion." In other words, because C throws off its allegiance to A, of which it was a part, therefore it becomes the duty of B, which never had anything to do with either of them, to sever its connection with D, the body which created it and to which it has remained and remains subordinate, and place itself under the sovereign authority of C. Now we are not for a moment disputing that this may be the law of the case according to the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction. But with all deference to the respected Grand Master of Canadian Knights Templar, we must take the liberty of pointing out that the American law (or doctrine) never has had, never can have, and, so long as the New Brunswick Frater remain of the same mind as now, never will have anything whatever to, do with bodies which were constituted by and prefer remaining in allegiance to a non-American Supreme Authority. It may be very desirable that all the Templar Bodies in the Dominion of Canada should accept the sovereignty of its Great Priory. We venture to say that the Chapter General of Scotland will place no obstacle in the way of its two New Brunswick Encampments severing their connection with it, and becoming subordinate members of the Great Priory of Canada. But it must be clearly understood that, "the 'American System' of exclusive jurisdiction," and Canadian edicts of non-intercourse notwithstanding, there is no power existing which can force these Encampments to change their present condition, unless they are prepared to do so of their own motion. Here, at all events, it is clear that "force is no remedy" for the inconvenience arising out of the concurrent jurisdiction of two Supreme Authorities, which have always been separate and independent of each other.

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THE series of articles by Bro. H. SADLER on the "First Grand Stewards and their Lodges," now being published in our columns, is of a most interesting character. It is true that the names of the Grand Stewards, or Stewards, from the earliest date are to be found in the Calendars for 1775 to 1814, but as very few possess copies of these rare little books, that information is not of much utility to the majority of brethren, and hence the particulars supplied by Bro. SADLER are of special value. Bro. E. I. HAWKINS "set the ball rolling" on Dec. 20, 1884, and now the movement is being continued and accelerated by one who has peculiar facilities for the study of the early lodges with which the Grand Stewards were connected.

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It is to be hoped that those Masonic Students who are competent, will try their hands at tracing the names, etc., of the lodges on the registers, 1723-5, which Bro. SADLER has failed to identify. In the Engraved Lists for 1725 there are several lodges which must have been continued on that for 1729 (which was numbered); but so far all the efforts of Bros. GOULD, HUGHAN, LANE, and SADLER have proved unavailing, and there are still more than a dozen in the latter list which have not been recognized in that of 1725. This is unfortunate, and induces us to urge upon our brethren the desirability of continuing their researches. It is also a misfortune that the lodges in 1723-5 are not arranged according to seniority as on the list of 1729, and therefore the numbers allotted to the latter cannot be accepted as referring to those of the former years which occupied similar relative positions, though not numbered.

THERE are many curious points involved in this inquiry, and which cannot be dismissed by any kind of off-hand examination. That many of the lodges on the rolls of 1723-5 were also continued on that of 1729 cannot be doubted, there being several even yet to which our experts cannot assign any numbers. We understand that notwithstanding Bro. JOHN LANE's laborious researches in the preparation of his "Masonic Records," he has not succeeded in fixing several of the old lodges on the lists *without numbers*, prior to 1729. Another difficulty which meets the student on the threshold of the enquiry is the fact that the engraved lists between 1725 and 1729 are missing, no copies being known in any Masonic library at home or abroad.

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UNDER these circumstances we are pleased to note that Bro. SADLER has identified so many of these old lodges to which the early Grand Stewards belonged, and we desire now to emphasize his request for the fraternal help of students in the endeavour to supply any of the links he has, so far, failed to discover, and thus render his most readable articles on the Grand Stewards as complete as possible.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; Comp. Thomas Fenn, and Comp. Peter de Lande Long occupied the chairs of the Three Grand Principals; Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; the Rev. Thomas Robinson, S.N.; the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.S.; James Glaisher, as 1st A.S.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, as 2nd A.S.; and the following Grand and Past Grand Officers attended: Comps. D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; J. Sampson Peirce, Robert Grey, F. Davison, F. Richardson as D.C.; J. Smith Eastes, Magnus Ohren, J. H. Matthews, Major Harding, Dr. Butler Wilkins, J. E. Le Feuvre, W. Clarke, Wilhelm Ganz, W. Roebuck, E. Letchworth, H. Maudslay, Ralph Costa, and Edgar Dean Davies.

Grand Chapter was also attended by the following companions:

Comps. E. Mallet, J. 1623; A. Plueta, Z. 172; W. Bywater, P.Z. 19; L. Cornelissen, P.Z. 1268; Millner Jutsum, J. 95; Chas. Frederick Hogard, P.Z. and Z. 10, 142, and 205; R. George Cooper, M.E.Z. 1056; H. Massey, Z. 1928; W. Darling, Z. 265; H. Dehane, J. 890; W. Alfred Dawson, P.Z. 382; E. West, P.Z. 13; A. Ridgway, P.Z. 255; M. L. Levey, Z. 1524; A. W. Wells, J. 975; D. Timothy, Z. 228; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and H. Sadler, G. Janitor.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st April to the 20th July, 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£220 10 0	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated		Quarter	£466 5 4
Account	198 3 10	Balance	109 8 11
„ Subsequent Receipts	348 3 9	„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account	191 3 4
	£766 17 7		£766 17 7

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Comps. George Francis Travers-Drapes, as Z.; Newton Edward Jennings, as H.; Clavell F. Filliter, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Rangoon Lodge, No. 1268, Rangoon, to be called the Pegu Chapter, and to meet at Rangoon, Burma.

2nd. From Comps. Andrew Lawson, as Z.; George Thomas Alenson, as H.; William Joseph Rogerson, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Annesley Lodge, No. 1435, Nottingham, to be called the Annesley Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

3rd. From Comps. John Tricks Spalding, as Z.; Julius Marx, as H.; William Phelps, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1909, Nottingham, to be called the Carnarvon Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

4th. From Comps. Richard Carter, as Z.; Thomas Riley, as H.; John Richardson, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate, to be called the Harrogate and Claro Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Avenue-road, Yorkshire (Western Division).

The foregoing petitions, being in all respects regular, Grand Chapter granted the prayers thereof.

Grand Chapter also granted permission for the St. Mary's Chapter, No. 63, to remove from Kew Bridge, to Freemasons' Hall, and to the Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, to remove from Southwark to the Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF KENT.

The annual Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kent was held in the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Thursday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent, on which occasion there was a numerous attendance of the companions

from all the chapters in the province. The returns from chapters showed that the number of members had increased during the year. Among the sums voted by the Provincial Grand Chapter for benevolent purposes was one of eighty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls.

The following appointments of officers were made for the ensuing year, the companions being duly invested by Earl Amherst with their collars and jewels of office.

Comp. Jas. Smith Eastes, P.Z. 503, 709 (re-appointed)	Prov. G.H.
„ Wm. Russell, P.Z. 829	Prov. G.J.
„ Thos. Samuel Warne, P.Z. 20 (re-appointed)	Prov. G.S.E.
„ Francis F. Giraud, P.Z. 784, Z. 31	Prov. G.S.N.
„ George H. Chexfield, P.Z. 429	Prov. G.P.S.
„ John Brothers, P.Z. 709	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
„ Clement Cuthbert Walker, P.Z. 199	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
„ Benjamin Kelly Thorpe, P.Z. 709 (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
„ Charles Graham, P.Z. 874	Prov. G. Reg.
„ Charles Burley, P.Z. 1273	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ Henry Mason, P.Z. 913	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ Thomas Morton Rigg, P.Z. 158	Prov. G.D.C.
„ Wm. Tice, P.Z. 31	Prov. G. Org.
„ John Cooke, 709 (re-appointed)	Prov. G. Janitor.

At the close of the proceedings the companions partook of a banquet at the Royal Fountain Hotel, presided over by Earl Amherst.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

#### INSTALLATION OF SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, July 27th, for the purpose of installing E. Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M.E.Z. 97, P.G.M. of Durham, as Grand Superintendent of the Province of Durham.

There was a large attendance of companions. The Provincial Officers present were Comps. R. Kinmond, B. Levy, E. D. Davis, J. Potts, J. J. Clay, T. M. Watson, W. Donkin, B. Boulton, Ed. Hudson, A. Potter, M. H. Dodd, Thomas Coulson, and Jos. J. Curry; and Comps. J. Nutton, P. A. Percy, W. Logan, J. Turnbull, J. Bark, J. Hutchinson, R. H. Half-night, Wm. Liddell, T. Monroe, W. H. Emerson, M. J. Todd, W. Brandt, E. Sutherst, Jos. Lawson, Wm. Lawson, R. Singleton, J. R. Smart, S. Fenny, Charles Hill Drury, Geo. Porteous, H. Maddison, G. W. Richards, J. D. Kirtley, J. W. Bannister, H. J. Turnbull, C. E. Barnes, W. Lawrence, Jos. R. Pattison, Thos. Rock, Thos. Bradley, A. S. Fowler, Geo. Robson, Jas. S. Wilson, Geo. Wilson, J. H. H. Scribe, R. W. Cummins, C. Spencer, J. Horsley, J. Metcalf, C. S. Lane, George Carter, J. Sinclair, W. T. Tate, George J. Wilson, H. Baumann, N. V. Knowles, M. Corbitt, W. H. Turner, J. W. Brown, William Coxon, W. A. Malcolm, James Monks, P.Z. 124; W. H. Oliver, 124; T. M. Barron, 111; H. T. McDonald, P.Z. 553; Thos. Blenkinsop, Sam. Barron, Geo. S. Shaw, J. H. Bentham, John Wood, H. Williams, D. Sinclair, Wm. Gray, Geo. Greenwell, W. Crawford, and Thos. Bell.

The minutes of the previous Grand Chapter, held at Durham in September, 1884, were read and confirmed, and the Grand Superintendent designate was announced, and requested to send in his patent. Comp. B. Levy, the Installing Officer, having examined the patent, directed a deputation of Provincial Grand Officers and Past Principals to retire with the Director of Ceremonies, and introduce the Grand Superintendent, who, being introduced, was placed in front of the pedestal, and the patents were read. The Grand Superintendent, having conscientiously undertaken the duties of the office, prayer was offered by the Prov. Grand J., Comp. J. Potts. The Grand Superintendent having been duly obligated and invested with apron, sash, and collar, and the jewel of office, was duly proclaimed by the P.G. Registrar.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then appointed and invested as his Principals Comps. J. Horsley (Hartlepool) P.G.H.; and W. Coxon (Durham) P.G.J.

The roll of chapters having been called, the P.G. TREASURER (Comp. B. Boulton) read the financial statement, which showed the province to be in a very flourishing condition. Ten guineas were devoted to the Durham Masonic Education Fund. Comp. B. Boulton was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following officers:

Comp. R. Hudson	Prov. G.S.E.
„ H. Maddison	Prov. G.S.N.
„ C. E. Barnes	Prov. G. Reg.
„ M. Corbitt	Prov. G.P.S.
„ W. Gray	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
„ J. Turnbull	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
„ W. Brandt	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ A. T. Munro	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ J. J. Clay	Prov. G. D. of C.
„ G. Carter	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
„ G. W. Richardson	Prov. G. Org.
„ George Greenwell	Prov. G.A.S.E.
„ Joshua Curry	Prov. G. Janitor.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT in his address said he had not given so much attention to Royal Arch Masonry as he ought to have done, but having been appointed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, henceforth he would use his best endeavours, assisted by the officers of the chapter whom he had appointed, to raise the Province of Durham to a high position in

Royal Arch Masonry. He ventured to say that he would endeavour to pay a visit to the various chapters in the province during the ensuing twelve months of office.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been closed in due form, the companions adjourned to the Three Tuns Hotel, where a banquet was served. The Prov. Grand Superintendent presided, and was supported by his two Principals, Comps. Horsley and Coxon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and Comps. Walker, Nutton, and Whitehead contributed largely to the harmony of the evening.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Abergavenny, under the banner of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 818, on Thursday, 22nd ult. A goodly number of brethren came into the town by the morning trains. After the completion of business, a procession was formed at 1.30 p.m. The brethren, accompanied by the Blaenavon Band, under Mr. George Palmer, proceeded to St. Mary's Church. First came the Tylers with swords; twelve banners borne by sons of Masons; band; visiting brethren not of the Province of Monmouthshire, two deep; the rough ashlar, borne on a cushion; and then the lodges in the following order: Homfray Lodge, No. 1562, Risca; Albert Edward Prince of Wales, 1429, Newport; Kennard, 1258, Pontypool; St. George's, 1098, Tredegar; Philanthropic, 818, Abergavenny; Isca, 683, Newport; Silurian, 471, Newport; Loyal Monmouthshire, 457, Monmouth; the brethren of each lodge, in following order, each being preceded by its own banner, Tyler, with sword; next came the visiting brethren, Officers, and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges, other than that of Monmouthshire, followed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire, in this order: Assist. Prov. G. Tyler, with drawn sword, Bro. T. L. Preece; twelve banners borne by sons of Masons; Past Prov. G. Pursuivants; Prov. Grand Pursuivant, Bro. G. Hazell; Past Prov. Grand Standard Bearers; Past Prov. Grand Organists; Prov. Grand Org., Bro. E. W. Perren; Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearers; Past Prov. G.A.D.C.'s, Prov. G.A.D.C., Bro. B. E. Hodgins; P.P.G.D.C.; Prov. G.D.C., Bro. E. W. Evans; P.P.G. Supts. of Wks.; Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., Bro. R. Weights; Past Prov. Grand Deacons; Past Provincial Grand Registrars; Provincial Grand Assistant Secretary, Bro. A. Taylor, with Book of Constitutions; Prov. G. Sec., Bro. A. McMahon; Prov. G. Reg., Bro. E. Baker, with bag; Prov. G. Treas., Bro. W. Pickford; Past Prov. G. Chaplains; Prov. G.S., with Wand; Prov. G. Chaplains, Bros. the Rev. J. W. Osman and D. Wilks. The sacred law, on a cushion, was borne by four Masons' sons, and was open at the 10th chap. of the Book of Numbers. After the Prov. G. Chap. came the Past Prov. G. Wardens, the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic lights borne by Masters of Lodges; the column of the Prov. G.J.W., borne by a P.M. of a Lodge; Prov. G.J.W., Bro. J. O. Marsh, with plumb rule; the column of the Prov. G.S.W., borne by a P.M. of a Lodge; Prov. G.S.W., Bro. W. Watkins, with a level; Prov. G.J.D., Bro. W. R. Eames, P.G.S.; Standard Br. of the P.G. Lodge, with Wand. Visitors of distinction followed, namely, the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.A.D.C.; P.G. Swd. Br., Bro. J. Jones; the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. C. Lyne; P.G.S.D., Bro. C. W. Widdowson; and P.G. Tyler, with drawn sword, Bro. Preece.

Having arrived at the western entrance to St. Mary's Church, the procession halted, the brethren opened right and left, facing inwards, allowing the P.G.M. to pass up the centre, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers, the P.G. Officers and brethren following in inverted order of procession. The brethren were accommodated with seats in the nave, and presented a truly imposing appearance. The service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. D. Wilks, P.P.G.C., assisted by the Rev. J. Rees and Bro. Rev. J. W. Osman.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from Psalm xli., vl.: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor, the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble."

The following was the order of the service: Introductory, voluntary Andante in E. (H. Smart); processional hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"; prayers for evening service; psalms 66, Turner in A., and Barnby in D.; 138, Tonus Persgrinus; 150, Walmsley in F.; first lesson, 2nd Chron., i.; Magnificat, Goss in A.; second lesson, St. Luke, 10-25; Nunc Dimittis, Goss in A.; anthem, Psalm 133; "Behold how good and joyful" —(Whitfield); bass solo, Mr. Way; soprano Duet, Mrs. Pegler and Mrs. T. Biggs; hymn before sermon, "Jesus my Lord, my God, my all"; sermon; hymn after sermon, "O Lord of Heaven and earth and sea"; concluding voluntary, chorus in D. major (Guilmant). The musical part of the service was under the direction of Bro. Samuel Cross, assisted by Mr. Throne Biggs, organist of St. Mary's.

After service the brethren followed into procession again and returned to the lodge. Several of the tradespeople did honour to the occasion by displaying flags and bannerets from their windows.

At four p.m., the business of the lodge having been concluded, the brethren repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, where a banquet, of a recherché description, awaited them.

