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No long time hence and we shall be again busily engaged in the active duties of Freemasonry. The holidays will have come to an end, and we trust the brethren will find themselves both refreshed after the labours of the past season and thoroughly invigorated for those of the one we are about entering upon. In fact, September may be looked upon as, in one sense, the beginning of the Masonic year. The meetings of our lodges correspond more regularly with the regular sequence of the months than they would do if we reckoned our year from January. But what chiefly favours this view is the fact that our series of annual Festivals does not terminate till towards the end of June or beginning of July, and that, the summer holidays having intervened, the Secretaries of our Institutions recommence in due form those earnest appeals to the Craft for help, without which the necessary moneys would not be forthcoming, and the maintenance of those Charities would be impossible—at least on the present extended scale. We are, therefore, virtually on the eve of a new campaign, if not of a new year, and may reasonably devote the few remaining moments of our leisure to taking stock of the circumstances in which we enter upon it. Generally, we think the position is satisfactory, both in London and the provinces. We judge so, at least, from the reports submitted at the meetings of those Provincial Grand Lodges which have been held during the past few months, as well as from the known condition of things in the Metropolitan area, and when labour is resumed we believe this judgment will be confirmed. We suppose it would be difficult to satisfy the energetic Secretaries of our Charities that, all things considered, their prospects for the year 1887 are about as gratifying as they could be. They may, or they may not, be able to point to as numerous an array of Stewards as usual at this early date; but one of the three has already enlisted the services of a Chairman, who is a Provincial Grand Master, and we may perhaps hear of a second having achieved a like measure of success at an early date. At all events, it seems as if the prospects in this particular field of Masonic labour were on a level with what they have been usually. If we cannot congratulate ourselves on their being any better, we may console ourselves with the belief that they are not appreciably worse. As for the usual lodge work, we imagine that will follow the usual course. We may find a little falling off here and there; but this is, ordinarily, far more than counterbalanced by the greater interest displayed in other quarters. The vitality of Masonry is an assured fact, which circumstances have little or no influence upon, and we doubt not the new season we are now looking forward to will demonstrate this satisfactorily.

We gather much interesting and instructive information from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its annual communication for the current year. The communication was the 43rd since the establishment of this Grand Body, and was held at the Grand Opera House in the city of Des Moines on the 1st June last, and two following days, under the presidency of Bro. CHARLES T. GRANGER, M.W.G.M. There was a numerous attendance of Grand Officers, both Present and Past, of the representatives of other Grand Lodges in alliance with that of Iowa, and of the representatives of the daughter lodges. The bulk of the proceedings are, of course, of local interest; but it is satisfactory to know that the Craft in this jurisdiction is in a highly prosperous condition. Thus the library has been enriched during the past year by the addition of a considerable number of volumes and medals, Bro. T. S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary, who is also Grand Librarian, continuing to employ his energies, as heretofore, in acquiring the materials for extending a knowledge of Masonic literature among the Craft in this jurisdiction. The reports as to lodges and membership are also gratifying. According to the roll, there are 469 lodges; but 53 of these are extinct, or have made no returns, so that the number in active working condition is 418, with an aggregate membership of nearly 22,000. Financially, too, Iowa is in a fortunate state. The Grand Treasurer's report, as regards the General Fund, shows a total of receipts amounting to

nearly 31,143 dollars, with disbursements to the extent of 17,296 dollars, the balance of cash in hand being slightly in excess of 13,934 dollars. On the Charity Fund account there is a balance to the good of 1520 dollars, while the Grand Librarian's account is pretty nearly level as between the appropriations and disbursements for books and periodicals, &c.; but, as regards the building expense, there is a balance due to Grand Secretary and against the account of nearly 444 dollars. As regards the Grand Master's address, it contained ample references to the events of the past year, one subject to which Bro. GRANGER referred at great length being of interest to the brethren in jurisdictions outside Iowa. In fine, the proceedings fully deserve the highest commendations of the Craft generally, and we heartily congratulate our Iowa brethren on the position in which, by their energy and zeal, the Fraternity of Masons is placed within their borders. We may mention as an incident of the communication that Bro. WILLIAM P. ALLEN is the Grand Master for the current year, and that the distinguished veteran Bro. T. S. PARVIN remains Grand Secretary.

We have mentioned in the preceding paragraph that there was one subject to which the Grand Master, Bro. C. T. GRANGER, referred at considerable length in his annual address, and which will receive, or, at all events, which deserves, attention from the brethren of other jurisdictions. It arose out of the case of a resident of Des Moines, who, during a visit to his old home in Ireland, was made a Mason, and on his return to Des Moines sought admission to Capital Lodge, in that city, but, in accordance with the instruction of the GRAND MASTER, given in strict obedience to the law of Iowa on the subject, was refused, until he had been healed. But Bro. GRANGER, though he found himself constrained to carry out the prescriptions of the law in this particular instance, boldly expresses it as his opinion that the law itself is at fault, and that the resident of Des Moines, who had been made a Mason in Ireland, was entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member of the Fraternity, and was eligible to be received into an Iowa lodge. "The Order," says Bro. GRANGER, "is universal, Grand Lodge jurisdictions are independent, and lodges are the gateways of admission. Is it not true, as a Masonic canon, that a Mason, legally so, in one of these independent jurisdictions, is such the wide world over? Can we say *no* in harmony with our teaching that 'Masonry unites men of every country; sect, and opinion.'" Bro. GRANGER then points out that in England, Scotland, and Ireland sojourners may be made Masons, and he seriously questions the justice, but quite apart from any differences there may be between the laws of these countries and the laws of Iowa on the subject, of requiring that any one who, in total ignorance of all Masonic law, has been accepted as a member in one jurisdiction, should be healed—that is, re-obligated—in the jurisdiction in which he happens to be a resident. Without going more deeply into the question, it appears to us that Grand Master GRANGER's recommendation that it should be a law of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, "that Masons made under the laws of any jurisdictions are Masons in Iowa," is in accordance with the requirements of reason and common sense. We are glad also to find that Bro. GRANGER had the courage to grapple boldly with the subject. It certainly is not every Grand Master in the United States who would have followed his example.