Amongst the visitors were—

Bros. J. H. Pettengell, W.S. 1562; F. B. Jordan, P.G.S.W., 1439; George Hazell, P.G.S., 1429; S. H. Cross, L. D. Brown, S. O. Pegler, J.W.; J. Clare, Secretary; J. G. Thomas, J.D.; H. C. Evans, W. H. Grieve, I.G.; Elmes, Y. Steele, T. P. Holland, J. Green, and T. Gardner, Tylers; J. Bishop, H. Hower, W. Davis, J. Phillips, Charles Lyne, P.G.M. Mon.; S. George Homfray, D.P.G.M.; T. R. Oakley, P.G.S.W.; W. Watkins, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. W. Osman, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Pickford, P.G. Treas.; E. Charles, P.G.S.B., 1562; J. Jones, P.G.S.W.; D. Bowen, P.G.S.;

J. Lewis, P.G.S.W.; T. R. Hyam, P.P.G.J.W.; S. Davies, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Higgins, P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. D. Bowen, P.P.G.C.; Rev. D. Wilks, P.G.C.; A. MacMahon, P.G.S.; T. Harry, P.P.G.J.D.; H. R. Barrett, P.P.G.J.D.; C. J. Barker, P.P.G.S.B.; W. C. Freeman, P.P.G.S.B.; C. F. Gooch, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Hallam, P.P.G.S.W.; W. R. Eames, P.P.G.J.D.; T. H. Tomkins, P.G.A.D.C.; T. Cumming, P.G.S.; J. O. Marsh, P.P.G.R.; E. W. Evans, P.G.D.C.; N. Bradley, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Widdowson, P.G.S.D.; C. Howells, P.G.O.; Hartley Feather, P.P.G.R.; B. E. Hodgins, P.G.D.C.; R. Edmunds, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Richards, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. A. Johnson, P.G.S.; and others.

The toasts were "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.;" "The R.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. C. Lyne;" "The V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G. A.D.C.;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past;" "The Visitors;" "The W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, Bro. B. E. Hodgins, P.G.D.C.;" "The Lodges of the Province;" and the Tyler's toast.

## SUMMER MEETING OF THE DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

The initiation into Freemasonry of three distinguished candidates, viz., Mr. A. W. Baskcomb, chief clerk to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Major Berkeley-Pigott, well-known to military fame for his valour in the Soudan; and M. Marius, the popular actor, attracted a very large number of visitors (including a seldom seen array of Grand Officers) to the emergency meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, which was held on Friday, the 30th ult., in the beautiful Masonic Temple within the precincts of the theatre. The chair was taken at 3 o'clock by Bros. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., who was supported by Bros. Augustus Harris, S.W.; Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., J.W.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, D.C.L, S.D.; Henry Pettitt, J.D.; James Fernandez, D. of C.; Charles Warner, I.G.; and W. Ganz, P.G.O., Org. Among the members and visitors were M.W. Bros. General Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia; H. Lockwood, P.G.M. Connecticut; V.W. Bros. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Bros. Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Samuel Pope, Q.C., G.S.D.; Robt. Grey, P.G.D.; W. Roebuck, G.S.D.; R. T. Piggott, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.A.D.C.; E. Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; Rudolph Glover, D.G.A.D.C.; J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P.; E. Terry, P.G. Stwd.; Canon Harford, H. Nicholls, S. B. Bancroft, J. H. Clynds, C. J. Phipps, W. E. Chapman, P. C. Javal, Louis Hervé, H. Morrell-Mackenzie, Col. Douglas, C. Coote, H. Sutton, W. Pilcher, A. Cooper, Oscar Barrett, A. Gibbons, J. Wood, Herbert Standing, W. Wilson, G. Baird, G. O. Haig, H. Kemble, J. L. Shine, G. Lancaster, T. Berry, W. Clarke, J. Canné, H. W. Elwes, A. Tattershall, W. Lake, J. Harman, E. Fenn, J. L. Gorst, and many others.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON having initiated the three candidates in the most impressive manner, afterwards raised Bro. J. L. Gorst, the eldest son of the J.W., to the Third Degree.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet admirably served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, in the Princes' room of the Criterion. At the conclusion of the dinner Bro. J. C. Parkinson, to the great regret of all present, was compelled to leave in order to keep an urgent appointment in connection with his approaching departure for America, and requested Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, and Secretary Drury Lane Lodge to fulfil his place.

After proposing the usual toasts of obligation, Bro. BROADLEY alluded in felicitous terms to the presence of Bro. Lockwood, P.G.M. Connecticut, and coupled his name with the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges."

Bro. LOCKWOOD, in reply, expressed the pleasure he had derived from his attendance at the meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, and assured his hearers that he should not fail, on his return to America, to report the courtesy and goodwill he had met with, to the American brethren, who always regarded the Grand Lodge of England as the mother of all Masonry.

Bro. FENN responded for "The Grand Officers," and

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS said a few graceful words in acknowledgment of the signal services rendered to the Drury Lane Lodge by its first W.M.—Lord Londesborough—who was at present absent in the North of England.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," Bro. BROADLEY dwelt on the qualities which distinguished them in the very different spheres of life to which they belonged, and trusted that to all of them, their entrance into Freemasonry would form an important epoch in their lives.

Bros. BASKCOMB, PIGOTT, and MARIUS, each said a few words in reply, and expressed the great pleasure they felt in becoming members of the Drury Lane Lodge.

Bro. E. TERRY answered with much humour for "The Visitors," and the toast list, which was got through with commendable celerity by Bro. Broadley, came to an end in time to allow of all the brethren present assisting at the performance of "Frvoli," at Drury Lane Theatre, to which they were all hospitably invited by Bro. Augustus Harris.

The Drury Lane Lodge will hold no further meetings until after the recess.

## GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, 1886.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the present year, really dealing however in part with 1885, run to 370 pages of closely-printed matter, inclusive of the Foreign Correspondence, so that the volume is bulky, but not too much so, the interest being preserved throughout, many of the details being of special value.

The Grand Lodge was organised June 12, 1812, by five Lodges hailing from South Carolina and Pennsylvania, and now consists of some 130 Lodges and 4000 members.

The Grand Master (D. R. Graham) delivered an excellent address to the Grand Lodge on Feb. 8, 1886, and remarked on the "wide discrepancy in the rate of dues charged by certain Lodges, as compared with others," and declared he could not resist the belief that those which required such small fees "created their own poverty." The same assertion applies to several Lodges in England, who not only charge lamentably small sums for initiation (never rising above the minimum allowed by the Constitutions) but who fix their annual subscriptions at so low a figure that there never can be any grants from the funds on behalf of our Royal Masonic Charities.

M.W. Bro. Graham refers with pleasure to the fact that representatives had been exchanged between the Grand Lodges of England and Louisiana, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C., and Bro. Geo. J. Pinckard, being selected respectively from each Body.

Our dear Bro. Dr. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, has a good report to make of the discharge of his particular departments, and happily his health was so much restored as to permit of his personal attendance.

The "Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1," still continues to discharge its beneficent work as the Almoner of the charitable funds, placed at its disposal for the benefit of all worthy brethren, whether of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or any other in both Hemispheres. Its cosmopolitan basis is one of its most pleasing features, and it has continued, from its institution in 1854, to be one of the blessed organisations in the new world. From 1854 to now, this centre of Masonic benevolence has distributed over £17,000. Well may its Master declare that its good deeds have been made known in every Grand Lodge, and its fame has crossed the ocean, and lives among the brethren of Europe.

Applicants during the year were relieved from 28 Grand Lodges to the extent of 762 dollars, including Australia, England, Prussia, and Scotland, the total being small compared with some of the past reports. The Grand Lodge voted nearly 6000 dollars (£1200) to replenish its funds, one-fifth to be paid annually, in quarterly payments.

Bro. G. J. PINCKARD, as Grand Representative from England, ably and accurately expounded the views of our Grand Lodge in relation to the creation of new Grand Bodies. He stated that "it has been understood by the parties in correspondence that the Representative should express in addition to the general terms of the commission, the great interest H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has taken in the progress and prosperity of the Fraternity in the United States, and that he trusts nothing may ever arise to mar the cordial relations he is so anxious to promote and perpetuate."

On the question of the "American Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction," Bro. PINCKARD observed: "When a new Grand Lodge springs into existence, the Grand Lodge of England advises all her constituent lodges in that particular territorial jurisdiction to become identified with the new Grand Body, if the Body has been established by something approaching to unanimity; if, however, one or more lodges prefer retaining their original charters, and continue under her jurisdiction, she does not see her way clearly to discard them. And this is all I think that can reasonably be expected."

The Grand Lodge of Missouri, in 1885, while recognising "the right of the Grand Lodge of England to permit the existence of these lodges in Quebec," considers that every effort should be made in this country and elsewhere "to induce a harmonious and amicable settlement," and in consideration of the mischief and harm to the Fraternity which has resulted from these lodges declining to join Quebec, the Grand Lodge suggests that as a powerful reason why they should "change their allegiance," I am entirely of that way of thinking myself, but it must be done by the members themselves as a voluntary act.

I am sorry to note, however, that our esteemed Bro. W. R. Whitaker (as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence) declares that until the three lodges in question "yield obedience to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, their members should be excluded from the lodges in Louisiana." It should be remembered that the venerable Grand Lodge of England never declares a warrant forfeited or vacant unless the members of the lodge persist in disobedience to the Constitutions, or voluntarily resign the document into the hands of the Grand Master, when, of course, its name is erased from the roll. This has been its custom before there was a Grand Lodge in America, and has so continued to this time.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## THE FIRST GRAND STEWARDS AND THEIR LODGES.

By Bro. H. SADLER.  
III.

(Continued from page 455.)

The next reference to Stewards in the records of Grand Lodge is on 25th Nov., 1729.

"The Deputy Grand Master likewise acquainted the brethren that the Tickets were preparing for the Grand Feast, and that as this was the proper time, for choosing Stewards for the said Feast, he proposed that such as were willing to serve that office might advance to the Chair, and signify their Inclination by signing their Names as was done last year.

"Thereupon several Brethren came up to the Table and signed their Names, but there being some objections raised against persons interested, and Disputes arising, the same was debated, and it was proposed by the Deputy Grand Master, that such of those Brethren as had served as Stewards the last Grand Feast, and were willing to continue in the said Post another year might have the preference whereupon Mr. Samuel Stead, Mr. John Revis, Mr. Wm. Wilson, Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup> Reason, and Mr. Wm. Hopkins late Stewards being asked whether they were willing to serve again this year, they desired leave to withdraw to consider of it.

"They accordingly withdrew, and being returned acquainted the Grand Master, that they had consulted together, and were willing to accept the Office of Stewards again, provided they might have Liberty of filling up the Vacancies in the room of those who were not inclined to act, which was thought reasonable, and their Healths (by the names of Stewards elect) were drank and the Grand Master returned them Thanks, for the readiness they had shewn to serve the Society.

"They were at the same time directed to return a List of the Stewards for the present year as soon as perfected to the Grand Master or his Deputy."

27th Dec., 1729.

"The Deputy Grand Master acquainted the Brethren that he had received from the five Stewards who had offered their services at the last Quarterly Communication a List of seven other Brethren's names who together with them are willing to serve the office of Stewards at the ensuing Feast and their Healths were drank jointly by the name of Stewards elect."

Here again it would seem that the Stewards had some little difficulty in filling the vacancies to their entire satisfaction, for seven out of twelve of the Stewards for 1729-30 were those who had served the office the preceding year, the fresh names being, according to Anderson—

Mr. Edwin Ward.

Mr. — Pread.

Mr. — Bardo, Senr.

Mr. — Bardo, Junr.

Mr. Charles Hoar.

Our old friend of "Constitutions" celebrity, might as well have taken the trouble to find out all their christian names for the benefit of posterity, before printing his book; there ought not to have been much difficulty about it so soon after the event. Fortunately I am able to rectify the omission.

Edwin Ward was a member of No. 46, the "Crown and Anchor," near St. Clement's Church, in 1723, and was J.W. in 1725, when the lodge met at the Star and Garter, Covent Garden, and became No. 39.

Bro. Revis, whom I ought to have mentioned before, was Senior Warden of the same lodge; he was appointed Grand Secretary in 1734. I believe this lodge is identical with the "Globe" of 1728, but I am not able to trace it clearly after 1725.

Peter Praed was a member of the before mentioned "Ship" on Fish Street Hill, in 1723-5.

The two Bardo's (Peter and Paul), or Bourdo, as it is spelt in the register, were members of No. 56, the Anchor and Crown, in Short's Garden, in 1730. This lodge was erased in 1774.

Charles Hoare was a member of the "Star and Garter," in 1725.

The printed list in the calendar gives two other names as Grand Stewards for 1729-30, viz., Wm. Sergeant and James Chambers. The first of these I cannot find in any list, but the latter was a member of No. 63, "Bear and Harrow," and No. 75, Rainbow Coffee House, of the 1730 enumeration, both of which are in a flourishing condition at the present time, the former being No. 5, St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, and the latter the Britannic Lodge, No. 33.

It may simplify matters and save space if in future I place the number of such of their lodges as I have been able to identify against their respective names.

The following names are given in the Calendar as Grand Stewards for 1731:—

George Douglas, M.D. (S.G.W. 1731), No. 75, 1730, now Britannic Lodge, No. 33.

J. Chambers (J.G.W. 1731), No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

Thomas Moore, No. 79, 1730, erased in 1830.

John Atwood, Nos. 39 and 57, 1725.

Thomas Durrant, No. 40, 1730, erased in 1830.

George Page.

John Haines.

Wm. Millward, No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

Roger Lacy, No. 44, erased in 1744.

Charles Trinquand, Nos. 23 and 63, 1730, now No. 23, Globe Lodge, and St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

John Calcot, No. 49, 1730, now St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29.

John King, 69, 1730, erased in 1744.

Grand Stewards for 1732.

George Rooke (S.G.W. 1732), No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

J. Moor Smyth (J.G.W. 1732), No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

John Bridges, No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

Wyriott Ormond, No. 63, 1730

do. do.

Arthur Moore, No. 63, 1730

do. do.

Vinal Tavener, No. 63, 1730

do. do.

Claude Crespigny, No. 63, 1730

do. do.

Wm. Blunt, No. 63, 1730

do. do.

Coll John Pitt, No. 75, 1730, now No. 33, also No. 63, as above.

Henry Tatam, No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

Thomas Griffiths, No. 19, 1730, now Emulation Lodge, No. 21.

Solomon Mendez, No. 84, 1730, erased in 1761.

Grand Stewards for 1733.

John Ward, Esq. (J.G.W. 1733, S.G.W. 1734, D.G.M. 1735, G.M. 1742) No. 63, now 5.

John Pollexen, No. 79, 1730, erased in 1830.

H. Butler Pacey, No. 38, of 1730, now Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26.

John Read, No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

William Bushby, No. 64, 1730, erased in 1736.

Philip Barnes.

J. Misaubin, M.D.

John Dwight, No. 52, 1730, erased 1744.

Richard Baugh, No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

Thomas Shank, No. 8, 1730, erased in 1744.

James Cosins, No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.

Many of the brethren named in these Lists were members of other lodges since erased. On account of the immense gap in the Register from 1730 to 1768, I am unable to give the lodges of many more of the Grand Stewards, but will content myself with selecting such brethren from the different lists as were members of lodges now in existence.

1734—Wm. Verelst, No. 19, 1730, now Emulation Lodge, No. 21.

1735—Sir Robt. Lawley, (S.G.W. 1736) D.G.M. 1742 No. 43, 1730, now Old King's Arms, Lodge, No. 28.

Wm. Graeme, M.D., F.R.S. (J.G.W. 1736, D.G.M. 1739), 19 and 43, 1730, now Emulation, No. 21, and Old King's Arms, No. 28.

Martin Clare, A.M., F.R.S. (J.G.W. 1735, D.G.M. 1741) 43, 1730, now Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28.



- 1735—Capt. Ralph Farwinter (Prov. G. Master of East India) No. 19, 1730, now Emulation Lodge, No. 21.  
 „ Charles Fleetwood, No. 5, 1723, now Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4.  
 „ Wm. Hogarth, No. 63, 1730, now St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5.  
 1737—Capt. John Lloyd, No. 10, 1730, now Tuscan Lodge, No. 14.  
 „ Peter McCulloch, No. 43, now Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28.  
 1738—Stephen le Bas, No. 19, 1730, now Emulation Lodge, No. 21.  
 1739—James Harris, No. 9, 1730, now Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16.

It will be seen that out of the number of lodges that had sent Stewards to Grand Lodge up to 1739, at least thirteen are still flourishing, and no better or more conclusive evidence can be adduced of the stability of our Order and the high standard of those particular lodges than the fact that eight out of the thirteen are "Red Apron Lodges" at the present time.

I do not for a moment assert that they have all maintained the privilege unbroken during the whole of the period mentioned, but I have good reason for thinking that four of them have, and until recently, five. The lodges I refer to are—

	No.
The Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge ...	4
The Emulation Lodge ...	21
The Globe Lodge ...	23
The St. Albans Lodge ...	29
The Old King's Arms Lodge (lost its privilege in 1852) ...	28

I shall recur to these lodges later on and shall then furnish evidence which I think fully justifies my conclusion, meanwhile a few more extracts from the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge may not be without interest.

The first mention I have met with of a distinctive colour for the Grand Stewards is in the minutes of the 17th March, 1731, wherein it is recorded that "Dr. Desagulier taking Notice of some Irregularities in wearing the Marks of Distinction which have been allowed by former Grand Lodges

"Proposed

"That none but the Grand Master, his Deputy and Wardens shall wear their Jewels in Gold or Gilt, pendant to blue Ribbons about their Necks, and White Leather Aprons lined with blue Silk.

"That all those who have served any of the three Grand Offices shall wear the like Aprons lined with blue Silk in all Lodges and Assemblies of Masons when they appear clothed.

"That those Brethren that are Stewards shall wear their Aprons lined with red Silk, and their proper Jewels pendant to red Ribbons.

"That all those who have served the office of Steward be at liberty to wear Aprons lined with red Silk and not otherwise.

"That all Masters and Wardens of Lodges may wear their Aprons lined with white Silk and their respective Jewels with plain white Ribbons and no other colour whatsoever.

"The Deputy Grand Master put the Question whether the above Regulation should be agreed to

And it was carried in the affirmative Nemine Con.

After the Installation of Lord Lovell as Grand Master on the 27th March, 1731,

"Then the twelve present Grand Stewards were called up and Thanks returned them from the Chair for the care they had taken in providing such an elegant Entertainment, and at the same time the Grand Master proposed the Drinking of their Healths which was done accordingly; the Feast was concluded with mirth and unanimity."

2nd March, 1732.

"A Motion was made by Br. Pitt one of the Stewards for the ensuing Feast, that the twelve present Stewards, shall after dinner at the said Grand Feast, each of them chuse his successor for the year ensuing, which being seconded, The Question was put, and carried in the affirmative.

"It was likewise proposed that the said method of electing Stewards for the future shall be in the same manner, and the same was agreed to Nem. Con.

8th June, 1732.

"Several of the Stewards making complaint to the Grand Lodge that they had employed Br. Lewis as an Attendant upon them at the last Grand Feast; and more particularly had entrusted him to lock up and take care of Thirty Dishes of Meat, which were designed for the Grand Master and other persons of Quality and Distinction when the business of the Grand Lodge was over, But that the said Br. Lewis, by his carelessness and neglect, had suffered the same to be embezzled and carried away by People who had no manner of Right to the same, And when the Stewards had called him to account for such his misbehaviour, He answered insolently, and instead of extenuating his Fault, aggravated the same in a very provoking manner. And Br. Lewis now attending was called upon by the Grand Lodge to answer the said charge, who making a very frivolous and trifling Defence, the Grand Lodge in General were about to Censure the said Br. Lewis, and to deal with him in such manner as his Behaviour deserved."

"But some Brethren observing that Br. Lewis was Tyler to several Lodges, and that if the Grand Lodge should strictly pursue their Resentment it might deprive him of the best part of his Subsistence.

"The Deputy Grand Master proposed it to the Stewards

"That as we are a friendly Society and far from doing a hard thing by any Brother, but rather, always willing and ready to serve him, if Br. Lewis would publicly ask pardon of the Stewards in the Grand Lodge, that they would forgive him.

"Whereupon Br. Smyth Junr Grand Warden, and one of the Stewards, Declared that the Stewards would be satisfied if Br. Lewis would make such acknowledgment and promise to behave in a more carefull and decent manner for the future,

"Upon which Br. Lewis did publicly ask pardon of the Stewards and the Grand Lodge, acknowledging his great Neglect and insolent Behaviour, and faithfully promising for the future to take more care, and to behave decently."

I have reason to believe that Grand Lodge did not "strictly pursue their resentment," for when, a few years later, Bro. Lewis presented a petition for relief it was referred to the Committee of Charity in the usual way.

This outrageous act of spoliation "which might have attended with serious consequences," especially to poor Bro. Lewis, was perpetrated at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, on the 13th April, 1732.

History does not state whether any bottles of wine were "embezzled and carried off by the people who had no manner of right to them."

It may be that Bro. Lewis did not clearly understand his instructions and paid more attention to the safety of the liquids than he did to the solids,

hence the depredations amongst the latter. It is just possible too that this may in some slight degree account for the free and easy way in which he is said to have treated the complaints of his employers.

But what fine appetites the "Brethren of Quality and Distinction" must have had; I can only count fourteen present at that meeting who would be likely to be so denominated, unless the Grand Stewards themselves are included. One cannot help admiring the truly Masonic spirit displayed by the Deputy Grand Master and the Stewards generally in their treatment of the delinquent, for they doubtless had just cause for complaint.

It would appear from the foregoing incident that the functions of the Grand Stewards were formerly more extensive than they are at the present time, that, in fact, they personally catered for the brethren as well as arranging and superintending the Grand Feast.

(To be continued).

## THE EARLY ORGANIZATION OF THE "ANCIENTS."

VI.

By G. B. ABBOTT.

The last group of members, which brings us to the end of the Register, carries us as regards number to 1014, and as regards date to the 14th August, 1755, while the number of new lodges is only eight—Nos. 30-37 both inclusive—the last having been constituted on the 19th August, 1754, and therefore during the Grand Mastership of Bro. Rob. Turner, the next new lodge—No. 38—not being constituted till the year 1755. This fifth group of lodges is as follows, viz. :—

No. 30, constituted 7th January, 1754, starts with 10 names, the first three being Bros. Jeremiah Coleman, Paul Rooke, and Jas McClelland, of whom the first is a re-register, while somewhat later on we come across the still more familiar name of Bro. James Hagan.

Lodge No. 31, of the 9th January, 1754, makes a much braver start, the names on its register at the beginning of its career being 18 in number, Bro. H. Lewis, from No. 4, being at the head of them. Following these, as already noted, are the two Bristol lodges—Nos. 24 and 25—and then a few names further on we come to Lodge No. 32, constituted 18th February, which has at starting an array of 26 names. No. 33, on the other hand, has a first batch of only 6, of whom Bros. Fras. Mathews, John Templeton, and John White are described as Master, S.W., and J.W., respectively, John Doughty, likewise a well-known name, standing next on the list. No. 34 has a group of 27 brethren, Bro. M. Thorpe, at the head, being the W.M.; Bro. Rob. Fisher, S.W.; Bro. Jas. Murray, J.W.; and Bro. Abm. Menzies, Secretary. The lodge was warranted on the 18th April, 1754, while the day following was founded Lodge No. 35, which had six members to start with, Bros. Henry Payton, Wm. Henning, and Geo. Sanderson being at the top of the list. However, some places further on in the Register we we come upon a second contingent of members of this lodge, these being sufficient to raise the strength of the lodge to 12.

There remain only two more of this group to describe, and the members of these are registered out of their proper positions, No. 37, which was constituted 19th August being placed first, and No. 36, which began its career on the 14th, or five days earlier, bringing up the rear. In the case of these two lodges the description furnished in the column headed "Quality," meaning rank or position in the lodge or Craft, is far more particular than has been vouchsafed heretofore. Thus, as regards Lodge No. 37, we find not only that Bro. Wm. Cowen was Master, and Bros. W. Osborne and John Wilson, S.W. and J.W. respectively, but Bro. Charles Buss and Leonard Holiday are indicated as S.D. and J.D. respectively, and Bro. Wm. Child, as Secretary, the others being entered as members, the brethren composing the lodge at starting being 12 in number. Lodge No. 36 starts with nine members, Bro. John McCormick, dating from Grand Secretary Morgan's time, being at the head as Master, with Bros. Fenwick Wederington and J. Buckley, as S.W. and J.W. respectively; W. Healy, S.D.; John Scolefield, J.D.; S. Galbraith, M. of No. 3; Laurence Dermott, Grand Sec.; and Richard Collins and Robert Whitehall, as members. These brethren bring us to No. 894 in the Register, the last entered in it for the year 1754, being No. 954. Thus the progress made during Grand Master Turner's year of office may be set down as considerable. Making the usual allowance for deaths, withdrawals, re-registers, &c., there were about 620 Ancient Masons when he was installed Grand Master. In December, 1754, when he retired and made way for the Hon. E. Vaughan, there were not improbably about from 870 to 880, while the lodges had increased in numbers from 29 to 37, or to be strictly accurate as there was no No. 1, from 28 to 36.

The remaining 59 names entered in the Register, that is, from No. 956 to 1014, are those of brethren belonging to different lodges, and must have sufficed to swell the total number of brethren to over 920, which, considering what I said at the outset, namely, that had all the registered members met at the Duke's Head, Greek-street, Soho, at the memorable General Assembly on 17th July, 1751, they would not have numbered more than 74 all told, must be looked upon as a very considerable increase. It is indeed even more noteworthy from the fact that at the close of 1752 there seemed at one time a chance that the Ancient Craft might cease to exist entirely. However, a renewal of courage on the part of the leading members, Bro. Dermott, G. Secretary, being the most conspicuous among them, prevented this catastrophe, and our "Ancient" brethren went on prospering more and more remarkably every year, until, when steps were taken for a union of the two Societies, they proved to be a numerous, wealthy, and influential body.

With these remarks my examination of "Morgan's Register" is virtually completed, the "Black List," which I enumerated among the contents, needing no further remark than that it is headed by the names of the notorious "Leg-of-Mutton Masons," Phealon and Mackey. A summary of the facts I have derived from this Register presents the following as the condition of the "Ancient" Craft in England, during the earlier years of its existence as an organised Society.

At the meeting at the Turk's Head, on the 17th July, 1751, there were five lodges with an aggregate membership of between 70 and 80 brethren. At the election of Laurence Dermott as Grand Secretary, in succession to Bro. John Morgan resigned, there were nine lodges, mustering amongst them about 100 members. On the 27th December, 1752, when Nos. 7 and 10 were struck off the roll, and the lodges were closed up, *more Modernorum*, 1740, the number of lodges had been increased by five, and the number of members to between 220 and 230. The fourth stage carries us to the election and installation of Bro. Robert Turner, of (new) No. 15, as G. Master in December, 1753, and proved a period of real and substantial progress. No less than 15 lodges were added to the roll, and the number of members was increased to upwards of 600. During Grand Master Turner's rule the Craft made a further increase of eight lodges, while the number of members was raised to from 870 and 880. When the Register of members closes with the entry of No. 1014 on the 14th August, 1755—that is, when Bro. the Hon. E. Vaughan had got through more than half of the first year of his Grand Mastership—there were about 920 members all told, the balance of between 90 and 100 required to make up the number 1014 being accounted for by re-registries, deaths, exclusions, &c. The third list of lodges, of which I have given a description, but the value of which is seriously impaired by the almost total omission of particulars as regards the lodges numbered from No. 53 onwards, shows further that about April, 1757, when the Earl of Blesinton had become Grand Master, there were 64 lodges on the roll, No. 64 being the last entry provided for in the list. Thus in the six years from 17th July, 1751, the "Ancient" Society had increased from five lodges to 64 lodges, and no doubt the membership had increased proportionately, while the organisation had extended itself to various important provincial centres and to the army. This betokens a large amount of energy and capable work on the part of the leaders of this branch of English Freemasonry, and the picture has this advantage, that all its details are derived from the authentic records now religiously preserved among the archives of our Grand Lodge.

Having concluded this portion of my task, I propose devoting a further article or two to the new position in which we find ourselves as regards the Organisation of our "Ancient" Masons through the fortunate discovery of this important volume referred to by Laurence Dermott in his minutes as Grand Secretary as "Morgan's Register."

### THE QUEBEC TROUBLE.

The troubles existing between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Quebec on account of the three lodges in Montreal holding their warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, instead of returning them and affiliating with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, has been complicated lately on account of the edict issued by J. Fred. Walker, Grand Master of Quebec, proclaiming that "all Masonic intercourse be suspended and cease from this date between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the Grand Lodge of England and all lodges and the brethren in obedience thereto; and all brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec are hereby commanded to hold no Masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to the said Grand Lodge of England, so far as Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned."

To go back to the commencement of these troubles, which commenced in 1869, and give a history of them would take too much space, but on account of the mis-statements that have occurred in a number of papers since July 1, when the edict was issued, we feel like correcting some at least.

Among other notices in regard to it is the following:

To a reporter, P. Dep. G.M., Jerome Buck, of New York, said: "The American Masons all sympathise with their Quebec brethren. It has been a long and inexorable law of Masonry that each Grand Lodge is supreme in its own jurisdiction."

It is a gross invasion of the sovereign rights of a Grand Lodge when a sister Grand Lodge warrants a subordinate lodge in another jurisdiction. Most certainly New York and all other Grand Lodges in this country will join in the edict and sever relations with the interdicted Grand Lodge."

We do not agree with the above and believe that a majority of the Grand Lodges in the United States will have nothing to do with the question, but will allow England and Quebec to settle their own difficulties, in their own way and at their own pleasure. It is not a fight of any kind that affects the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or any other, except the two between whom this trouble exists, and if any action is taken on it by any other Grand Lodge it had better be done only after the most calm and careful consideration of the subject.

As the lodges complained of in Montreal are *older* than the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we cannot see any "invasion of the sovereign rights" of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of England, for when those lodges were warranted by England they were in her own jurisdiction.

As we said above this is a case where it will be decidedly better for the Grand Lodges of the United States not to interfere in it.—Bro. J. L. Lyte in the *Lancaster Daily Examiner*, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

### EGYPTIAN PRIESTHOOD.

#### THE SYMBOLS HAWK AND HOOP.

That which made the Egyptians astronomers, also made them painters and writers. The inspection of the heavens had taught them at least how to regulate the tillage. The custom of giving symbolical names to the objects that served them as rules, most naturally led them to delineate in a rude manner the figures of these symbols, in order to inform the nation of the works in common to be done, and of the annual events with regard to which it was dangerous to misreckon. This service was performed by a number of persons appointed for that purpose and maintained at the public expense, whose duty it was to study the revolutions and aspects of the heavenly bodies, and to communicate the necessary information to the people.

Such is the origin of the sacerdotal order, so ancient in Egypt; the chief functions of which always were the study of the heavens, and the inspections of the motion of the air. Such was the origin of that famous tower where the company was lodged, and where the characters of the several works and the symbols of the public regulations were carefully delineated, which symbols in time appeared very mysterious when the meaning of them were forgotten. The tower, the structure of which has caused so much criticism, was at that time, without any affectation of mysteries, called the Labyrinth, that is, the tower, the palace. Now, if we would in a reasonable manner, unriddle some of the most usual of the Egyptian symbols, we ought to consult the Egyptian Priesthood in the Labyrinth. It is there we are naturally to look for the meaning of the figures which were exposed to the eyes of the whole nation assembled. The hawk and the hoop were the names and the symbolical figures given to the winds, the return whereof the Egyptians were most concerned to observe. The hawk signified the northerly winds, which is the beginning of the summer, and drives the vapour towards the south, which, covering Ethiopia with thick clouds, resolved them into rain, and made the Nile swell along its course. The hoop, on the contrary, signifies the southerly wind which proclaimed the draining of the waters, and the return of which proclaimed the measuring of the land and the time of sowing. We here produce some analogy between the hawk and a northerly, and the hoop and a southerly wind. Naturalists observe, that the hawk delights in the north; but at the return of mild weather, and when she casts her feathers she makes southward with her wings spread, and looks toward the place whence a warmer air comes, which may assist the falling of her own feathers, and restore to her the beauty of youth. In times of the remotest antiquity, and even before Moses, the Arabians, who were the neighbours and allies of the Egyptian, had an idea of the hawk in all respects like that which naturalists give us.

When God spoke with Job He shows that it is not man, but the Creator, who, by a special providence, has made all the parts of nature for a good purpose, and has regulated the inclinations of animals. "Does the hawk in thy wisdom shake her feathers to get rid of them, and stretch her wings toward the south?"—Job. 39, 29. This bird then, on account of the direction of its flight, at the return of the heat was the most natural emblem of the animal wind, which blows from north to south about the summer solstice, and which, on account of the effects of this direction was of so great importance to the Egyptians.