It will be seen from the Agenda Paper which appears in another part of our columns that the business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge is chiefly of a formal character, and will occupy the brethren but a short time to dispose of. It may, however, be deemed worthy of notice that of the fifteen warrants for new lodges which have been granted by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER since the June Communication, ten are for lodges to be held in the Colonies, and that of these ten as many as six are for lodges to meet in the colony of New South Wales. This circumstance should have some weight with those Grand Lodges in the United States and elsewhere which are in such a desperate hurry to recognise every newly-established Grand Lodge, no matter how questionable may be its claims to recognition. There is, for instance, a so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which has been recognised by many Grand Lodges, yet it is undoubtedly an organisation established by a small minority of the brethren located in that colony. And as warrants are not granted except on petition made in accordance with the prescriptions of the law, it is evident from the fact of six fresh warrants having been granted in the course of the last three months that our brethren in New South Wales, instead of being anxious to determine their connection with the United Grand Lodge of England, are desirous of extending it. This is an unobtrusive, but important, fact, which must not be lost sight of by foreign Grand Lodges in their estimate of the position occupied by the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

BRO. FREEMAN, the esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary of Sussex, has just issued his neat annual, giving a detailed account of the especial meeting of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge at Brighton on the 22nd June, 1886. Evidently it was the largest assemblage of Grand Officers out of London that has ever been held, the attendance book containing the names of the Grand Master of England (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales); the D.G.M. (the Earl of LATHOM); the two Grand Wardens (Lord HERSHEL and Lord CHARLES BERESFORD); fourteen Provincial Grand Masters; three District Grand Masters; eight Past Grand Wardens; the two Grand and eight Past Grand Chaplains; the Grand and two Past Grand Treasurers; the President of the Board of General Purposes; the Grand Secretary; Grand Secretary of German Correspondence; thirty Present and Past Grand Deacons; and some forty other Grand Officers, making a grand total of considerably over one hundred. There were also present the Earl of ROSSLYN, Past G.M. of Scotland; the Earl of KINTORE, Substitute G.M. of Scotland; Major-General LAURIE, G.M. of Nova Scotia; T. H. TILTON, Past D.D.G.M. of New York; and many other distinguished brethren, in honour of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT as Prov. G.M. of Sussex.

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It would be difficult, if not impossible, to cite another such meeting of the Grand Lodge held in a province, for, we believe, not even the one held in Truro, presided over by the GRAND MASTER, was anything like so numerously attended.

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THE continued prosperity, and even the increased activity of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex are thus assured, and, doubtless, its vitality and energy will be commensurate with the dignity of its proceedings under such exalted auspices.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 1st prox. :—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd June for confirmation.
2. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The widow of a brother of the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, Chester	£75	0	0
A brother of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, Gloucester	50	0	0
The four orphan children of a brother of the St. Maurice Lodge, No. 1885, Plympton	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London	150	0	0
A brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland, No. 12, London	100	0	0

3.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES:

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have received an application from Messrs Malby and Sons, the tenants of the premises in Middle Yard, for a renewal of their present lease, which expires September, 1889, for a term of 21 years.

The Board having considered the application, recommended that a renewal of the lease until the 24th June, 1905, be granted at the present rental of £150 per annum.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN,

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

President.

17th August, 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of August inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £3650 3s. 1d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £14 17s. 3d.

4. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, dated the 21st May, 1886, including the following alterations in the laws, will be laid before Grand Lodge:—

“Rule 2 to read ‘The Grand Master for the time being shall be President of the Institution. The Treasurer of the Institution shall be elected annually on the third Friday in May.’”

“To alter Rule 14 by erasing the word ‘Grand’ on the third and sixth lines on page 14, and the word ‘Grand’ on the fifth line of page 15.”

List of Lodges for which warrants have been issued by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2159.—The Carrington Lodge, Kogarah, New South Wales.
- “ 2160.—The Windsor Social Lodge, Windsor, New South Wales.
- “ 2161.—The John Williams Lodge, Rundweck, New South Wales.
- “ 2162.—The Tyrrell Leith Lodge, Baroda, Bombay.
- “ 2163.—The Jersey Lodge, Southall, Middlesex.
- “ 2164.—The St. German's Lodge, Peel, Isle of Man.
- “ 2165.—The St. George's Lodge, Perth, West Australia.
- “ 2166.—The Cothele Lodge, Calstock, Cornwall.
- “ 2167.—The Star of the West Lodge, Hughenden, Queensland.
- “ 2168.—The Derby Allcroft Lodge, Islington.
- “ 2169.—The Osborne Lodge, East Coves, Isle of Wight.
- “ 2170.—The St. George Lodge, Colombo, Ceylon.
- “ 2171.—The Burwood Lodge, Burwood, New South Wales.
- “ 2172.—The Molong Lodge, Molong, New South Wales.
- “ 2173.—The Loyalty Lodge, Gundagai, New South Wales.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRAMSTON BEACH LODGE, No. 2101, AT GODALMING.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 17th inst., a new Masonic lodge was consecrated, under the name of the Bramston Beach Lodge, No. 2101, and at the same time the new Freemasons' Hall was opened. The latter has been erected in South-street, at a cost of about £900, which has been admirably designed by Messrs. Welman and Street, the architects, and the builders have been Messrs. Mitchell Bros., Shalford.

The consecration of the lodge devolved upon the R.W.P.G.M. of Surrey, Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., who was assisted by D.P.G.M., Bro. Greenwood, amongst the others present being Bros. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight; the P.G. Officers of Surrey, and the brethren of the lodge, of which Bro. G. Gould is W.M. A special service was held in the parish church in the afternoon, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. Merrick, Millbank Prison.

Between 50 and 60 afterwards attended the banquet provided in the Hall by Bro. Weedon, of the Angel Hotel, including the Mayor (Bro. S. Tanner), the Town Clerk (Bro. H. F. Day), and many other Masons from Godalming, Guildford, and Woking. The arrangements were well carried out by Bro. Alfred Gibbs, the Secretary.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of the above province was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Philharmonic Hall, Southampton, which was most appropriately decorated for the occasion, and the numerous lodge banners hung around the room greatly enhanced the Masonic appearance. There were present a very large concourse of brethren, amongst them being the following:—

Bros. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.; J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., D.P.G.M.; R. Loveland Loveland, 1869, P.G.S.W.; J. B. Goldsmith, 309, P.G.J.W.; Rev. E. H. Elers, 319, and Rev. C. S. Ward, 694, P.G. Chaps.; R. J. Rastrick, 1069, P.G. Treas.; E. Goble, 309, P.G. Sec.; G. A. Mursell, 38, P.G.S.D.; Dr. F. H. Elliott, 1373, P.G.S.D.; S. Wheeler, 151, P.G.J.D.; R. R. L. Rosoman, 1461, P.G.J.D.; W. Gunnell, 342, P.G.S. of W.; J. Gieve, J.P., 1069, P.D.G.D.C.; J. G. Niven, 1776, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Westaway, 1834, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Cross, 359, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Dart, 804, P.G.P.; A. W. Ward, 132, P.G.A.P.; T. Kentfield, jun., 151, P.G. Org.; G. L. Stobbs, 175; E. Nayler, 928; J. R. P. Sharp, 1112; J. Jackson, R.M.A., 1428; and F. Cooper, 1884, P.G. Stewards; J. Exell, 487, P.G. Tyler; Roebuck, P.G. Std. Br. England; F. Binckes, P.G.S. England; W. St. John Caws, 416 (S.C.), P.P.G. Org. Victoria, Australia; H. C. Manners, W.M.; F. Rutland, J.W.; T. W. Faulkner, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; J. Leftwich, S.D.; J. C. Ains, P.M., D.C.; R. Cullingford, I.G.; H. H. Wheeler, P.M., Reg.; R. L. Robertson, P.M.; J. M. Taylor; and E. Young, Tyler 35; W. Stopher, W.M.; J. Marks, I.P.M.; A. Gover, J.W.; L. J. Carter, S.D.; J. Pickstock, Steward; W. H. Jacob, P.P. G.S.; and C. Sims, Tyler; S. Clarke, W.M.; F. Osborne, S.W.; R. F. Osborne, J.W.; J. Blount Thomas, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Phillips, P.P.G.S.D., Org.; H. Abraham, Steward; G. Dunlop, P.P.G.S.D.; M. Miles, P.P.G.D.C.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg.; S. Myer, P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; J. Robertson, P.M.; T. Dartnell, P.M.; and J. Biggs, Tyler; J. B. Jenkins, W.M.; W. J. Van Marle, S.W.; J. C. Webber, S.W.; G. H. Rolls, Steward; W. Farrance, I.P.M.; J. White, S. B. Morse, and F. Walden, 132; J. G. Garnham, W.M.; J. H. Wavell, S.D.; Rev. R. S. Wood, B.A., Chap.; G. Wyatt, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Golden, P.M.; and C. E. Lock, P.M. 151; H. Durrant, W.M.; H. E. Matthews, S.W.; G. H. Pack, P.G.J.D.; J. Lowe, P.M.; and B. J. Marvin, P.M. 175; C. T. Miles, W.M.; J. Stonham, Sec.; W. B. Rogers, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Druitt, jun., P.P.G. S.W.; and W. Merson, P.M. 195; G. Carter, Tyler 257; D. G. Gilmour, W.M.; Rev. A. C. Hervey, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Rev. A. A. Headley, P.P.G. Chap., Sec.; A. R. Holbrook, P.M.; J. W. Gieve, P.M.; A. Eames, Tyler; J. C. Burbage, H. Mee, J.W.; J. Slater, S.D.; S. Dore, P.P.G.D.C.; and W. Berry, P.M. 319; J. Masterman, 340; Fred. Sanders, W.M.; W. Beuttell, S.W.; Dr. C. Knott, P.M.; J. Bussey, J. Madge, G. Copus, Tyler; J. E. Aldis, W.M.; John Adams, P.P.G. D.C., Sec.; W. Jenvey, I.G.; A. J. Baker, and T. G. Dacombe, Stwds.; H. Coles, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Clark, P.M.; H. P. Arthur, P.M.; H. Webb, P.M.; M. Emanuel P.P.G. Reg.; J. Beo, W. G. Middleton, J. Atkins, R. H. Brannon, W.M.; J. Barford, P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; Rev. S. Scott, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Lemon, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; H. P. Aslatt, P.P.G.S.D.; D. of C.; S. Dacombe, I.G.; W. Furber, P.P.G.J.D.; E. T. Howell, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Cox, P.P.G. Stwd.; H. Lashmore, P.M.; J. Candy, J. Barnes, C. Harrington, Tyler; J. T. Thackara, W.M.; J. W. Boughton, S.W.; W. Bates, S.D.; J. Jenkins, J.D.; R. W. Beale, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. E. Loader, I.P.M.; W. M. Outridge, P.M.; H. P. Holley, P.M.; G. Smith, Tyler; J. J. Webber, I.P.M.; F. P. Anslie, J.D.; J. Petherick, P.M. 551; J. Dew, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Puntis, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. Gibson, P.M. 694; A. Daxwood, W.M.; W. Hammond Riddett, Sec.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P.G.S.W., Chap.; Lord John H. Taylor, P.D.G.S.W. (N.S.W.), P.M.; J. B. Harrison, W.M. 123; H. Kimber, P.M. 804; W. Shepherd, P.P.G.J.D. Lincolnshire, 858; J. E. Thornton, W.M.; W. J. Smith, S.W.; J. Butt, Sec.; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.J.D.; R. W. Mitchell, P. Dep. G.D.C.; J. Woodhouse, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; and J. Fowles, 928; W. T. Deepree, W.M. 1269; R. B. Smith, P.M. 1007; J. H. Alden, W.M.; W. J. Rix, P.M., W.M.; and Major G. Douglas, P.P.G. Swd. Br. 1331; J. W. Chuter, W.M.; Rev. J. C. Witton, S.W.; and Dr. C. V. Helsdon, P.P.G.D.C. 1373; E. Pratt, W.M.; J. Mitchell, S.W.; J. Ruddy, J.W.; and G. F. Williams, Treas. 1428; E. Waters, D.C.; J. Methven, P.M.; D. O. Hobbs, P.M.; W. H. Chapman, P.M.; Rear Admiral T. H. M. Martin, P.P.G.S.W.; A. J. Brown, P.M.; H. Esterford, E. Edward, and E. Young, Tyler; Wm. Rice, P.P.G.D. Somerset, 1755; J. M. Foster, W.M.; G. Aylward, S.D.; C. G. Adames, P.M.; E. S. Main, P.P.G.D.C.; J. F. Parkinson, Tyler; A. Algar, W.M.; A. M. Bailey, S.W.; G. Heathcote, J.W.; J. S. Pearce, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Harle, P.P.G. Purs.; W. Gringer, P.M.; H. Hussey, Stwd.; N. Beavis, C. Hicks, T. Boyers, J. Goodwin, E. Dysdale, D. Meldrum, H. C. Heving, Walton, S. G. Head, T. Berridge, W. Vaire, Tyler; G. T. Cunningham, W.M.; and J. S. Gardner, S.W. 1834; G. T. Cluett, Stwd.; J. Bunt, jun., P.M.; J. Connor, P.P.G. Sec.; and H. Pigeon, jun., 1869; H. Pottle, W.M.; F. H. King, I.P.M.; W. Bellinger, J.D.; J. T. Burchett, P.M.; and D. Davis, 1883; A. Greenham, W.M.; and John Bailey, I.P.M., 1884; H. Long, W.M.; H. W. Townsend, P.P. G.D.; and Mansell, Tyler, 1903; Col. J. A. R. Mead, R.A., J.D. 1971; S. H. Sims, 1997; H. Harbar, W.M.; and Major Shalder Smith, P.P.G.S.W., 2106; J. Palmer, R.A., W.M.; G. F. Bevis, S.W.; P. H. Emanuel, J.W.; W. Miller, S.D.; C. G. Adames, P.M.; G. Reading, J. Prior, and J. T. Wells, Tyler, 2068; J. Brickwood, W.M.; and S. Hyams, Sec., 2074; Powell W.M.; and W. Green, S.W., 2153; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted, the D.P.G.M. remarking upon the result of what had been done in respect to the Masonic Charities—Bro. Lintock, P.M., had been elected to the Benevolent Institution, and three boys and four girls had also been elected to the Masonic Charities. While these results were so far satisfactory, he urged that more might be done if there were greater oneness of feeling and voting among the Masons. At the present time there were scarcely three-fourths the number of votes that ought to be

obtained; and the 3000 Masons in the province would vote with far greater power if their votes, instead of being split up, were all concentrated in the hands of the Committee. (Applause.)