The hoop, on the contrary, makes her way from south to north. She lives upon the small worms, an infinite number of which are hatched in the mud of the Nile. She makes her way from Ethiopia into Higher Egypt, and thence towards Memphis, where the Nile divides.

As the Nile retires within its natural banks, the hoop follows while making its way towards the sea. From this method of the bird, the Priests were perfectly able to characterise the direction of the south wind, and otherwise make useful this invariable sign.

Thus were employed the Priests in the Tower of Labyrinth.—JAMES B. GRANT, 32, in the *Hebrew Leader*.

MASTER OF A LODGE.—To become the model Master of a lodge should be the ambition of every brother, and to discharge with efficiency and zeal the duties of that important office, should be his most anxious desire. These duties are not confined to the mere repetition of a few phrases, learned by rote, but he should be able to instruct the Craft, not only as to the meaning and origin of our ceremonies, but also to explain to them the philosophy which is veiled in its allegories, and illustrated by its symbols. He should be able also to convince his brethren that all science and all art, legitimately directed, are but lines that radiate towards the great "I AM;" that the sciences are the "media" by which we are led to contemplate the goodness, greatness, wisdom, and power of the Great Architect of the Universe, and that the arts are the modes we have developed of expressing our sense and admiration of the wondrous glories of an Almighty Father which are scattered around us. The Master of a lodge should also in his life and in his conversation be a model for his brethren to admire and imitate, and should himself practice, out of the lodge, those great moral doctrines and virtues which he inculcates within its walls. He should be punctual and methodical in all things, and, both by his character and conduct, command the respect, the esteem, and good-will of all men, for, as the Master is supreme in his lodge, and distinguished by his position in the Craft, so should he also be distinguished as the possessor of an irreproachable character, a dignified demeanour, an expanded intellect, and a liberal education. Happy and prosperous must those lodges be which are governed by such men! their time of meeting is looked forward to by the brethren with most pleasing anticipations. Prompt at the hour, every brother is at his station, and the work is carried on with pleasure and profit. The Worshipful Master who presides over his lodge with ability, firmness and decision—for without force of character there can be no force of impression—whose manner is courteous yet dignified, whose decisions are consonant with reason and Masonic law, and who dispenses light and information among the Craft, will ever be regarded by his brethren as one who is entitled to their highest respect, and their most fraternal regard. The anxious inquirer after truth and light feels that he may appeal with confidence and safety to such a ruler of a lodge, as to one who is not only able and willing to reward and advance him according to his ability and worth, but to one whose duty and high privilege it is to diffuse the beams of light, and to scatter abroad the seeds of truth. The aspirant, animated by the love of truth, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, duly appreciating the philosopher's apothegm that "knowledge is power," and prompted by higher desires, eagerly presses forward, believing in a nobler destiny, and aspiring after a brighter record; it is the Master's duty to assist him in his research, it is his high privilege to "pour the balm of instruction over the mind," to fill it with light, to stir up its powers, and to raise it to its proper supremacy over matter.—*Keystone*.

PIERRE DUFUY wrote the learned and valuable work relating to the condemnation of the Templars, in his "Traité concernant l'Histoire de France," 1654. Several editions of this work have appeared—one augmented with Guther's "History of the Templars;" Brussels, 1713. He also wrote "Histoire de l'Ordre Militaire des Templiers depuis son établissement jusqu'à la décadence et la suppression." This as a "nouvelle édition, revue, corrigée et augmentée," appeared at Brussels, 1751. It is a morehouse of information.—*Keene's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

# ANNUAL OUTING OF THE LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 521, HUDDERSFIELD.

The annual picnic of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., the place selected being Bolton Woods, leaving Huddersfield by the L. and N.W. Railway to Ilkley, thence by waggonettes to the Strid, where luncheon was provided, returning to the Lister's Arms Hotel, Ilkley, to dinner at four o'clock. The weather was very unfavourable, still everybody were determined to enjoy themselves, which determination was effectually carried out. The following composed the party:—Bro. W. E. Jowitt, W.M., and Mrs. Jowitt; Bro. J. W. Turner, I.P.M., and Mrs. Turner; Bro. Abraham Graham, S.W., and Mrs. Graham; Bro. Jno. Dawson, J.W.; Bro. A. Armitage, and Mrs. Armitage; Bro. T. Greenwood and Miss Greenwood; Mrs. Banks and lady friend; Bro. Geo. Sissons, Mrs. Sissons, and nephew; Bro. J. E. Cooper; Bro. George Moxon and Mrs. Moxon; Bro. J. T. Sheard; Bro. Geo. Jackson, I.G., and Mrs. Jackson; Bro. James Brierley, Treas.; Mrs. Wray; Bro. H. Wood, J.D.; Bro. C. Bernin and Mrs. Bernin; and Bro. E. Dyson and Mrs. Dyson. After partaking of an excellent dinner, the party returned from Ilkley by the ten minutes past six train, arriving at Huddersfield at eight o'clock.

# ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE ELKINGTON LODGE, No. 1016.

The annual picnic of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The party assembled at the Masonic Hall, Mew-street, Birmingham, where they were received by the Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. R. C. Jarvis. They then proceeded by road to the seat of Lord Windsor at Hewell Park, being conveyed in four-in-hands. The party numbered over 100.

An excellent lunch was laid under tents by Bro. Benson, of Bull-street. The W.M. presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. H. P. Bloomer, S.W., Secretary to the Picnic Committee.

After the toast of "The Queen," the Rev. H. FOSTER PEGG proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. JACKSON suitably responded.

The grounds and gardens were subsequently visited. There was also boating on the lake and various amusements provided on the lawn.

The coaches were supplied by the Birmingham Cab Company.

The morning journey was made via Alvechurch and Redditch; the route taken on the homeward journey by Barnt Green and the Lickey Hills.

# PICNIC OF THE KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

The members and friends of the above lodge, under the presidency of their W.M., Bro. Dr. Hendry, held their annual picnic on Thursday, the 29th ult. Special carriages conveyed the company to Southport, where mine host of the Prince of Wales Hotel gave every satisfaction in the manner in which he catered for the brethren. Unfortunately the weather was anything but favourable, but this did not prevent the company thoroughly enjoying themselves indoors with music and singing. During the interval before dinner songs were well rendered by Bros. J. Kellie, W. Bushell, H. Marshall, I.P.M.; J. Kerrin, and others. After dinner, previous arrangements to go to Church-own Gardens had to be abandoned owing to the weather; but an hour or two was very agreeably spent in the Winter Gardens, after which the whole company were photographed by Bro. Cockbain. A sumptuous tea was excellently served, and the company returned to Liverpool by the 8.35 p.m. train, having spent an exceedingly pleasant day.

# SUMMER OUTING OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865, AND KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

The members of these two flourishing lodges held their annual summer picnic on Thursday, the 29th ult., by the kind permission of Lady Holland, on St. Ann's Hill, Chertsey. About fifty of the members and their friends were conveyed from Addison-road Station in four well-appointed breaks, those were shortly joined on the road by a four-horse drag, from 19, Charleville-road, West Kensington, the residence of Bro. C. A. Walter, P.P.G.S.D. of Middlesex, W.M. of the Kensington Lodge, who had undertaken the arduous duty of catering for this large assemblage, and so well was this duty performed that nothing but praise was heard from all present. The start was effected at 9.30 a.m., Bro. R. H. Williams, P.P.G.S., and P.G.J.D. of Middlesex, W.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge, leading the way in the first break. The route taken was through Hammersmith and Brentford to the Red Lion at Hounslow, where several members of the Dalhousie Lodge had arranged to join their friends. After a halt of about 30 minutes, the journey was continued to St. Ann's Hill, which was reached about 1 p.m. The Committee, with the assistance of a few friends, at once set to work to erect a large tent, lent by Bro. Walter; in the meantime, the company were sitting about in small groups, discussing sundry boxes of sandwiches and large jars of claret cup. The Committee then commenced unpacking boxes, hampers, &c., and such an assortment of good things, in the way of beef, lamb, hams, tongues, pies, tarts, cheese and salad, barrels of beer, cases of wine, spirits, mineral water, &c., it has rarely been our good fortune to see at a picnic. This was conveyed in one of Bro. Walter's drays, early in the morning.

The carving being nearly completed, the company were summoned by bugle call, and arranged themselves on canvas spread under the tent, and after about forty minutes' good hard labour had to confess themselves beaten, and retired, whilst the Stewards picked up the fragments and prepared for tea.

The visitors meantime thoroughly enjoyed the many beautiful walks about the hill, from the top of which may be seen some of the finest views within 50 miles of London. There were not only sights to be seen, but sounds to be heard. In one part you could hear from time to time certain sweet little old-fashioned tunes from a cornet played by Bro. T. W. Heath, of the Earl of Carnarvon

Lodge. Down by the Monk's Well we heard a duet sweetly sang by the two daughters of Bro. R. H. Williams. This was followed by a song from one of the same young ladies at the earnest request of many friends. On returning to the refreshment ground, we found some of our friends enjoying a dance to the music of a concertina played by our energetic Bro. Heath, to whose forethought and untiring zeal the thanks of the Committee are due for this pleasing part of the programme. On the call being again sounded, there was another general muster under the tent, when tea, bread-and-butter, cake, and biscuits were supplied in abundance, after which the tent was struck, and the remainder of the provisions packed and loaded in the dray. The Committee were: For the Kensington Lodge—Bros. C. A. Walter, W.M.; Barker, Treas.; G. Read, Sec.; and W. B. Neville. For the Dalhousie Lodge—Bros. R. H. Williams, W.M.; W. C. Williams, Sec.; and G. Swann, W.S. The return journey was commenced about 7.40 p.m., the breaks arriving at Addison-road Station about 10.30, the company congratulating themselves on having spent a most enjoyable day, and thanking the committee for their great exertions in bringing about such a happy and successful result.

# THE MARK DEGREE IN VICTORIA.

A difficulty has arisen in Melbourne over the election of W.M. of the South Melbourne Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 310. About three years ago it will be remembered a so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria was formed out of a small minority of brethren belonging to English, Irish, and Scotch Craft lodges in Melbourne, which, as a matter of course, has not been recognised by the three British Grand Lodges. Several of the seceders were members of the Victoria Mark Lodge, No. 47, and the aforesaid South Melbourne Lodge, at the time of the rupture, but I believe all have withdrawn from the Victoria Lodge. With the South Melbourne Lodge, however, things are different, and a member has been elected to the chair who has filled a similar office in one of the illegal Craft lodges. Under the circumstances the present Master of the South Melbourne Lodge declines to vacate the chair, and he informs me the R.W. Prov. Grand Master has expressed an opinion that the W.M. elect cannot be installed.

The foregoing are simple facts and difficulties, the latter of which, out here, were foreseen from the very commencement of the formation of the so-styled Grand Lodge of Victoria; and which I venture to assert might have been avoided had the General Board of the Grand Mark Lodge boldly followed the lead of the United Grand Lodge of England. It is true that, on the formation of another Mark lodge in Melbourne (the Combermere, No. 336), the by-laws of which provide that no member of an illegally constituted Body can be advanced therein or received as a visitor, the General Board sent out a communication discountenancing the Grand Lodge of Victoria; but the action was of so incomplete and harmless a character as sooner or later to lead to troubles of the kind I have referred to. To make matters worse, the last Grand Lodge report, in its list of lodges, gives the name and number of a new lodge, the charter of which has been granted to seceders. This latter circumstance, by the bye, I mentioned to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Secretary, some months ago, and they disclaimed any knowledge of such a warrant having been granted. The inference, therefore, is that the petition was sent direct home, in the names of brethren advanced in English Mark lodges, but at the same time belonging to the unrecognised Grand Lodge of Victoria.

It is interesting to add that the Warrington Lodge (I.C.) and Keystone Lodge (S.C.), in Melbourne, have reaped the benefit of the peculiar difficulties under which the English Mark lodges labour. They are both flourishing and well-worked organisations. But in one case the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and in the other the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, exercise control over Mark lodges, which makes a wonderful difference.

Has the time not arrived, therefore, for the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters to take prompt and vigorous steps to put the loyal and great majority of the Mark Masons of Victoria on a proper and sound footing, so that these disputes may be settled and disposed of for years to come? I think the time has arrived, the more so, that by now H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been installed M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason.

I might be allowed to add that, although we have a Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, no communication has been held for a long period, and it strikes me that the R.W. Prov. Grand Master feels some repugnance and delicacy in calling his province together. An assemblage of the kind, viewed from the "status in quo," would, to say the least of it, be a delightful incongruity.

# THE ASCOTVALE (near MELBOURNE) MASONIC HALL.

The first regular meeting of the shareholders of the Ascotvale Masonic Hall Company (Limited) was held at the Ascotvale Hotel on Saturday evening, June 19. Bro. W. F. LAMONBY was called to the chair, and, in opening the proceedings, stated that some misconception had got abroad as to the objects to which the hall was to be devoted. Some people were under the impression that it was to be a building used entirely by the Masons. The real fact was that the company had been formed for the purpose of building a hall for general purposes, such as concerts, dramatic entertainments, balls, &c. That such an institution was required in the borough was generally admitted, and the provisional directors already had received many offers for renting the building. The only connection which the Masons would have with the hall would be in the capacity of tenants, and even if any Masons should happen to be elected directors, it stood to reason that their interests as shareholders would be the first consideration. A very desirable site had been secured in the Maribyrnong-road, with a frontage of 50 feet by a depth of 130 feet, and the vendor had shown his interest in the undertaking by taking up 50 shares. The expenses of promoting the company had been very trifling, indeed, only what the law actually required. The provisional directors were sanguine that the speculation would eventually prove a good paying one, when the steadily-increasing population of the borough was considered.

The first business of the meeting was the election of directors, the articles of association providing for seven.

Nine gentlemen were nominated, and the result of the ballot was declared as follows: Bros. Dr. J. Campbell, 464; A. Jager, 421; W. F. Lamonby, 419; A. Reeve, 409; W. T. C. Kelly, 405; S. George, 357; J. A. Rigby, 325; R. Owens, 221; and J. Blomfield, 90. The first seven were elected.

Messrs. Hayles and Green were elected auditors, and Mr. L. J. Blanchard received the appointment of Secretary to the company. The meeting then closed.

Plans of the proposed building have been already prepared by Mr. J. C. M. Cowan, architect, Moonee Ponds. The ground floor embraces a hall 70ft. by 40ft., with a stage and dressing rooms, and committee rooms and ante-rooms on each side of the entrance. On the first floor will be a smaller hall, 27ft. by 22ft., with ante-rooms attached. The capital of the company is £2000 in £1 shares, 1651 of which have been already taken up. It is intended to lay the foundation stone with Masonic honours.

The whole of the 2000 shares in the Ascotvale Masonic Hall have been allotted. The applications exceeded the total number.

# THE OLD FOLKS AT CROYDON.

The usual entertainment to the residents at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, took place on Thursday, the 29th ult. The proceedings were of the usual character, the programme selected for the occasion being chiefly musical, with sundry readings and recitations by way of variety. The most prominent part was taken by the Misses Terry, Miss Culver, and Miss Emily Davies, whose contributions to the pleasure of the meeting were received with the applause they so justly deserved. There were also two humorous songs contributed by Bro. Arthur Combes, and Bro. Walter Sycklemore sang "A Bandit's Life" and "The Sailor's Story," while the readings and recitations were given with great success by Bro. John G. Stevens and Misses J. J. Brown and A. M. Barnard, the "Boots at the Holly Tree Inn" and "Lieutenant Luff," by the first-named, being particularly noticeable. In the course of the evening fruit, wine, and other refreshments were handed round to the old brethren and ladies, who were loud in their recognition of the kindness shown them by the visitors, the final act of the entertainment consisting of a little speech making, in which Bro. James Terry, the worthy Secretary of the Institution, who returned thanks for the toast of his health, played the chief part. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren and their friends returned to town in a saloon carriage specially set apart for their accommodation by the railway authorities.