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were passed, and showed a balance of £378 14s. 10d.; the expenditure included 25 guineas to each of the three Masonic Charities, and 50 guineas to the Provincial Charity Association; a Southampton Harbour Board Bond of £100 had been paid off during the year, and that amount, with £700 invested, represented the capital funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

At the suggestion of the P.G.M., Bro. ROBERTSON proposed, and it was carried, that £100 should be re-invested.

Bro. R. J. Rastrick, 1069, was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the P.G.M. expressed how much the province was indebted to Bro. Rastrick for the valuable services he had rendered in managing the province.

Bro. RASTRICK suitably responded.

Bro. G. F. LANCASTER, P.P.G.J.D., proposed, as an addition to Rule XL of the Prov. Grand Lodge Bye-laws, which provides for an annual contribution of 25 guineas to each of the Masonic Charities, that "a donation of 25 guineas should also be given yearly to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution." He said that the sum of £400 had already been received in aid of that Institution, and a further sum of £100 promised. The Institution was calculated to be of great permanent advantage, and he suggested that the brethren of the province might materially aid it by an annual subscription, say of 5s. each.

After some discussion taking place,

Bro. LANCASTER, in response, replied that such a resolution being carried would not affect prejudicially the support rendered to the Masonic Charities; he had refrained hitherto from making any individual appeal to the brethren, but intended to do so forthwith.

The resolution was put and carried with applause.

Bro. G. F. LANCASTER then announced that Bro. Lieut. J. Knowles, R.M., W.M. 1903, had given a cheque for 50 guineas to the Hampshire Benevolent Institution, being a moiety of 100 guineas generously contributed by him, the other half of which would go the Masonic Charities. (Applause.)

On the motion of Bro. WYATT, the sum of £20 was voted to the widow and family of the late Bro. Robert Reed, the circumstances of whose case were fully explained.

Bro. ROBERTSON then brought forward the desirability of increasing the subscriptions to the Masonic Charities; and pointed out that as the balance in hand had increased £85 during the year, and, besides the £800 invested capital, now stood at £278, the Provincial Grand Lodge was well able to aid the Charities to a larger extent without any prejudice to its own funds. He therefore proposed that an increase of 15 guineas be made in the subscriptions to each of the Masonic Charities—the Benevolent Institution, the Boys' School, and the Girls' School—raising the amount in each case to 40 guineas a year.

Bro. LANCASTER said he would second this if it also included the Hampshire Institution, to which Bro. ROBERTSON assented.

Bro. M. EMANUEL objected to the motion, as it meant the giving away of the whole of their excess of income on the year.

The P.G.M. suggested that, having regard to the vote just made, the increase should be 10 guineas in each case.

The D.P.G.M. having explained that they could very well afford to make the larger grants, it was unanimously resolved to increase the amount by 10 guineas to each of the four Charitable Institutions named.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., 130	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" G. Dunlop, 130	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Lord John Taylour, 698	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. R. S. Wood, 151	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. A. Alloway, 551	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. Felton Lancaster, 903	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. J. Rastrick, 1069	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. Goble, 309	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. E. Loader, 487	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" H. Lashmore, 394	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Brickwood, 342	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Lowe, 175	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Gibson, 694	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Francis Powell, 2153	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. P. Arthur, 359	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
" J. Bailey, 1884	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. J. Rix, 1331	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Farrance, 132	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Kimber, 804	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Jackson, 1428	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. T. Burchett, 1883	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Pigeon, 1869	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Clarke, 130	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. C. Burbage, 319	...	...
" Fred. Sanders, 342	...	...
" J. Palmer, 2068	...	...
" D. G. Gilmour, 309	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Exell	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" R. Eames	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W.P.G.M. said a very pleasing duty now devolved upon him. They all knew how long and faithfully their present D.P.G.M. (Bro. Le Feuvre) served that province in the office of Prov. Grand Secretary. He acted for very many years in that capacity. He then for a short time retired; but instantly, in the most patriotic way, took the office again and discharged its duties in the most exemplary manner. They could hardly understand how important were the duties of the P.G.S. in a large province like that. When Bro. Le Feuvre first took office it was not so large, though it was considerable then; and the duties generally, the correspondence, and the responsibilities devolving upon the P.G.S. were by no means light. They ought to be grateful to anyone who discharged such duties; but Bro. Le Feuvre gave during the time he held the office the most praiseworthy and careful attention to all the business that came before him. He acquainted himself with the position of all the lodges, and ingratiated himself very much into the goodwill of every brother in the province. (Hear, hear.) When he retired from the office there was a general desire to make some slight recognition of his services. It could not be supposed for a moment

that anything they could give him would be an adequate recognition of his services; but at the same time it would be a proof of the esteem and regard entertained towards him by the brethren with whom he had been associated so many years. Some delay had occurred in making the presentation, and it was thought that the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting afforded the best opportunity of doing so. As Prov. Grand Master he was very glad indeed to be their spokesman on that occasion—to say how pleased he was to be the medium of offering this present to Bro. Le Feuvre, and asking his acceptance of it. Although but a small recognition of his services it was nevertheless an evidence of the high regard and esteem in which he was held by every brother in the province. The present before him was a silver tea service, but that did not embrace the whole amount collected—£113 8s. 9d.—and the remainder would be at Bro. Le Feuvre's disposal. He would now ask him, on behalf of the brethren of the province, to accept the presentation, assured that he would look upon it as an expression of their appreciation, and of the high regard in which he was held. (Applause.)

The presentation consisted of a very handsome silver tea service (purchased in London) of a very chaste design, and enclosed in an oak case, together with a cheque for £50.

W. Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., who was enthusiastically applauded, said that, although he had heard something of this gratifying mark of their approbation being in the air, he had no direct intimation that the Provincial Grand Master was going to be kind enough to transfer their very handsome testimonial to him on that occasion. Therefore he had had no opportunity of considering what it would be desirable for him to say. But he thanked them beyond anything that words could express, and assured them that he appreciated most fully their kindly recognition of the work he had done. If imperfect—as all work to a certain extent must be—it had at least been rendered to the province, for the benefit of Masonry, to the best of his ability, and with a sincerely loving heart. (Hear, hear.) Some years had now elapsed since he first took up the Secretarial work in the province; and it was with the greatest satisfaction that he had been enabled to transfer it, largely increased in volume, to a successor who was able to carry it out, not only as well, but much better than he had done. He thanked them very sincerely indeed for their kindly expressed approval of his work as embodied in the presentation. The Provincial Grand Master had shown them the silver service which they had so considerably presented to him; but he had not mentioned the greater part of the gift which he (Bro. Le Feuvre) valued more than the intrinsic objects before them. By their kindness and generosity he had been placed in a position of being able to hand over a cheque for £50 to the Provincial Charitable Association; and he had very great pleasure in doing so. (Applause.) It was with very sincere satisfaction and thanks that he accepted their kind gift; and his satisfaction was enhanced by the fact that a great portion of it would be through him transferred to the Provincial Charitable Association, in which the amount would be fully required, and where it would be used for the beneficent purposes of Charity. Upon this he assured them he set as high a value as upon the silver service which the Provincial Grand Master had presented to him. (Applause.) He begged them to accept the assurance of his sincere gratitude for their kindness on that and all occasions, which would only be an incentive to him to do more for the good of Masonry in the province. (Applause.)

Bro. G. FELTON LANCASTER, in accepting the cheque on behalf of the Provincial Charitable Association, thanked the D.P.G.M., and remarked that he was already a subscriber of 20 guineas to the fund. (Applause.)

Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, or for the province in particular, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. About 100 brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Rooms, and sat down to a good banquet, well catered for by Bro. Dartnell. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. BINCKES responded on behalf of "The Masonic Charities;" Bro. ROEBUCK, G. Std. Br. England, responded for "The Grand Officers;" and Bros. S. CLARKE, W.M. 130, and J. BRICKWOOD, W.M. 2074, replied on behalf of "The Visitors."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held in the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday, 19th inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren. There were present Bros. Col. G. S. Tudor, P.G.M., Col. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M., and the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. Dr. J. Clarke, S.W.; E. T. Cavendish, J.W.; Rev. T. Lloyd, S. Chaplain; Rev. George Tuthill, J. Chaplain; J. Bodenham, Treas.; W. Cartwright, Sec.; E. H. Croydon, Asst. Sec.; W. T. Aggutter, S.D.; T. E. Fowke, D.C.; John Deeley, A.D.C.; William Mould, S.B.; G. W. Walker, A.S.B.; J. Mottram, Asst. Purst.; and H. Bagguley, Tyler; and

Bros. Frank James, P.P.D.G.M.; Henry Lewis, 526, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Taylor, 418, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Hales, 418, P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Piercy, 418, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Trigg, 1039, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Bayliss, 539, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Hooper, 1060, P.P.G.S.W.; G. M. Waring, 347, P.P.G.S.W.; M. Barker, 1792, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, P.G. Chap. Suffolk; Rev. E. C. Perry, 726, P.P.G. Chap.; T. Turner, 460, P.P.G.R.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.R.; J. Jacobs, 482, P.P.G.R.; F. Tomkinson, 451, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Fowley, 1039, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Roberts, 637, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Oliver, 1060, P.P.G.J.D.; T. J. Barnett, 526, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; T. Mount Humphries, 539, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; R. Dain, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. F. Pepper, 482, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Ormson, 1941, P.P.G.S.W.; E. H. Thorne, 1838, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Weston, 98, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Vernon, 456, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Warner, 2149, P.P.G.P.; F. J. Turley, 1798, P.P.G.P.; S. Parkes, W.M. 419; W. Torrance, W.M. 456; Henry J. Clarson, W.M. 1060; F. Barlow, W.M. 546; G. Woolf, W.M. 99; J. Bromley, P.M. 418, W.M. 2149; E. B. Jackson, W.M. 418; R. T. Vertegans, W.M. 1792; J. Stevenson, W.M. 1942; J. Wooldridge, W.M. 726; G. Ashmall, W.M. 1039; J. L. Hamshaw, P.M. 418; T. B. Cull, P.M. 1587; D. Chapman, P.M. 546; B. H. Brough, P.M. 546; G. C. Kent, P.M. 546; J. Davenport, P.M. 451; J. R. Lee, P.M. 1792; F. Woolley, P.M. 726; H. Bostock, P.M. 1587; J. H. Smith, P.M. 539; J. T. Fayres, P.M. 662; L. Hartland, P.M. 662; E. S. Hildick, P.M. 539; C. Jones, P.M. 1060; R. A. Simcock, P.M. 419; G. H. Stanger, P.M. 419; J. B. Morgan, P.M. 1838; Henry Hare, P.M. 1060; J. J. Perkins, P.M. 1039; and other brethren, numbering altogether upwards of 130.

The Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, having been opened by Bro. Wooldridge, W.M., the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M., accompanied by the P.G. Officers, Present and Past, in procession, entered the lodge, and the chair

was taken by Bro. Col. Tudor, who opened P.G. Lodge. Bros. Col. Tudor and Col. Gough having been greeted Masonically,

Bro. CROYDON, P.G.A.S., read the notice of the meeting, and the minutes of meetings held at Lichfield, Wolverhampton, and Hanley. The roll of lodges was then called over, after which

Bro. BODENHAM presented the financial statement, which had been printed, and was taken as read. It appeared that the receipts amounted to £239 os. 5d., including £182 rs. 6d., dues from the various lodges. The amount of expenditure for the year was £121 6s. 8d.; amount invested, £520.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he had experienced the same difficulty on this, as on former occasions, in selecting the brethren to fill the different offices in the P.G. Lodge. At the present time there were over 270 Past Masters on the roll, of whom upwards of 100 had not been in office in the P.G. Lodge. Each year there were 28 new Past Masters, and of course it was impossible to find offices for more than half that number. Some of the Past Masters eligible had been on his list for appointments for five years, and it had been suggested to him that he should put into operation the new Book of Constitutions so far as it related to the appointment of Stewards, who would rank as P.G. Officers in the same way as those holding higher offices. He had tried the experiment, and he should do his very best to make an equitable and fair distribution of the honours. Col. Tudor then announced that he had appointed as S.W. Bro. John Bromley, desiring to mark his approval of the very great interest which he (Bro. Bromley) had taken not only in the New Gordon Lodge, No. 2149, of which he was the W.M., but also in the Old Menturia, of which he was a P.M.

The following appointments were likewise made:—

Bro. T. J. Barnett, 526	...	...	Prov. G. J. W.
" The Rev. G. Tuthill, 696	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" The Rev. F. E. Waters, 418	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. Brandon, 418	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Bodenham, 726	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Cartwright, 460	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Hare, 1060	...	...	Prov. G. S. D.
" Capt. F. Morgan, 1838	...	...	Prov. G. J. D.
" B. H. Brough, 514	...	...	Prov. G. S. of W.
" T. E. Fowke, 726	...	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" F. Woolley, 726	...	...	Prov. G. A. D. of C.
" G. Buttery, 1941	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. R. Lee, 1792	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. T. Snape, 460	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Hartland, 662	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. H. Croydon, 460	...	...	Prov. G. A. Sec.
" T. B. Cull, 1587	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. Perkins, 1039	...	...	Prov. G. A. Purst.
" R. A. Willcock, 419	...	...	...
" T. Rigby, 726	...	...	...
" D. Batkin, 726	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Pierpoint, 98	...	...	...
" J. Wooldridge, 726	...	...	...
" H. Bagguley, 460	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

At two o'clock the lodge adjourned, in order that the brethren might attend Divine service at St. Mary's Church, to which they walked in procession from the Shire Hall. The Lewises who joined the procession and carried the Volume of the Sacred Law were H. Fowke, J. H. Mottram, T. B. Mottram, and G. T. Batkin. The prayers were read by the rector, the Rev. D. R. Norman, the first lesson by the Rev. T. Lloyd, and the second by the Rev. F. H. Beavan. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. G. Tuthill, Prov. G. Chap., who took for his text Luke xi., 2, "Our Father, which art in heaven." He insisted upon the fact that Nature and revealed religion showed that there was a tie between men and a Supreme Being, and that that relationship was that of children to a father. This text suggested to them the two great truths of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and he hoped it might be long before Masonry ceased to recognise those great truths. He urged them to assist one another, to be courteous to all, and at the same time to be "sons of thunder" in reproving vice and encouraging virtue. The amount of the collection was £7 5s. 10d.