Among those present were Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., and Mr. A. P. Bowyer; Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. J. Perceval, J. A. Farnfield, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D., and J. G. Stevens; Bro. James Terry, Mrs. and the Misses Terry, and Bro. James E. Terry; Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Murlis, Bro. A. and Mrs. Combes, the Misses Crutch, Bro. W. H. Perryman, A.G.P., and Mrs. Perryman, Bro. H. and Mrs. Massey, Bro. J. and Mrs. Newton, Bro. J. J. and Mrs. Berry, Bros. C. H. Webb, Dr. Strong, and C. F. Hogard; Bro. H. and the Misses Cotter, Mr. G. and Miss Culver, Messrs. A. M. Barnard, J. J. Brown, and A. T. Faull, Miss Emily Davies, and Bro. N. and Mrs. Snoden.

# Scotland.

# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PERTHSHIRE WEST.

Lieut.-Col. Drummond-Moray, of Blair-Drummond, was recently appointed Provincial Grand Master of this province, in room of the Duke of Athole, resigned. The ceremony took place at Crieff on Saturday, the 24th ult. There are nine lodges in the province—Dunblane, No. 9; Dunkeld, No. 14; Crieff, No. 38; Dunkeld, No. 152; St. James, Doune, No. 171; St. Kepacs, Comrie, No. 269; Tay and Lyon, Kenmore, No. 276; Benledi, Callander, No. 614; and Breadalbane, Aberfeldy, No. 637—from most of which there were deputations. There were also deputations from Grand Lodge, &c.

The ceremony was performed by Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland, assisted by the Grand Lodge officials. The following commissioned officials were also installed: Col. Stirling, D.M.; Capt. Dundas, S.M.; Robert Clement, Secretary; and the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Chaplain.

After the ceremony, the brethren partook of cake and wine, the P.G.M. presiding. Among the toasts were "The Grand Lodge," by the P.G.M., replied to by the G.M.M.; "The Visiting Lodges," by Bro. Col. Stirling, replied to by Bro. Hunter, of No. 3 Lodge, Perth; "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire West," by the G.M.M., replied to by the P.G.M., &c.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1886.

## 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.]

## RECENT FESTIVAL RETURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
As W.M. of one of the London lodges that did not send up a Steward for the Charities this year, will you permit me to make a few observations on the subject of your remarks.

To begin with, I may say I am very glad to see you have brought the matter prominently forward in a searching manner, and I would suggest that you should prosecute your investigation still further, viz., to see whether the large number of absentees consist of old lodges, or whether it is the new lodges who are the defaulters.

So far as my own lodge is concerned, which is nearly 30 years old, I think we have a valid excuse for not being represented this year.

We have had a large falling off in our numbers the last two years owing to death, going abroad, and other causes among which depression of trade may be mentioned, while on the other hand we have had but one initiate during this period.

The actual cause, however, is that we had to relieve a brother, who, through unavoidable misfortune, was reduced to almost destitution; hence we had no funds for a Steward.

But though apparently my lodge was unrepresented at this year's Festivals, this was not actually the case, for failing a Steward to represent us, I contributed five guineas to the Steward's list of another lodge, and thereby helped to swell that brother's amount to something over £70.

Trusting there may be other lodges who can show as good a reason for not being represented.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

London, July 31.

A LONDON W.M.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
The hackneyed illustration of the Phoenix rising from its ashes will be none the staler for being applied to the centenary of the Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth, on Saturday. But alas! how soon has the glory faded. It was supposed to have been a big function, and it ought to have been, considering that the Prince of Wales was invited and was represented by Bro. the Earl of Lathom. The programme was elaborately "got up," the dinner tickets were quaint and had an old-world look about them; and there was besides a good deal of printing, and whispering went through the Craft that the Phoenix centenary was to be "the big thing of the year." Whether it was or not we shall never know. The wreath of the Phoenix is "modesty," and therefore it was determined that the whole affair should be confined strictly to those who were present, but in denying to other members of the Craft some knowledge of how the important occasion was celebrated, the Phoenix Lodge have probably deprived many another lodge of some valuable hints without in the slightest degree adding to or even supporting their own prestige. The *raison d'être* of the celebration was judicious publicity; any kind of display, whether it be that of the judge in his oppressive ermine and wig, or the masher in his unspeakable collar—for its own sake is a thing that no sane man can contemplate without horror—hence the lamentable unwisdom of the Phoenix Lodge in organising a fine show, which had fretted the souls of all who took part, only to know that the show passed off. The Phoenix has risen from its ashes, shone its own light, and the lustre was a one day's wonder.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
P.P.G. OFFICER.

Portsmouth, Aug. 2nd.



## 668] FREEMASONRY IN BENGAL.

Bro. Hughan's article on this subject, in your last week's issue, deserves more than a superficial glance, and I trust more light may yet be obtained on the point he has raised. After a careful study of the subject, I consider the list of 1814 was wrong. The "Modern" Lodge, No. 292 (the second of that number), "Anchor and Hope, 6th Lodge of Bengal," 1793, was erroneously continued on the roll in 1814 as No. 371. It is clearly stated in Indian records to have taken an "Ancient Warrant," No. 325, in 1801, under the same title, "Anchor and Hope," and that this lodge also fell into abeyance shortly afterwards. No. 325 had the number 413 assigned to it in 1814, so that "Anchor and Hope," the same lodge, appears on the Register with two numbers, 371 and 413, whereas the probabilities are that it should have been omitted altogether. The recital in the Warrant of Confirmation of the present lodge, No. 234, cannot be relied on. In fact, it is absolutely wrong in reference to the first numbers it mentions, 452 of 1773, and 360 of 1781, inasmuch as there is indisputable evidence that the lodge No. 452, warranted in 1773, which became 360 in 1781, and was numbered 292 in 1792, ceased to exist prior to 1793, in which year the Lodge "Anchor and Hope" (of the Constitution of which no account had been sent home), was inserted in the list with the number of the lodge, 292, formerly at Cawnpore, but then erased. No. 371, of 1814 (the

"Modern" 292), was erased in 1817, and I am of opinion that some of the members subsequently revived its work, and that in the application for a Warrant of Confirmation the numbers became mixed; probably they referred to the old minutes containing the number 292. This, unfortunately, is but a specimen of the difficulties which surround us in endeavouring to trace some of the old lodges. Many of them were regularly constituted by the Prov. G. Masters, but were never returned to Grand Lodge for registration, hence they never appear in the Grand Lodge books. Quite recently I came across an old Provincial Warrant of 1st March, 1813, belonging to "Lodge Fortitude and Perseverance, No. 12, Coast of Coromandel, Madras," but, although the Warrant is now in Grand Lodge, it never appears in any list. I hope to give some information on these points in my "Masonic Records," and shall be really thankful if any brother, who can throw a gleam of light on this subject, will kindly do it without delay.

JOHN LANE (Torquay).



### Craft Masonry.

**GARSTON.**—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—Among the many suburban lodges in the neighbourhood of Liverpool the above lodge holds a very prominent position in point of membership and admirable Masonic work. The annual installation meeting of the lodge took place on the evening of the 28th ult. at the Garston Hotel, and was largely attended both by members and visitors. At the opening of the lodge the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Williams, I.P.M., the acting W.M., who was supported by a full complement of officers, including Bros. S. Tickle, P.M.; Thomas F. Hill, P.M.; Henry Hatch, P.M.; W. Olver, P.M., J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., Treas., W.M. elect; Philip Lott, J.D.; Thos. Lawton, I.G.; S. S. Fisher and J. W. Billingsley, Stewards; and James Robinson, Tyler.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; H. H. Smith, Prov. G.A.D.C.; R. Foote, Prov. G. Treas.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; J. J. Rington, W.M. 738; J. Pritchard, W.M. 86; J. J. Ramsay, W.M. 1219; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M. 1609; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; Thomas Roberts, P.M. 673; Lewis Peake, P.M. 1035; G. Brebner, 1620; W. Naylor, 1620; T. A. Withey, S.W. 1299; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. W. S. Vines, who 17 years ago most efficiently filled the office of Master of the lodge, and has been its Treasurer for 13 years, was presented for installation as Master once more by Bros. Tickle, P.M., and W. Olver, P.M., the ceremony of installation being most efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. Williams, P.M., Bro. Hill, P.M., rendering good assistance in the second portion of the installation proceedings. Subsequently the newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. S. Vines, invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. Williams, I.P.M.; W. Olver, P.M., S.W.; T. F. Hill, P.M., J.W.; S. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; J. Carter, Sec.; T. Lawton, S.D.; S. S. Fisher, J.D.; J. W. Billingsley, I.G.; N. R. Hesketh and P. Lott, Stewards; and H. Hatch, P.M., D.C.

Dinner was afterwards provided in capital style by Bro. Wilson, the landlord, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

**LOUGHBOROUGH.**—Howe and Charnwood Lodge (No. 1007).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on the 27th inst., at the Bull's Head Hotel, there was an exceptionally large muster of brethren, who were anxious to evince the respect entertained for Bro. G. C. Oliver, Secretary, to whom a presentation was made on his approaching marriage. The officers present were Bros. J. Herbert Marshall, Prov. G. Steward, W.M.; C. Oliver, Prov. G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; R. Sutton Clifford, P.P.G. Steward, S.W.; Carl Lowenstein, J.W.; Geo. Oliver, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Rev. J. Bird, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; G. Carter Oliver, Sec.; Dr. Corcoran, S.D.; W. Hamerton, J.D.; F. Amatt, P.M., D.C.; W. Viall, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Pensotti, I.G.; Raven and Moore, Stewards; and amongst the other brethren were Bros. R. L. Gibson, P.M.; G. Matt, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. P. Steeds, W.M. 2081, Prov. G. Steward; J. Vaughan, P.M.; W. E. Cooke, Bishop, Jones, Walker, and G. Bass.

The lodge was honoured by the attendance of Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland, who, on entering with the Provincial Grand Officers, was received in proper form, the customary salutations being accorded; and the other visitors included Bros. W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., Mus. Bac., Prov. G. Org.; T. B. Laxton, P.P.G. Org.; J. B. Waring, Sec. 523, J.W. 2081; H. T. Hincks, J. T. Hincks, 523; W. H. Grant, 279; J. G. Bower, A. S. Bott, G. A. Anderson, 1391; and others.

After confirming the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Brown, who was duly elected, and the working of the Second Degree was deferred owing to Bro. Orsborn wiring his inability to attend.

The W.M., then in felicitous terms, presented to Bro. G. C. Oliver a wedding gift, consisting of a valuable marble time-piece, inlaid with malachite and gold, bearing a silver shield suitably inscribed, and accompanied with a pair of handsome bronze statues, and asked the Secretary's acceptance of the gift as some proof of the appreciation by the brethren of the zealous services rendered by Bro. Oliver in various capacities since his admission into the lodge.

Bro. Viall supplemented these observations by alluding to the pleasure felt by the brethren generally in recognizing the energetic and willing services of their excellent Secretary.

The recipient expressed the sincere gratification he experienced in receiving such a substantial proof of the esteem in which his humble services had been held, expressing the intention of continuing to render all the assistance he could to the various officers while engaged in lodge work.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the

visitors, the lodge was closed. The host, Bro. T. Widnall, supplied an excellent dinner, at which the brethren and several visitors attended.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, an especially warm and fraternal greeting being accorded to the Dep. Prov. G.M., who expressed in happy terms the gratification he felt in being present on the recognition of the Secretary's services, and feelingly alluded to the emotion he experienced some years ago, on a similar presentation to himself, and therefore thoroughly understood the overflowing and grateful feelings of the recipient.

"The Health of the expectant Benedict and his intended bride" was proposed by the W.M., when, in further responding, Bro. Oliver gracefully referred to the advantages he derived by following the steps of his father and uncle, both members and Past Masters of the lodge.

Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all the brethren who were able to attend this hospitable lodge.

**CROWLE.**—Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when Bro. T. C. Horobin, S.W., was installed in the W.M.'s chair by Bro. F. D. Walker, 242, the Installing Master. The lodge was honoured on this occasion by Bro. W. H. Smyth, the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Lincolnshire. A most cordial and hearty reception was accorded Bro. Smyth. This was the first time the R.W. Prov. G.M. had visited the Isle of Axholme or this lodge. It was not only an honour, but it was indeed a pleasure to have the presence of their Prov. G.M. at their festival. Other leading Prov. Grand Officers were expected; but circumstances militated against their being present. Brethren prominent in the Craft were present from other provinces, and a most successful festival was the result.

Among the visiting brethren were Bros. W. F. Tasker, W.M. 296; R. Beavor, P.M. 57, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Vivian, S.D. 2134; W. Everatt, W.M. 458; E. Goodridge, P.M. 458; E. J. Foster, S.W. 458; H. T. Gardiner, P.M. 458, P.G.A.D.C.; G. England, 458; W. Harris, 458; R. Ward, 458; G. Bladale, 458; C. Grant, I.G. 458; F. D. Walker, P.M. 242; G. Brooke, P.M. 242; F. Rand, P.M. 242; C. Goldthorpe, S.W. 242; G. Ashton, 242; F. Webb, 242; J. Fitzgerald, 242; W. Kingdon, 600; G. M. Thomson, 14; C. Blagboro', 302; and F. G. Taylor, 2078.

The ceremony of installation was well performed; after which, Bro. Horobin invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Mason, I.P.M.; Bellerby, S.W.; W. Chamberlain, J.W.; W. Burtonshaw, S.D.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Behrendt, Chap.; Constable, J.D.; H. L. Burtonshaw, Org.; J. Drury, S.B.; J. Hemingbrough, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; T. Stanforth, P.M., P.G. Purst., Almoner; E. Fillingham, I.G.; C. Fox, R. N. Brunyee, and Faulkner, Stwds.; and Naylor, Tyler.

The toast list was well gone through; and it included the Royal and Masonic toasts used on such occasions. This part of the work was of a very pleasant and cheery character, and it was interspersed with singing of a specially first-class nature by Bro. Blagboro', from Great Horton, introduced by Bro. Kingdon, of No. 630. The brethren had truly a treat in the vocalization of Bro. Blagboro', who was redemanded every time he sang. Bros. Webb, Goodridge, and Fox rendered also good service, which was heartily appreciated. Bro. Ashton gave a splendid violin rendering, in his usual masterly style. He was accompanied by Bro. Burtonshaw, who, with Bro. Dayson, were the pianists.

Mr. Fred. Lovitt, "mine host" of the Darby and Joan Hotel, engaged the Public Hall for the banquet, and the room being properly prepared and adorned, added pleasure to the duties in connection with the banquet, which was of a most excellent character. This has been one of the most successful festivals of the lodge.

**BRIDGEND.**—Ogmore Lodge (No. 1752).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult. The school was opened shortly after noon by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. P. Jenkins, P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, and the W.M. elect, Bro. L. Beha, was subsequently presented for installation by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Tennant. The ceremony was performed by Bro. William Jenkins, P.M., P.P.G.P. The W.M. later on invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. B. Jenkins, I.P.M.; J. W. Pritchard, S.W.; Coath, J.W.; Rev. James Jones, Chaplain; Herdman, Treasurer; J. B. Boucher, Secretary; J. H. Price, S.D.; W. H. Hitchens, J.D.; William Thomas, D.C.; Vaughan, I.G.; Tyler, Organist; E. Jenkins, J. Hemming, and D. McLellan, Stewards; and A. D. Webber, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards drove to Southerndown, and sat down to luncheon at Slade, the residence of Mr. Coleridge Boles. In the evening the annual dinner was held at Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend, to which about forty sat down. The tables were well laid, and the way in which the dinner was served gave perfect satisfaction.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. Bro. Beha's term of office will be an eventful one, as it is the intention of the members to adopt the suggestion and scheme proposed by Bro. J. Blandy Jenkins to build a Masonic Hall.

**CLEATOR MOOR.**—Stirling Lodge (No. 1989).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Market Hall, when there were present Bros. Henry Ward, W.M.; John Bewley, S.W.; Henry Rothery, J.W.; Charles Gowan, Sec.; J. D. Welch, S.D.; J. McHarry, J.D.; Edward Irving, D.C.; J. S. Dickinson, I.G.; Temple and Watson, Stwds.; Kirkconel, P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Baxter, P.M.; Sumpton, and Benson. Visitors: Bros. L. Ward, W.M., R. Ward, S.D., J. Morton, J.D., T. Kirby, I.G., T. Roxbury, Tyler, and G. H. Smith, all of 1400; Bros. Robson, P.M., J. Kitchin, and R. Jukes, of 1267; Bro. J. R. Smith, 962; and W. Moordaff, 731.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the initiation of Mr. William Heathcote was proceeded with, which was performed in a very able manner by the W.M. The brethren afterwards spent a very pleasant hour at the banqueting board.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with songs, recitations, &c.