At the close of the service the brethren returned to the lodge and resumed business. The following grants were voted:—Fifty guineas to the Masonic Schools; £10 10s. (to be given annually) to the B. Fund of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association. On the motion of Bro. Col. Gough, seconded by Bro. E. ROBERTS, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Tuthill for his sermon. It was decided to contribute £3 3s. to Eastgate-street Schools, Stafford; £2 2s. to the fund of the Sunday and day schools in the parish of the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. G. Tuthill; £2 2s. to St. Chad's; and £2 2s. towards windows to be placed in St. James's Church, Longton, as memorials of the late Bro. the Rev. Adam Clarke, rector of Longton, a former P.G. Chaplain.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Room, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. Mundy, of the Swan Hotel. The loyal toasts were drunk with much heartiness.

Bro. F. JAMES gave the toast of "The M.W. Pro. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," with which was coupled the V.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and other officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, whom he (Bro. James) highly complimented on their devotion to the interests of the Craft.

Bro. F. GOUGH, as P.G.S.B., responded: In the course of his remarks he said there was the same difficulty with regard to the appointments in Grand Lodge as in Prov. Grand Lodge; they could not all be Wardens, and with reference to the lower offices he considered that an invitation of a brother to join the ruler of the Craft in carrying on the work and governing the province should be regarded as an absolute and imperative command, which proper discipline and Masonic feeling should compel them cheerfully to obey. Bro. Gough then proceeded to propose "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M.," which was drunk with enthusiasm.

Col. TUDOR, in reply, said Col. Gough was the first to give him an appointment in P.G. Lodge, and they had always worked harmoniously together. Since he (Col. Tudor) had been P.G.M., Col. Gough had rendered him every possible assistance. Touching upon the subject of the difficulty experienced in regard to the appointments, he remarked that he was afraid he should not give satisfaction to all, but he assured them that

he should strive to do the best he could for the province. During the time he had been D.P.G.M. and P.G.M. he had appointed 240 officers, and had only had reason to complain of the conduct of two or three out of that number.

Bro. BARKER submitted the toast of "The D.P.G.M.," which was heartily received, and to which Col. GOUGH suitably responded. He observed that he visited different lodges without giving them warning, and seldom saw anything to complain of, and he believed that they would all admit that when he did call attention to any little irregularity he always endeavoured to blend the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re*—a remark which was endorsed by the applause of the brethren present.

"The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province" was the next toast, which was proposed by the P.G.M., and acknowledged by Bro. WOOLDRIDGE.

Bro. LEWIS proposed "The Health of the Newly-appointed P.G. Officers," for whom Bro. BROMLEY responded.

Bro. the Rev. J. FROME WILKINSON, P.G. Chaplain for Suffolk, replied to the toast of "The Visitors." He mentioned that he arrived at Stafford on the previous day, and should have been a stranger amongst strangers, but he visited the Staffordshire Knot Lodge and found himself amongst brothers who welcomed him cordially amongst them. Amidst all the questions which divided men it was a treat to meet on a platform where they practised brotherhood.

Bro. the Rev. T. LLOYD, in a neat and appropriate speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. N. JOYCE, 726, Mayor of Stafford, responded, and in the course of his remarks he mentioned that he was one of the originators of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and he was glad to find that the Province of Staffordshire was not behind any other in enthusiasm for the Charities.

Bro. E. H. THORNE gave the toast of "The Stewards," for whom Bro. RIGBY responded.

Bro. the Rev. E. C. PERRY gave the toast of "The Ladies," of whom there were several in the gallery at each end of the room.

Bro. MOSS responded, and the Tyler's toast concluded the list.

The pleasure of the company was materially enhanced by the excellent vocal music supplied by the Stafford Glee Union.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Somersetshire was held at Taunton, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when the day, being one of the few bright summer days of this year, and the traffic arrangements on the Great Western liberal, there was a large attendance, nearly 200 brethren being present, over whom the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, presided. There were also present the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Else, and Bro. Col. Adair, and upwards of 50 officers of the province.

The following appointments were made:—

Bro. Elworthy, 261	...	...	Prov. G. S. W.
" Wichstead, 1223	...	...	Prov. G. J. W.
" Rev. R. W. M. Eyre, 1199	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. Avery, 251	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. Edwards, 1199	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Muller, 976	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Hunt, 135	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Chapman, 291	...	...	Prov. G. S. D.
" J. N. Milborne, 329	...	...	Prov. G. J. D.
" Ames, 41	...	...	Prov. G. S. of W.
" Glover,	...	...	Prov. G. D. C.
" Laurence, 814	...	...	Prov. G. A. D. C.
" O'Connor Parnell, 1833	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Jordan, 1953	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Heckworthy, 1197	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Grove, 1966	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Burt	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Salter	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After lodge there was a banquet, at which the Earl of Carnarvon presided.

We hope to give a full report in our next.

INSTALLATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF JAMAICA.

Thursday, the 22nd ult., was set apart for the installation of the District Grand Master of Jamaica. The office remained vacant for several years after the death of the much lamented Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, the duties being discharged in the interval by Bro. DeCordova, the D.D.G.M. Early in the present year, the long interregnum was closed by the appointment by his Royal Highness the M.W. the Grand Master of England of Bro. J. C. Macglashan to fill the distinguished post. Hitherto the custom had been for the lodges in the district to elect; but although there has been a departure on the present occasion, by the Grand Master exercising his prerogative of selection, the intimation of his choice was received by the brethren with a universal feeling of pleasure and satisfaction. This is due, apart from Masonic loyalty, to the fact that the chosen brother is a native of distinction, a man of high social position and blameless life. It was at once decided that nothing should be left undone that could give eclat to his induction into office. This feeling was largely shared by Bro. Whitbourn, the Past D.D.G.M., who was by orders from England placed in charge of the district on the resignation of Bro. DeCordova. The District Grand Master having signified the day on which he would present himself for installation, Bro. Whitbourn immediately gave instructions to Bro. Leon, the District Grand Dir. of Cers., to make the necessary preparations. A committee consisting of Bros. John Harris, Wm. Andrews, E. X. Leon

Wm. Duff, A. C. Sinclair, R. H. Holwell, and G. N. Cox was appointed to prepare a banquet in honour of the event. It is satisfactory to note the heartiness with which the whole affair was entered upon. There was not a single brother who if called upon was not ready, not only to do something, but to do his apportioned share to the best of his ability.