**CROYDON.**—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—A meeting of this lodge took place at the Greyhound Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. Hugh M. Hobbs, P.G.S.D. Surrey, W.M.; J. D. Langton, P.G.J.W. Surrey, I.P.M.; F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; J. Samuel, J.W.; J. S. Fraser, Sec.; M. L. Levéy, S.D.; W. G. Goode, J.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, I.G.; W. G. Oates, D.C.; J. C. Leaver, Stwd.; and W. Lane, Tyler; also Bros. Wilson, A. Matthey, E. C. Holdsworth, E. C. Leaver, W. Fraser, and C. Holden. Visitors: Bros. W. H. M. Smith, W.M. 463; W. H. Ranson, W.M. 1790; J. Harling, P.M., Treas. 30; T. S. Taylor, P.M. 554; A. Poisson, J.W. 431; F. Knight, 1185; and T. H. Garland, 1987.

After the ordinary routine business of the lodge, Bros. Matthey and E. C. Leaver were raised to the Third Degree, Bro. T. H. Garland kindly presiding at the harmonium in the absence of the Organist. Notice of motion was given by the I.P.M., to alter the day of meeting from the fourth Wednesday to the second Saturday of the month. Two gentlemen having been proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, the banquet being served under the personal supervision of Bro. T. H. Bentley, the genial manager of the hotel.

### INSTRUCTION.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE** (No. 1507).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. J. C. Smith, W.M.; Thom, S.W.; J. C. Edmonds, J.W.; Duncan, S.D.; A. Scurrah, J.D.; E. R. Smith, I.G.; Stiles, Storr, and others.

The 1st Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was performed, Bro. Walker candidate. Bro. Hemmings worked the Second and Third Lecture, and the W.M. worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. Bro. Coste, of No. 74 (S.C.), was elected a joining member.

**WANDERERS LODGE** (No. 1664).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Mims, W.M.; Salter, S.W.; Baddeley, J.W.; C. Taylor, P.M., acting Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Bowen, S.D.; Grist, J.D.; Saunders, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; W. Brindley, P.M.; Clarkson, and Harris. Bro. G. H. Mims, P.M. of the Englesby Lodge, 84, St. Alban's, Vermont, U.S.A., was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mims being the candidate. Bro. Brindley answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Brindley duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was closed down. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. J. W. Tacon, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; R. J. Harnell, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; G. Ressel, J.D.; F. Dusterwald, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; T. Johnstone, H. J. Wicks, Howard Sammons, J. Rayner, P. Gibson, E. Chamberlain, H. F. Mitchell, E. Nice, C. Richards, C. Grassi, G. F. Swan, Frank Gulliford, G. W. Nightingale, F. Kedge, J. Watts, W. H. Maguire, and J. D. Graham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. H. Sammons having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th and 5th Sections of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. P. Gibson, 1541, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. F. Dusterwald, and seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, 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, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE** (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W. Present: Bros. Sims, P.M., W.M.; W. W. Williams, S.W.; Cavers, J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Child, P.M., S.D.; Austin, J.D.; Craggs, I.G.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Spiegel, P.M.; Briethart, Williams, Head, Marsh, and Hughes.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was then opened to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed down, and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Williams, being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Head being the candidate. Bro. Williams, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Hughes, a visitor, in a very nice speech, returned thanks for the brotherly love he was treated with in that lodge as a visitor. The lodge was then closed.

### Royal Arch.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER** (No. 192).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 21st ult. There were present Comps. H. Cuff, M.E.Z.; Wm. Medwin, H.; W. F. Darnell, J.; C. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; J. Taylor, S.N.; T. Holland, 1st Asst.; W. R. Dixon, 2nd Asst.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; T. Cohu, I.P.Z.; C. B. Cheese, P.Z.; J. Kent, G. J. Potter, Dr. Dingle, J. Gibbs, J. Archer, A. Cotton, and A. W. Price.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, and then closed with the usual formalities. There being no other business on the summons, the companions adjourned to the dining room, where, after the fish, flesh, and fowl had been done justice to, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, given by the M.E.Z. in his customary happy vein of humour, and heartily responded to by the companions; the same being interspersed with songs by various members of the chapter, thereby bringing to a termination another of the agreeable meetings of this chapter.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER** (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, M.E.Z.; Dr. D. S. Skinner, H.; H. E. Dehane, J.; Walter Adlard, S.E.; Joseph Brandon, S.N.; F. H. Atkins, Treas.; A. R. Rudall, P. Soj.; E. Maffett, Janitor; P.Z.'s Comps. W. H. Kempster, Alfred Drew, J. West, J. Castle Gant, A. Churchward; Comps. Capt.

Andrews, R. P. J. Laundry, Geo. S. Smyth, and H. Wilkie Jones. Visitors: Comps. W. H. Chalfont, J. Cruttenden, and Frederick Kedge.

The chapter was opened in ancient form and the minutes of the last convocation, held on the 27th April, were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. John Sollie Henry, of the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, as a candidate for exaltation, which proved unanimous in his favour.

Letters were read from Comp. Colonel A. Stewart, D.G. Supt. Punjab, regretting his inability to attend through illness, and from Bro. J. Sollie Henry, also expressing his regret at not being able to attend.

The usual routine business of the chapter having been disposed of, Comp. Captain A. Nicols worked the first clause with the assistance of Comp. T. C. Edmonds, greatly to the satisfaction and instruction of the companions.

Three candidates were proposed for the autumn meeting, when a large gathering of the members and their friends is expected.

The labours of the evening being concluded, the companions dined together.

The M.E.Z., Comp. Capt. A. Nicols, rising to propose the first toast of the evening, viz., "Her Majesty the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," said that it required neither preface nor comment, for it was a toast which all were bound by love and duty to honour. Noble and good herself, our Gracious Queen has ever been the patroness of those institutions which have for their object the relief of the distressed and the welfare of her subjects. Hence we find her assisting in the support of our Masonic Institutions—taking on trust their noble object without being permitted to penetrate our mysteries or to share our secrets. The toast was honoured with enthusiasm.

The customary toasts being duly honoured and responded to, the companions enjoyed a quiet hour in peaceful conversation and harmony.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).**—The usual quarterly convocation of this old and prosperous chapter took place at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Comps. George Kennedy, M.E.Z.; Thomas Ovenden, H.; Geo. Spinks, J.; John Wilkins, P.Z.; W. T. Gamble, P.Z.; Wm. Richey, P.Z.; Edward West, P.Z. and Treas.; Abel Penfold, P.Z.; Rob. Gooding, Scribe E.; Wm. Richey, Scribe N.; J. Woodley, P.S.; R. Warren, 1st A.S.; G. King, 2nd A.S.; J. Sanderson, A. Willmott, Ambrose Fenn, C. Canning, H. de Grey, J. Lackland, Janitor; and others. The following visitors were also present: Comps. J. C. Smith, J. 1507; John Aillud, St. John and St. Paul Chapter; and M. Rowan, 349.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the business stated on the agenda paper was proceeded with, viz: to ballot for as joining members, Comps. Edwin Hughes, M.P., Pattison Chapter, No. 913, and A. Willmott, which proved unanimous in each case; and the undermentioned brethren, candidates for exaltation were also unanimously elected: viz.: Bros. W. R. Arnold, J. Chinn, John Christian, W. Shackleton, all of Ubiqute Lodge, No. 1789, and Bro. L. Comerford, of United Military Lodge, No. 1536, and those brethren being in attendance, were regularly introduced and exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Companion. The several charges from the chairs were rendered in a most efficient manner by the Principals, who were ably supported by the P. Soj. and his Assistants.

The chapter having been closed in due form, the companions adjourned to Comp. de Grey's, Freemasons' Tavern, and partook of the usual banquet, which was served by Comp. de Grey in his best style.

"The toast of 'The Queen,' and that of 'H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z. of the Order,' having been duly honoured, that of 'The Earl of Carnarvon, G.H. of the Order, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,' followed.

"The Health of the First Principal of the Chapter" was then proposed by Ex. Comp. J. Wickens, I.P. Principal, who alluded, in eulogistic terms, to the correct and faultless manner in which Ex. Comp. Kennedy, had performed the ceremony of exaltation in the chapter, he was confident that the companions whom the M.E.Z. had exalted that evening were deeply impressed not only with the nature of the ceremony which they had witnessed, but also with the impressive manner in which it was delivered by the M.E.Z.

Comp. Kennedy, in reply, thanked the companions for their cordial greeting. He appreciated the honour of presiding over so old and renowned a chapter as No. 13, Union Waterloo. It would be his earnest endeavour to maintain during his period of office the prestige of No. 13 Chapter, and to follow in the footsteps of those excellent Masons that had built up its reputation, and had made it in regard to its working one of the foremost chapters in the metropolitan district. He was proud to have the privilege of exalting that evening five worthy companions. He ventured to say that that experience was unique in the history of the Union Waterloo Chapter, as during the 20 years he had been connected with it, so great a number had not been exalted on any occasion. He trusted it was an augury of further and continued success, especially as three candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. This would enable him at the end of his year of office to hand the chapter over to his successor in a flourishing condition.

"The Health of the Past Principals of the Chapter" was then proposed by the M.E.Z., and was duly responded to by P.Z.'s Comps. Wilkins, Gamble, and Richey.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, being responded to by Comps. J. C. Smith, Rowan, and Aillud.

Comp. Woodley responded for "The Officers of the Chapter" in felicitous terms.

The Janitor's toast followed, after which the companions separated, having spent a most instructive and pleasant evening.

**PLYMOUTH.—Concord Chapter (No. 223).**—The annual installation convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Union-street. There was a large attendance of companions. The Principals elect were installed as follows:—Comps. John Neno, Z.; F. R. Goodyear, H.; J. P. Phillips, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; J. Comps. William Allsford, 202, and James Gidley, 1205, were the installing officers, supported by the following Board of Past Principals:—Comps. S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; C. H. Cooper, 105, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, 159, 1099, P.P.G.R.; J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G.P.S.;

E. J. Knight, 202, P.P.G.A.S.; J. M. Hifley, 223, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.O.; T. Goodall, 954, P.P.G.O.; H. Miller, 223, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Moysey, 223; T. C. Lewarn, 223; John Lavers, 223; R. Pike, 230; and W. H. Crimp, 1255. The following companions were invested as officers:—Comps. J. Moysey, I.P.Z.; A. Trout, S.N.; J. M. Hifley, S.E.; W. Browning, Treas.; J. Hoyten, P.S.; J. A. Lavers, 1st A.S.; J. Holland, 2nd A.S.; H. Squire, S.B.; W. Stenlake, 1st St. B.; J. Snook, 2nd St. B.; J. B. Skinner, D.C.; C. B. Gale, A.D.C.; and T. Mair, Janitor. At the close of business the companions adjourned to the chapter refectory, where a large party, members of the chapter and visitors, supped together, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

## INSTRUCTION.

**CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).**—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Present: Comps. J. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; Dean, H.; Edmonds, J.; H. Syman, S.E.; Bolton, S.N.; G. W. Knight, P.S.; Whiting, Janitor; J. Ives, Gibbs, and others.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Ives candidate. After rising for the third time, "Hearty good wishes" were given to the M.E.Z. The ceremonies were rendered by each of the companions in a most admirable manner. Comp. Bolton was successful in the ballot of £5 5s for one of the Charities on the 27th ult. Any companion attending 20 times during the preceding twelve months is eligible to participate in the ballot in this chapter of improvement.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 30th ult. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, Z. 890, M.E.Z.; T. C. Edmonds, H.; W. H. Wadham, J.; H. Dehane, J. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S.; G. Mallett, Janitor; Dr. Kempster, P.Z. 890; and H. Wilkie Jones, 890. Visitors: Comps. W. Harris, 821; and A. Boyne.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Harris was elected a member, after the ballot had been declared unanimous in his favour. Comps. Dr. W. H. Kempster, M.D., and H. Wilkie Jones each presented the chapter of improvement with a banner, for which a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 16th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. The M.W.S., Bro. H. Bingham, opened the chapter, assisted by the officers. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and Inspector General of the North-Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel and properly saluted. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Samuel Kelly, 30°, M.W.S. elect, was presented to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who installed him into the chair of his predecessor with his usual care and impressiveness. The M.W.S. appointed the following officers: Bros. F. Cleaves, Prelate; B. Shaw, 1st General; H. Thomas, 2nd General; Colver, Treasurer; W. F. Tasker, Recorder; Roper, Gd. Marshal; King, Raphael; Sutcliffe, Capt. of Guard; Chevasse, D.C.; Littlewood, Chamberlain; J. A. Andrew, Herald; and Wilkinson, Equerry. One candidate was perfected by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Kelly; assisted by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°.

The chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a *recherché* banquet awaited them, under the presidency of the M.W.S. Upon his right was Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, 33°; Britain, 32°; and Bingham, P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. Cleaves, Shaw, Colver, and others; and on his left Ill. Bros. Arnison, 30°; Voight, 30°; H. E. Florey, 30°; and John Shaw, 30°; Ex. Bros. Thomas, King, Roper, Tasker, Littlewood, and others, numbering about 30.

The M.W.S., Bro. Samuel Kelly, 30°, in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, 33°, Patron of the Order; Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were most loyally responded to.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Supreme Council and the Members of the 33°," coupling with this toast the name of their dear friend and Ill. Bro. Charles J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and Inspector General of the North-Eastern District.

The toast was received with acclamation, and responded to in most feeling terms by Bro. Banister, who thanked the brethren most heartily for the very great kindness with which he was always received when he came amongst them; and, although he felt old age creeping upon him, trusted that he might yet be spared to attend and witness their good working of that beautiful Christian Degree. Before sitting down he had the greatest pleasure in proposing "The Good Health and Prosperity of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. S. Kelly," who had so ably worked the ritual and perfected the candidate immediately after his installation, and felt sure that the officers appointed would emulate their chief.

On the M.W.S. rising to respond to the toast, he was received most cordially, and thanked Bro. Banister and the brethren for their kindness in a very neat speech.

The M.W.S. next proposed "The Members of the 32° and 31°," which was responded to by Ill. Bro. W. H. Britain, 32°, in a telling speech.

Ill. Bros. Arnison, Florey, Voight, and Shaw responded to the toast of "The Health of the Members of the 30°."

The M.W.S., in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.W.S., Bro. J. E. Bingham," who responded most effectively, promising to assist the M.W.S. in the working of the ceremonies whenever he might require it.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Candidate," which was heartily received, and nicely responded to.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, in proposing "The Officers of the Chapter," paid a high compliment to the Prelate, Bro. Cleaves, and thanked each officer for the excellent way in which he discharged the duties of his respective offices.

The 1st General proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and the last toast, being proposed by the M.W.S., brought a most enjoyable evening to its close.

**HUDDERSFIELD.—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).**—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. J. L. Atherton, on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, assisted by the officers of the chapter. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G.

North-Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel and properly saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Five candidates were unanimously elected, viz., Bros. F. Whiteley, Richard Hodgson, Thos. Pickles, John Royle, and Alfred Fletcher. The first four being in attendance were perfected by the M.W.S. most carefully and impressively, Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°, taking the part of Prelate in the unavoidable absence of Ill. Bro. Marshall, 30°; Bros. Monckman, 1st Gen.; Crabtree, 2nd Gen.; Sugg, Recorder; Frank W. Banister, G. Marshal; and Gill, Raphael; each performing their offices to the admiration of all present. The business of the chapter being ended, and a good collection by the Almoner, the chapter was closed in due form.

The banquet was served in the Dining Hall, and comprised all the delicacies of the season, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. J. L. Atherton, having on his right Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, Inspector Gen. of the District; Ex. and Perfect Bros. Whiteley, Shaw, Hodgson, Bernino, Frank Banister, Gill, &c.; and on his left Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°; Ex. and P. Bros. Pickles, Royle, Crabtree, Sugg, &c., the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. J. W. Monckman, 1st General.

Bro. J. L. Atherton, M.W.S., proposed in succession "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of the Order, and the rest of the members of the Royal Family," all being received with great cordiality; also "The Supreme Council, 33°," thanking their Inspector General, Ill. Bro. Banister, for his great kindness in being with them at their regular meetings and when they met for instruction. Their dear friend and chief put himself often to much inconvenience to be with them, and he trusted that he might long be able to come amongst them.