The lodge room of the Friendly was selected as the place of installation, and was fitted up with the utmost elegance according to Masonic line and rule. The entrance to the Temple was marked by columns surmounted with palm trees, leading from which the Grand Stewards stood in line, clad in aprons and collars bordered in crimson and gold, and carrying white rods. On the tessellated pavement a rich carpet was spread immediately in front of the pedestal. The chair was canopied in purple and gold, and the Sacred Volume and insignia rested on a cushion, also of purple and gold. On right and left of the throne chairs were placed for the D.D.G.M. and the P.G.M. of Scotland. On the left of the P.G.J.W. the Doric light, emblematic of wisdom, was placed. Behind the D.G.S.W. the banner of the Grand Lodge was unfurled, and at his left the Ionic light, emblematic of strength, while the Corinthian light, emblematic of beauty, was placed to the left of the chair. The banners of the several lodges were arranged round the lodge, the Royal on the right and the Friendly on the left. In line with the Royal were the Sussex, the Hamilton, the Collegium Fraborum, and the Kingston; in line with the Friendly sat the Phoenix, the Jamaica, and the United Service.

Grand Lodge was then opened in form.

The District Grand Pursuivant announced the presence of the Right Wor. S. C. Burke, the Provincial Grand Master of Scotland, and his Grand Officers. They were received at the door by the D.G.D.C. and the Grand Stewards.

The Right Wor. brother having received a cordial greeting from the Deputy District Grand Master, he and his officers were conducted to seats in the East, and were saluted by the brethren.

The Deputy District Grand Master announced the receipt of a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, informing him of the appointment by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, of the Wor. Bro. John Charles Macglashan as District Grand Master of Jamaica; also of the receipt of a letter from Bro. Macglashan, stating that he was prepared for installation. Both letters were read by the District Grand Secretary.

The D.G.D.C. having reported that the District Grand Master designate was in attendance, a deputation of Past Masters was appointed to wait on him and conduct him into the lodge.

The procession on entering opened right and left, and the Grand Master and his supporters passed up the centre and stood in front of the throne. As the procession entered the brethren rose, and the organ pealed forth a grand voluntary. The patent having been examined by the installing D.D.G.M., was read by the Secretary.

The District Grand Chaplin, Bro. the Rev. H. F. McDermot, offered up a prayer.

The ceremony of installation was then performed by Bro. J. W. Whitbourn, P.D.D.G.M., in a solemn and impressive manner. The investiture and enthroning were done with marked ability, and were witnessed by the brethren with rapt attention. The District Grand Master having been proclaimed by the D.G.D.C., according to Masonic custom, the first act of homage was performed by the P.D.D.G.M.

An address of welcome on behalf of the District Grand Lodge was read by the P.D.D.G.M.

The Masters and Wardens of the private lodges under the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica were introduced by the Director and Assistant Director of Ceremonies, according to seniority, and presented addresses from their respective lodges.

A magnificent banquet was afterwards served, and, justice having been done to the good things provided, the usual toasts were given and responded to.

BRO. LANE'S MASONIC RECORDS.

The volume of "Masonic Records" by Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, about which so much has already been written, and from which so much is expected, is rapidly approaching completion. Fully one half has been printed (over 150 pages) so that the most difficult portion—relating to the early lodges with their numerous changes in numbers and places of meeting—is now in print.

The work will be divided into four parts. I. "The Grand Lodge of all England held at York," and its subordinates. II. "The Grand Lodge of England, south of the river Trent," and its few lodges. III. (a) "The Grand Lodge of England" (premier organisation of the kind.) (b) "The Grand Lodge of England, according to the Old Institutions." (c) "The United Grand Lodge of England (with the lodges also under each of the foregoing being over 3600 in number!) IV. The Index.

Parts I. and II. were soon disposed of, as but few lodges were warranted under the auspices of York, and those were confined to England *exclusively*. Part III. *Division* (a) is also concluded, page 148 having seen the end of the "Ancient," or "Atholl" Lodges. Some of the special features of this branch of the subject are of a most interesting character, especially the curious Lists of Lodges 1751-2, first detected by Bro. Lane in what is known as "Morgan's Register," that of 1752-4, with dates of warrants, with the "moving up" of certain numbers, previously unnoticed, being particularly valuable, as also the incomplete Roll of 1755-7. These are all preparatory to the real text of the work which begins at page 9.

From a careful examination of the printed sheets of the final revise, kindly placed at our disposal at Torquay by Bro. Lane, we consider the arrangement of the type all that is needful to enable the reader at a glance to recognize existing lodges, and to note the towns in which the meetings are now or have been held, all alterations in the rooms, halls, inns, taverns, or hotels being easily detected. The various sizes and styles of

type used throughout the work, uniformly, for specific purposes, are the means of rendering the intricate details, quite clear and distinct, so that even an ordinary brother, who has not mastered the numerous and difficult problems connected with the study of lodge history and nomenclature, could master the plan of the work with comparative ease and dispatch.

At the left of each page the numbers are given of the existing lodges; then follow the name, or names, adopted from time to time to distinguish each lodge, with the years noted accordingly. Under the same column are given the distinctive privileges (if any) enjoyed by the members, e.g., "The Grand Stewards' Lodge," as having a Special Medal, Freemasons' Hall Medal, Centenary Jewel, Crimson Aprons and Collars, and assembles as a Master Masons' Lodge. The third column gives the places of meeting. These in many instances are very numerous, e.g., the Lodge of "Industry," No. 186, London, has had 35 different abodes in less than a century. Several lodges appear to have made "Removing" their chief business, quite a number having 30 or more changes recorded, with the years when each new hotel or hall, &c., was entered upon. The signs of the houses have been most carefully and accurately described, thus adding much to the value of the volume, from an antiquarian point of view.

Then follow the "Dates of Warrants," or of "Warrants of Confirmation," the day of the month, as well as the year being duly chronicled, as far as possible. The dates of erasures or joining other Grand Lodges are also noted, these particulars forming a valuable and compact account of extinct lodges, and also occasionally of Prov. Grand Lodges.

After the fourth come eleven smaller columns, in which are printed the numbers under the several numerations of 1729, 1740, 1755, 1770, 1780, 1781, and 1792. The "Atholl" lodges have a column to themselves, and then follow the numerations of the "United Grand Lodge" of 1814, 1832, and 1863.

As the last column contains (on the right) the numbers of 1863, both the extreme left and right columns are registers of the present numbers which distinguish existing lodges.

The lodges of the regular Grand Lodge (known as the "Moderns") are entered in chronological order, according to each numeration, whether in existence now or not, those of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge being taken alternately, as far as possible, with the "Moderns," as respects the numbers assigned immediately after the "Union" of the two rival Grand Lodges in December, 1813. By this method the regular lodges are arranged according to dates of origin, and "in and out," the "Atholl" lodges fall into line. Bro. Lane tried several plans of arranging these lodges; but eventually adopted the one mentioned, and we believe he has acted wisely in so doing, taking all the points into consideration.