The toast was received most heartily, and responded to by Bro. Banister thanking the M.W.S. for the handsome manner in which he proposed the toast, and the brethren for their hearty response, assuring them that it gave him quite as much pleasure in coming and witnessing their zeal in working the degree, as it could them in having his presence at their meetings. He proposed "Health, Happiness, and Prosperity to the M.W.S. and all the Brethren of the Chapter."

The M.W.S. returned thanks in a telling speech, and proposed "The Health of the Candidates," who severally returned thanks, expressing their great pleasure in being accepted as members of this admirable Christian degree.

Bro. J. W. Monckman proposed "The Health of Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°," who cordially replied, giving excellent advice to the brethren. He proposed "The Health of the Officers," which was responded to by the 2nd General, Bro. Crabtree, and several of the other officers. The last toast being given from the chair brought a most instructive and enjoyable evening to a close.

## Knights Templar.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Preceptory (No. 20).**—The preceptory was opened on Friday, 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, by the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight C. R. Fry, 30°, assisted by the officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. John McKay, who had been previously elected, came up for the Degree, and was installed a Knight Templar by the E.P., Sir Knight C. R. Fry, in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Business of the chapter being finished, the preceptory was closed in due form. A fair number joined at refreshments in the dining hall, and spent a happy evening under the presidency of the Eminent Preceptor. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed, and responded to by the Knights. This preceptory is well worked and very prosperous.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Grand Cross Council of the Past E.C. and Preceptors of the Royal Kent.**—A council of the Knights Grand Cross was held at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, on Thursday, 22nd ult. Present: Bros. Bousfield, M.I.G.M.; Henry Hotham, G. Supt.; Charles James Banister, Col. James Monks, J. J. Wilkes, H. Maddison, C. R. Fry, Thomas Ness, and J. S. Wilson. Letters of apology and telegrams were received from I. Knts. Youle, R. A. Luck, Winlaw, Brandt, and others.

Business over the council was closed in due form, and the sir knights adjourned to a complimentary banquet given by them to Ill. Knt. Henry Hotham, Grand Superintendent of the Order, under the presidency of M.I.G.M., Sir Knt. S. F. Bousfield. The dinner was most excellent, and after grace the Chairman, in suitable terms, proposed the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were duly honoured.

The E.P. Prior of Knight Templars of the province, Sir Knt. Charles James Banister, P.M.I.G.M., in kind and affectionate terms, proposed "The Good Health of their guest, Sir Knt. Henry Hotham, Grand Superintendent," who had ruled over them so kindly since the death of their lamented Sir Knt. Wm. Punshion. He trusted that their old and esteemed friend would enjoy yet many years of happiness in the office he so ably filled. He and Sir Knt. Hotham had worked together in these Christian Degrees for over 30 years, and it seemed but the other day since he was proposed as a candidate by his dear old friend, and he trusted that they might both be spared to work together in love and harmony.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Sir Knt. Hotham, on rising to respond, was greeted with long and hearty cheers. He thanked his old and dear friend for the very handsome way he had proposed his health, and was much too flattering in his encomiums. He had only done his duty, which was a labour of love, and with such kind friends about him how could he be otherwise than happy. He thanked them very much for this further mark of their kindness and affection to him, and he trusted that all present, with those absent members who were unavoidably prevented being with them that day, might live many years to conduct the business of this knightly Degree, of which we were so justly proud. He wished each and all every happiness they could enjoy.

Other toasts were proposed and duly responded to, and the illustrious knights parted, having spent a most happy and instructive evening.



## Australia.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

**MELBOURNE.**—Melbourne Conclave (No. 143).—The annual assembly of this conclave—the first in the Australian Colonies—was held in the new Freemasons' Hall on the 22nd of June last. Em. Sir Knight F. H. Lempiere, M.P.S., occupied the throne, supported by Em. Sir Knight Dr. J. J. E. Willmott, V.E., and other officers. On the roll being called, an apology was read from Em. Sir Knight Col. H. S. Brownrigg, P.S., 32°, who was absent on military service. The minutes were read of emergency and regular assemblies and confirmed. Bros. R. A. Virgoe and T. Telford, both of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, who have just returned from a visit to the Old Country, were balloted for, and, being accepted as candidates, they were admitted, and duly installed as knights of the Order by Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, P.S. A college and senate were subsequently opened, when Sir Knight F. Henderson and Em. Sir Knight Dr. Willmott were respectively consecrated and enthroned Viceroy and Sovereign of the conclave for the year.

The following officers were appointed and invested:—Sir Knights Dr. J. T. Brett, S.G.; W. Davis, J.G.; W. Gledhill, H.P.; W. F. Dixon, Treas.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S., Rec.; Dr. G. T. Woolley, Pref.; A. S. Manders, Asst. Pref.; C. Brown, St. B.; J. W. Wright, H.; and J. Paul, S. The conclave was then closed in form, and the sir knights adjourned to the Masonic Club, where a sumptuous refectory awaited them.

## Obituary.

## BRO. EDWIN PROUT, I.P.M. No. 189.

The funeral of Bro. Edwin Prout took place at the Plymouth Cemetery on the 22nd inst. Deceased, who was formerly connected with the navy, took an active part in the lodge and was a member of the Mark and Ark Mariners Lodges and Royal Arch Chapter, all connected with No. 189. The cortege left the residence of the deceased at Morrice Town at 2 p.m., and proceeded to the Plymouth Cemetery. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M., and Chap. 189, P.P.G.C., officiated in the church and at the graveside. The Masonic brethren who wore white gloves and threw sprigs of acacia on the coffin included Bros. Col. Healy, P.M. 189, P.D.G.S.W. Malta; R. H. Rae, P.M., Sec. 189, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Foxhall, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; R. Dickson, P.M. 1205; C. Croydon, P.M. 189; E. J. Knight, P.M. 202, P.P.G. Purst.; A. W. White, P.M.; R. Pike, P.M. 202, Org. 189; J. S. Sloggett, W.M. 2025; W. H. W. Macey, W.M. 1847; J. Gidley, P.M. 139, 2025; and Frank Thomas, S.D. 189.

## BRO. ALBERT BROWN.

On the 27th ult., at Malvern, died Bro. Albert Brown, in his 53rd year. His funeral, which took place on the 30th ult., was attended by nearly all the members of his lodge, and most of the leading townspeople, for both as a Mason and a citizen Bro. Brown was widely known and esteemed. He had been for 25 years manager of the Malvern Branch of the Worcester Old Bank. He was initiated in Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, and had passed the chair not only in that lodge, but in the Royal Arch, Mark, Temple, and Rose Croix. He had filled all provincial offices up to Prov. G.S.W., and had been for some years Prov. G. Treasurer. In 1867 he took the lead in founding the Royds Lodge, No. 1204, of which he was for the first two years W.M. and Treasurer till his death. The following letter has been sent by the brethren to his widow:—

"Dear Madam,

"The brethren of the Royds Lodge, with which your late husband was so long and intimately connected, desire to convey to you and your family their deep and heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement. Bro. Brown's long connection with Freemasonry, to which he rendered many and valuable services, and in which he filled many important offices, where he not only did everything possible to advance the interests of the Craft, but set a pattern in his conduct in the outer world of a steadfast conformity to those exalted precepts which our Institution teaches, rendered him widely known and respected among the brethren. But it is more especially among the members of the Royds Lodge, of which he was the founder, and where his sound judgment and warm interest were of the greatest service, that his name will ever be cherished as that of a gentleman of spotless honour, a diligent and successful man of business, and a faithful brother.—We are, dear Madam, yours faithfully and sincerely,

"STANLEY HAYNES, M.D., W.M.

"HENRY WILSON, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec."

## BRO. THE REV. J. J. MANLEY.

The death of Bro. the Rev. J. J. Manley, last week, at his residence, Upper Kennington-lane, was awfully sudden. He told Bro. P. Soman, of Norwich (who was with him at the time) that he believed it was an attack of "angina pectoris," but the medical man called in gave it as apoplexy at the inquest. The funeral service was performed at Norwood Cemetery by Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. We regret to learn that Bro. Manley (who devoted himself of late years almost wholly to literary pursuits) has left his widow and family in very straitened circumstances. He had long complained of overwork and need of rest.

## The Craft Abroad.

## PROV. G. LODGE NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Island, New Zealand (S.C.), was held in the Masonic Hall, on April 30th last, Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, R.W.P.G.M., in the chair, supported by his officers. Probably owing to the somewhat inclement weather, coupled with the Masonic attractions at the North Shore, there was a small attendance. Nevertheless a great deal of routine business was got through with considerable dispatch. The principal business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were unanimously elected to their respective offices: Bros. Kaye, P.M.,

P.G. Treas.; Lindsay, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Wilkinson, P.G.J.D.; Hitchens, R.W.M., P.G.D. of C.; McLaren, P.G. Architect; Jarvis, P.G. Jeweller; Symonds, P.G. Bible Br.; Briggs, P.G. Swd. Br.; Cleave, P.G. Pres. Board of Stwds.; James Walker, P.G. V.-Pres. Board of Stwds.; Dr. Walker, P.G. Org.; Forgie and Robson, P.G. Marshals; J. P. King, P.G. Std. Br.; Bulford, P.G.I.G.; and Tonge, P.G. Tyler. The question of additional remuneration to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Slator, was next considered, and on the motion of Bro. McCulloch, P.M., a vote commensurate with his greatly increased duties was granted. Bro. Sir F. Whitaker strongly supported the resolution, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the great efficiency which characterised the discharge of the onerous duties of the Secretary.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA (E.C.).

The quarterly communication of the above District Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, on Monday, the 21st June. Bro. Dr. H. St. Jno. Clarke, Deputy Dist. G.M., presided, in the absence in England of the R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart. Bro. Barron L. Barnett, Deputy District Grand Master of Queensland, was present as a visitor. The minutes of the previous quarterly communication were read and confirmed, and the roll of the 77 lodges composing the district called. The Benevolent Fund Accounts, Report of the Board of General Purposes, &c., were then agreed to. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Willmott, D.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. W. T. C. Kelly, District President Board of General Purposes, it was agreed to celebrate the District Grand Festival next month. The District Grand Master in the chair also announced that he had received a letter from the District Grand Master in England, stating his desire that the new Freemasons' Hall should be opened by a ball during the Melbourne Cup week, and that another ball should be held the same week in honour of the visit of Bro. Lord Carrington, Past Grand Warden of England.

Bro. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. Gordon Lodge, No. 2112, said it would be within the knowledge of most of the brethren then present that a movement was on foot in the colonies having for its object an invitation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to visit Australia. It had occurred to him that it would not only be appropriate and opportune, but a singularly graceful act, were the District Grand Lodge of Victoria to throw its influence into the scale; and there were three good and substantial reasons why they should take action in the matter. In the first place, Victoria, with but a single exception, was the strongest of the many provinces and districts under the sway of the Grand Master of England. Secondly, they now possessed a Masonic temple in which they could fittingly receive, entertain, and do all honour to their Royal Grand Master; and last, but not least, their R.W. District Grand Master was now in England. He, therefore, moved as follows:—

"That the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Quarterly Communication assembled, hereby joins in the universal desire that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M. of England, should visit the Australian colonies; that a committee, consisting of the W. Dep. Dist. G.M., the District Grand Wardens of the year, the District Grand President of the Board of General Purposes, and the District Grand Secretary, be appointed to prepare a suitable address to H.R.H., and that said address be forwarded without delay to England to the R.W. District G.M., Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., for personal presentation to the M.W. the Grand Master."

Bro. Dr. Willmott, in seconding the motion, said that no doubt the other District Grand Lodges in Australia would follow the lead of Victoria.

The motion having been cordially concurred in by the District Grand Master in the chair, it was put and carried unanimously.

The District Grand Lodge was then closed.

The half-yearly convocation of the District Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was subsequently held.

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

We take the following from our contemporary, the Philadelphia *Keystone*. The following is the preamble and resolution (offered by Bro. Charles E. Meyer), adopted by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June last, for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania: Whereas, Freemasonry was introduced into the Province of Pennsylvania by Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, in the year 1730; and whereas the records of St. John's Lodge, located at Philadelphia in 1732 are still in existence, and contained in *Liber B*, and from that time the existence of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania can be traced under the two Grand Lodges, Ancient and Modern, by evidences of their workings; and whereas the Prov. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was organised in 1764, under authority of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England according to the old Constitutions, under which it continued subordinate until September 25, 1786, when at a meeting of the Grand Lodge it was unanimously resolved that this Grand Lodge is, and ought to be, a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain, or any other authority whatever, and that its members are not under any ties to any other Grand Lodge except those of brotherly love and affection, which they will always be happy to cultivate and preserve with all lodges throughout the globe. After which, this lodge, acting by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, was closed for ever; and whereas immediately thereafter, at a Grand Convention of 13 different lodges, working by virtue of warrants from the late Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with full power from their constituents to decide upon the question whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should establish itself as a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and with the concurrence of other lodges, signified by letter, it was unanimously resolved that the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, lately held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, will, and do now, form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, to be held in Philadelphia, and that the Grand Officers continue to be the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania, invested with all the powers, jurisdiction, pre-eminence, and authority thereto belonging, till the usual time of the next election, and that the Grand Lodge and the particular lodges

govern themselves by the rules and regulations heretofore established, till other rules and regulations shall be adopted; and whereas, this Grand Lodge has continued to exist in peace, brotherly love and affection for nearly one hundred years; and whereas it is eminently proper that this Grand Lodge should take cognizance of the approaching one hundredth anniversary of its sovereignty and independence; therefore be it resolved, that the R.W. Grand Master be requested to take such steps as he may deem proper and right for the celebration, in an appropriate manner, of the one hundredth anniversary of the sovereignty and independence of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, on Sep. 26, 1886, next. The celebration, we learn, will include a Centennial Communication of the Grand Lodge, on September 25th 1886, at High Twelve, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and a meeting in the American Academy of Music on the eve of the day of celebration, Friday, September 24th, when two addresses, an historical address and a general address, will be delivered by able brethren, yet to be selected. The meeting at the Academy will be open to Master Masons and members of their families, to be admitted by ticket. We have no doubt the celebration will be a memorable one. The Grand Officers of all of the Grand Lodges in the Masonic world with which Pennsylvania is in fraternal correspondence, will be invited by the Grand Master, Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell, to be present.

## A NEW LODGE AT BOISSEVAIN, MANITOBA.

We take the following from the pages of the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month: June 30th, 1886, Doric Lodge, under dispensation, was organised at Boissevain, Manitoba, by Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Ovas, who discharged the duties of his office in a very pleasing and satisfactory manner. The lodge is strong and healthy, and seems to have a bright future before it. The Grand Master refused to name the lodge Forrest. At a meeting of the Board of General Purposes, held after the petition for the dispensation was in the hands of the Master of the nearest lodge, the following resolution was passed: "That no lodge be named after a living person." Our correspondent writes about this as follows: "They say that a man who may be worthy of such an honour, to-day, may, before he dies, fall into disgrace and bring dishonour on the Order. This would tell with equal force against the election to any office in the Grand Lodge. At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba an address, gotten up in grand style, was presented to a worthy and illustrious Past Grand Master. The Grand Lodge can never take this visible mark of its favour from our brother, but it could at any time change the name of a lodge." With all due deference to the brother, we must say it is our decided opinion that the Board ruled correctly. No lodge should be named for a living person. The case cited by the brother is not a parallel one. The address, as a "visible mark," only recorded the good the brother had already accomplished, and did not vouch for his future worthiness. To name a lodge for a brother is to vouch for the worthiness of his whole Masonic life, or to guarantee the maintenance of his Masonic integrity and fidelity until his decease. That is an unsafe undertaking for any lodge, and no lodge should assume it.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

The Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States will be held in St. Louis in September next, and, according to the *Voice of Masonry*, a Masonic Manual and St. Louis Guide Book is being prepared for the occasion. Our contemporary goes on to say: "We have examined some of the advance pages, and, judging from these, the Manual will be a very valuable hand-book for every Mason and visitor to St. Louis, replete with such information as every stranger in a large city requires, and with which anyone can find his way about without assistance. Among other things, it will contain a brief and interesting history of Masonry; a guide to all the Masonic Bodies of St. Louis, with names and addresses of all officers; a complete guide to every place of interest; hotels, railroads, parks, churches, societies, clubs, public buildings, business houses, street railways, &c. Also the official programme of the conclave, giving particulars of the grand banquet and ball, competitive exhibition drill, line of march of grand procession, charity day, headquarters of the different committees, &c. The book is being handsomely gotten up, and will no doubt be prized as a souvenir long after the triennial has passed. We would advise all who contemplate visiting St. Louis, either as delegates or in any other capacity, to procure a copy soon and study up the city to which they are going before leaving their homes, and thereby save much time and annoyance. Sent post-paid on receipt of price, 35 cents. Address C. H. Cushing, 904, Olive-street, St. Louis, Missouri."

The memorial stone of the new church at Port Bannatyne was laid with Masonic ceremonial on Saturday, the 24th ult., by Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Ayrshire and the Isles. Great interest was exhibited on the occasion, and the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily, the day's celebration appropriately concluding with a banquet at the Bute Arms Hotel, Rothesay.

The opportunity was taken of the usual prize day dinner of the City of London School Committee at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 30th ult., to present Bro. A. J. Altman, past Chairman of the Committee, with a handsome testimonial in recognition of the important services he had rendered during his year of office, and the general interest he took in all that was calculated to promote the well being of the School. The presentation was made by the present Chairman, who presided on the occasion, and bore hearty testimony to the energy which had characterised Bro. Altman in the fulfilment of his duties; and Bro. Altman, in acknowledging the gift, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to have received it in the presence of the Alderman of his Ward, Bro. Lord Mayor Staples, who was the principal guest of the evening. The testimonial consisted of two very handsome silver flower bowls, bearing the inscription: "Presented to Albert Joseph Altman, Esq., by the City of London School Committee of the Corporation of the City of London, in testimony of their high regard and esteem for the invariable courtesy, assiduity, and ability displayed by him as Chairman of the Committee for the year 1885."



Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., has been unanimously elected President of the London Welsh Charitable Aid Society, in place of the late Lord Penrhyn.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap. of England, Incumbent of Curzon Chapel, Mayfair, has been appointed Vicar of St. Peter's, Eltham-road, Lee.

The members of Lodge Metham, No. 96, Mark Master Masons, have elected Bros. H. Rogers their W.M. for the ensuing year; W. J. Stanbury, Treas.; and J. Rashbrook, Tyler.

The Lady Mayoress's Tuesday afternoon receptions at the Mansion House have been discontinued for the present, but will be resumed on the first and third Tuesdays in October.

Bro. the Earl Granville, with the Countess and family, will, it is expected, leave town this (Friday) afternoon for Walmer Castle, whence, after a few weeks' stay, they will go to Scotland to pay sundry visits.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was the principal guest at the annual Livery dinner of the Leathersellers' Company on Tuesday, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected in accordance with ancient custom.

We must congratulate Bro. Goldney, the City Remembrancer, on the recent testimony furnished to his ability and aptitude for official duties by the increased salary which has been voted to him by the Civic authorities.

Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who is President of the National Artillery Association, is at his post during the annual meeting at Shoeburyness, which commenced on Saturday last and will continue till the close of next week.

Mr. Edgar Spiegel, brother of Bro. M. Spiegel, P.M., the chief Editor of the *Illustrirte Extra Blatt*, Vienna, has had the dignity of a Baron conferred upon him by his Majesty the Emperor of Austria, for his patriotic action to the State and community in general.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert Victor of Wales were present at the marriage, in St. George's, Hanover-square, on Saturday last, of Lord Alwyne Compton and Miss Mary Evelyn Vyner, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie, the Countess Cowper, and the Countess of Dalhousie being also present.

The Lyceum Theatre closed for the summer holidays on Saturday, the occasion being set apart for the benefit of Miss Ellen Terry. Bro. Henry Irving delivered the usual parting address of thanks for the patronage he had received, and announced the re-opening of the theatre with "Faust" on the 11th September.

The Prince of Wales left Marlborough House for Cowes on Saturday last, being joined *en route* at Chichester by the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud. Bro. Sir F. Knollys was one of the suite in attendance on their Royal Highnesses. Their Royal Highnesses are on a visit to the Queen.

The Berkshire Rifle Volunteers, under the command of Bro. Lord Wantage, who have camped out this year in Queen Anne's Mead, near the Windsor Great Park, were inspected by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge on Saturday, his Royal Highness expressing himself well pleased with the appearance and efficiency of the regiment.

On Saturday last, Bro. the Lord Mayor and a large number of Colonists visited the works of Messrs. Yarrow and Co., near Blackwall, where a large number of torpedo boats are being built for the British and other Governments. The party afterwards made an excursion up the river as far as Erith on board one of the newly-built boats.

The famous picture known as the Colonna Raphael, painted by Raphael in 1505, for certain nuns of Perugia, is now on view in the loan collection of the South Kensington Museum. It is understood that its owner is disposed to part with it, and this opportunity of seeing the work should not be lost by our Colonial visitors and all lovers of the fine arts.

At a meeting of the R.A. Chapter Brunswick, No. 159, held on the 30th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, the following companions were elected as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. J. D. Cobeldick, M.E.Z.; H. Mortimore, H.; A. R. Lethbridge, J.; J. H. Stephens, S.E.; T. Geach, S.N.; H. H. Williams, P.S.; R. Hurrell, 1st A.S.; W. G. Hodge, 2nd A.S.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; and J. Bartlett, Janitor.

A very gratifying ceremony took place in Dundee recently. The foundation stone of the gigantic drapery establishment in course of erection for Mr. Blakeney was laid with Masonic honours, the Prov. G. Master, the Hon. F. Lyon, presiding. We have attended many Masonic ceremonials in our time, but never remember one in honour of a private individual, and we take it that the demonstration at Dundee was in compliment to Mr. Blakeney's public spirit and enterprise, to say nothing of his personal qualifications, which make him so popular in many social circles.

The new Ministry includes Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor, England), Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chief Secretary for Ireland), Lord Randolph Churchill (Chancellor of the Exchequer), Lord George Hamilton (First Lord of the Admiralty), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor, Ireland), and Col. Sir F. Stanley (President of the Board of Trade), in the Cabinet; and Bros. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C. (Under Secretary, India), Baron H. de Worms (Secretary Board of Trade), Sir J. Fergusson, Bart. (Under Secretary, Foreign Affairs), the Earl of Dunraven (Under Secretary, Colonies), Hon. H. S. Northcote (Financial Secretary, War Office), the Hon. D. Plunket (First Commissioner of Works), W. T. Marriott, Q.C. (Judge Advocate General), A. Akers-Douglas (Patronage Secretary of the Treasury), Lord Charles Beresford (one of the Lords of the Admiralty), E. Clarke, Q.C. (Solicitor-General), and the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain).

Bro. A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., has placed his grounds at Oxley at the disposal of the 5th Volunteer Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment for their annual camping out.

Telegraphic addresses (Inland) for the Freemason Printing and Publishing Works—"Freemason, London." For Jewels, Clothing, Furniture, Banners, &c., &c.—"Kenning, London."

According to a Reuter's telegram, a fund has been opened at Bombay to assist in promoting the testimonial to the Prince of Wales in connection with the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

Prince Albert Victor will this day (Friday) present new colours to the Buffs at Dover, and the old colours, which have been in possession of the regiment since 1853, will be placed in Canterbury Cathedral.

Bro. Charles Duval reappeared at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on Friday afternoon, the 30th ult., after his prolonged absence on tour round the world, and met with a very hearty welcome from the crowded audience.

Bro. the Crown Prince of Germany, having burnt his right hand, visited the Royal Hospital, Berlin, as being the most expeditious way of getting the wound dressed, and on leaving was loudly cheered by the students.

Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth presided at the final meeting of the annual session held in Liverpool on Friday, the 30th ult., of the Institute of Naval Architects. A vote of thanks to the Mayor of the city brought the proceedings to a close.

At the meeting on Thursday, the 29th ult., of the members and students of the City of London College, Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., were among the gentlemen elected Vice-Presidents of the institution.

Bro. the Rev. H. M. Maugham, Vicar of Whitstable, who is S. Warden of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and will be installed in office at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, on Thursday, the 9th September prox.

We regret that in our recent report of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, the name of the D.P.G. Master of Middlesex should have been given as "F. Levander," instead of, as it should have been, "Raymond H. Thrupp." The mistake is so obvious as hardly to need correction.

Bro. Admiral Sir King Hall, of whose state of health we gave a more favourable account last week, died of an apoplectic seizure about the time the paragraph must have been written. The deceased officer had seen considerable service on the coast of Syria, in the Burmese and Chinese wars, and in the Baltic campaigns of 1854-5.

The 10th annual distribution of prizes of the Mary Datchelor Girls' School, Camberwell, took place on the 28th ult., when the hall of the institution was crowded in order to witness the interesting ceremony, the chief part in which was played by Lady Halsbury, wife of Bro. Lord Halsbury, now Lord High Chancellor of England. His lordship was present, as also were Bros. W. Beer and E. Dresser Rogers, C.C.

Our Colonial and Indian visitors went to Chatham on the 30th ult. for the purpose of inspecting the Lines and the Military and Naval establishments connected with the Dockyard. Bros. Lord Wolseley and General Sir Redvers Buller accompanied the party. Another body of the same visitors went to Canterbury, saw the Cathedral, and lunched with the Dean and Chapter, the Archbishop being one of the guests.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting at the Mansion House on Friday, the 30th ult., of the Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund, when the sum collected was announced as close on £38,280, and it was resolved to distribute close on £36,680 among 103 hospitals and 51 dispensaries, the balance of £1600 being devoted to the purchase of surgical appliances.

The Prince of Wales, as Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, presided at the annual general meeting held at the Club Castle, Cowes, on Monday, the Duke of Connaught and Bros. Lord Suffield and the Earl of Dunmore being likewise present. On Tuesday, the Queen's Cup was sailed for and won by the Sleuthhound (cutter), 40 tons, on her time allowance, the Genesta (cutter), 80 tons, passing the mark boat first. The Prince of Wales's schooner Aline was one of the competitors.

Bro. Robert Brough, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, Liverpool, the eminent comedian and opera bouffe actor, who has been "starring" Australia for over a year with great success, has returned to England, only temporarily though. His visit home is for the purpose of engaging talent and material for a business venture in Australia, where he purposes settling. Bro. Brough, in partnership with Mr. Dion Boucicault, jun., has taken a lease of the Melbourne Opera House, where they will open in November. During his few months sojourn in the Colonies, Bro. Brough has made himself a warm favourite, and he was the recipient of many tokens of "bon voyage," prior to leaving Melbourne by the Orient mailboat Garonne. The Opera House was crowded on the occasion of Bro. Brough's benefit, amongst the audience being Bro. Sir F. B. Loch, K.C.B., the Governor of Victoria, and Lady Loch. He played Zapeta in "Princess To-To."

TOLACCIEN'S COMMENCING.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000;" three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541. —[ADVT.]

MORTGAGES.—MESSRS. JAMES are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Debilitated Constitutions. When climate, age, or hardships have undermined the health, skin diseases are prone to arise and augment the existing weakness. Holloway's medicaments daily prove most serviceable even under the most untoward circumstances. This well-known and highly-esteemed Ointment possess the finest balsamic virtues, which soothe and heal without inflaming or irritating the most tender skin or most sensitive sore. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible for curing bad legs, varicose veins, swollen ankles, erysipelas, scaly skin, and every variety of skin disease. Over all these disorders Holloway's remedies exert a quick and favourable action, and, where cure is possible, gradually but certainly arrive at that consummation. They are invaluable in the cure of scrofula and scurvy.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Rev. J. E. Player, senior curate of St. Peter's, Hunslet Moor, Leeds, and S.D. Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, has been appointed rector of Wells, Norfolk. As stated in "Crockford's Clerical Directory," the living is worth £910 per annum, with a residence. Bro. Player has worked very earnestly as curate for over three years in one of the most populous districts of Leeds, and we heartily congratulate him on his well earned preferment.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset will be held at Taunton on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M. of Somerset, will preside.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon presided on "prize day" at the Newbury Grammar School, on Friday, the 30th ult., when the prizes were distributed to the successful pupils by the Countess of Carnarvon.

The Mansion House dinner to her Majesty's Ministers, at which Bro. Lord R. Churchill and most of the Members of the new Cabinet will be present, will take place on the 11th inst.

Bro. Lord Halsbury was sworn in as Lord Chancellor on Thursday, in Appeal Court No. 2, the oath being administered by the Master of the Rolls, Lord Esher. The ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd.

Bro. Edward Terry's theatre is to be completed by St. Valentine's Day next year. We are certain his numerous Masonic friends will give him their hearty support in his new venture of manager as well as actor.

One of the 12 outstanding lists at the recent Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund has been received since our report of last week—that of Bro. Aspland, Lodge No. 32, Lancashire, amounting to £5 5s. This raises the total to £1534 10s. 6d.

A petition has been presented by Bro. Christopher Sykes, who was defeated at the recent election for the Buckrose division of Yorkshire by a majority of one only, against the return of his successful rival on the ground of illegal votes, the incorrect counting of votes, &c.

Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., as President of the Metropolitan Board of Works, distributed a number of long service medals to men of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, at their headquarters, Southwark, on Saturday last, Bro. Captain Shaw, Chief of the Brigade, being present.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who had undertaken to lay the memorial stone of the new Circular Ward Hospital, Hastings, has written to the Committee of Management to state that, as he leaves England for India next month, he regrets he will be unable to fulfil his engagement. The stone was to have been laid with Masonic ceremonial.

Bro. Charles Du Val will be "At Home" to the members of the dramatic profession, at the Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on Monday next, when, in addition to his latest monologue, he will introduce to their brother and sister artistes the smallest actors and actresses who have ever appeared on the London boards—the Count, Countess, and Baron Magri.

The Queen has signified her intention of raising Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., and Sir M. A. Bass, Bart., M.P., to the peerage, and conferring a baronetcy on Bro. T. D. Love Jones-Parry. Her Majesty has also conferred the honour of knighthood on Bro. Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks. Bro. Col. Sir F. Stanley will likewise be raised to the peerage.

Bros. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, Sir Francis Knollys, and A. J. R. Trendell were among those on whom the Queen was pleased to confer some distinction in connection with the Colonial and Indian Exhibition at a Court held at Osborne on Monday. Her Majesty was attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court and by Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and other members of the Royal Family were present. Luncheon was served in a tent on the lawn, and the Colonial and Indian gentlemen afterwards visited the Prince and Princess of Wales on board the Royal yacht Osborne and were entertained at tea by the Princess.

The Queen held two Councils at Osborne on Tuesday, the members of the late administration, among whom were Bros. Lord Herschell and the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, resigning the seals of office at the first, and those of the incoming administration receiving them and kissing hands on appointment to their several offices. Bros. Lord Halsbury, Lord Ashbourne, Lord Randolph Churchill, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., were among the latter. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught were present at both Councils.

STURGE PRIZE COMPETITION.—With a view to arrive at the actual facts as to the causes of the serious financial position of the hospitals of London, and so to benefit those noble institutions, Mr. George Sturge has offered to give three prizes of £25, £10, and £5, respectively, to the writers of the three best essays on "The Causes of the Financial Depression in the Hospitals of London, with Suggestions for Improving their Administration and Finances." The Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, M.A., the Hon. Conrad Dillon, and Mr. J. S. Wood, all of whom are experienced in hospital matters, will act as judges, and the successful essays will appear in the pages of *The Philanthropist*.

The decipherers of the papyri which have been brought to Vienna from El Fayoum have learned from one of them the existence of a town in Lower Egypt, all trace of which seems to have disappeared for the last 1200 years or more. The document is a papyrus, a little over 4ft. long by 1ft. wide, containing a marriage contract in Greek, and is well preserved. The date is not given, but Professors Karabacek and Wessely believe it belongs to the early part of the sixth century. The bridegroom was named Theon, the bride Maria. She had a fortune of her own amounting to 100 gold pieces, and the future husband engages to find for her food and clothing, and everything suitable for "an ordinary legitimate wife." There are witnesses and a notarial certificate. All the parties are described as belonging to the town of Justinopolis. The editors declare that they can find no mention of this place among any lists of the towns, &c., of Lower Egypt.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, August 14, 1886.

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

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.  
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 1789, Ubique, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
,, 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.  
Chap. 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.  
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
,, 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.  
A.M.D. Metropolitan, M.H., SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.  
,, 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.  
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
Chap. 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.  
Creation, Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-st., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.  
Frederick, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

(No Meetings.)

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.  
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.  
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8. [at 7.30.  
Pannure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Gt. House, Cheshunt-pk.  
,, 1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
,, 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.  
,, 1985, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.  
Chap. 1185, Lewis, Kings Arms Hot., Wood Green.

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