Whenever two or more warrants have been granted under the same number, each successive issue is indicated by letters of the alphabet, beginning with the first. To make our meaning plain, Bro. Lane gives under No. 16 the following warrants: 16a, "Atholl" (London), of 11th December, 1752, which became 14b on 27th December, 1752 (14a becoming 12b, 12a becoming 10b, 10a being erased 27th December, 1752) thus leaving 16 vacant. Then 16b was chartered (London) 10th January, 1753; but was erased on 7th August, 1754. 16c (London) was afterwards started in April, 1757, but lapsed about 1760; after which 16d was finally granted 10th July 1810, becoming 27 in 1814, and 25 from 1832, and has continued to be the "Robert Burns" Lodge, London. There are several instances of two, three, four, and even five warrants being authorised in this fashion, under one number, by the "Atholl" Masons; the "Moderns" also doing a little in the same line at times.

The numeration of 1755, which is a long one, was not exhausted until page 120 of the work was reached, 1770 concluding at page 145, and 1780 is now running out, so that very soon the "Union" list will be reached, when all will be plain sailing. Page 152, before us now, ends with the "Prince of Wales' Lodge," London, of 20th August, 1787, the numeration at this stage requiring but five columns. The painstaking author considers that about 150 pages more will be sufficient to give all the lodges down to the month of issue.*

We should mention that the Engraved Lists of 1723 and 1725 (two additions) are given in the work, and a fine facsimile of the late issue of 1725 is to be the appropriate frontispiece of the work, which, by gracious permission, is to be dedicated to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master. The introduction by Bro. Hughan, Past S.G.D., with a list of all the known Engraved Lists, and a preface by Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1402, will doubtless add much to the value of the volume, as we understand these portions of the "Masonic Records" will be devoted to an elucidation of various problems connected with the subject, and thus aid Masonic students in appreciating the numerous details embraced in this great work, which we confidently anticipate will be ready in October or early in November.

HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY.—It is not quite easy to say what this term really implies. If it means anything, it relates to the philosophical teaching of a supposed Hermetic Brotherhood, as derived from the works of Hermes Trismegistus originally, and subsequently of his followers, who practised alchemy and studied the occult sciences, and were believers in the Philosopher's Stone and the Elixir of Life. It is idle to attempt to cover this simple fact with a jargon of meaningless words and technical absurdities. The Hermetic Philosophy is, as far as we can reach into its profundity to-day, very questionable indeed; and though there may be truth mixed up with its fallacies, it cannot be treated as a philosophy in any true sense of the word. Latterly a great deal of nonsense has been written about "Hermetic Philosophy." Any scientific treatment of it is, we believe, impossible, as a good deal is attributed to it which it never professed to hold or to teach. As far as we can master the Hermetic treatises, the greater portion of their teaching turned upon the transmutation of metals, the Philosopher's Stone, the adaptation of Hebrew cabalistic forms and words to magical ceremonies, the question of nativities, and the whole machinery of judicial astrology. That there may have been, in ignorant times, some teaching beneath all this paraphernalia of rubbish, we do not deny; but, as far as we can see, that "residuum" was very small, and now is no longer useful or valuable to man.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 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.]

THE BRO. BINCKES' TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am very glad this subject has been referred to in your correspondence columns, and that "THE SECRETARY OF No. 1302" has written in the manner he has. Like him I have watched the progress made at the annual Festivals since Bro. Binckes's appointment to the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, and, like him, I recognise that it is quite possible to object to a vote of money from the funds of that Institution towards the purposes of a testimonial, and yet be favourable to the testimonial itself. This, indeed, appears to have been the opinion expressed by the majority, if not by all, of the brethren who opposed the grant of 100 guineas out of the School funds towards the Binckes' Testimonial. They fully justified the scheme of a testimonial, but they did not consider it should be assisted out of money raised for other purposes. It is well this should be made known as widely as possible. Many will think the Quarterly Court, in rejecting the money grant, were opposed to the idea of a testimonial, and as those in attendance at the meeting may be taken to have included several of the workers who take the deepest interest in all that relates to the Institution, people will run away with the idea that those who help most in the School work are against the testimonial. This, of course, is the very opposite of the truth, for it is just this class of hard workers who can best appreciate the tremendous labours

of Bro. Binckes. The general body of the Craft, however, will only hear or read the broad fact that a certain resolution to vote a sum of money towards the Binckes' Testimonial was rejected at the July Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, and this, without explanation, is very likely to exercise a prejudicial influence. For this reason the letter from "THE SECRETARY OF No. 1302," which you published last week comes most opportunely.

But my particular purpose in writing on the same subject is to endorse to the best of my ability your correspondent's testimony to the work of Bro. Binckes. I fancy the present generation of brethren have become so accustomed to the huge totals realised at all our annual Festivals that they accept the results almost as a matter of course—as part of the routine work of the year. They notice only what happens, without reflecting on the different position in which things were before Bro. Binckes's time, when from £1500 to £2000 was considered a very handsome Festival Return, when the Boys' Institution had been only a few years in existence as a School, the Girls' School was very inferior to what it is now, and the Benevolent Institution could scarcely be looked upon as a rival appellant to the Craft for their spare cash. To estimate fully the result of what Bro. Binckes has done, brethren should take all these matters into account, and also the fact that what he did for the Boys' School proved of very material assistance to the other Institutions, which likewise derived immense benefit from the infusion of new blood into the executive of the Wood Green Institution. I say this with all the greater freedom, because neither Bro. Terry nor Bro. Hedges was in office till several years after Bro. Binckes's appointment as Secretary, and it cannot be said that in lauding the latter I am detracting from their merits. What they have done is the result of their own untiring zeal, and energy, and devotion; but Bro. Binckes had exercised a beneficial influence on behalf of all our Charities by his labours for the Boys' School some years before Bro. Terry was appointed Secretary to the Benevolent Institution. This should not be lost sight of in connection with the Binckes' testimonial.—Faithfully and fraternally,
Q.

ADDRESSES TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was much surprised the other day to read in the *Freemason*, for August 14th, that the Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039, Sunderland, had sent an address direct to her Majesty, or at all events, not through the recognised channel, as the Home Secretary replied. Why should No. 2039 do this? Why did not the W.M. send the address through the Prov. G. Secretary to the Grand Secretary for presentation? I do not consider it at all in good form for private lodges, especially young ones, to take upon themselves thus to act, and in part identify the Masonic Order with such action, without the regular authorities being courteously noticed; and especially when the Queen had desired such recognitions of her Majesty's 50th year as our beloved ruler to be delayed.—Yours fraternally,
CHISHOLM.

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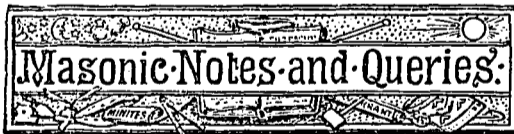
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I wish to thank you for your kind remarks on our forthcoming Exhibition in Saturday's issue, and to assure you and your readers that I hope to issue the catalogues by Wednesday next. Considering that it will contain over 100 pages of closely printed matter, I have found it impossible to close it until now.
Many brethren are writing to me from all parts of the country for particulars; I beg to ask you to allow me to state that the Exhibition will be opened in Masonic clothing, at two o'clock, on September 9th, by our Provincial Grand Master, the R.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., and refer them to your advertisement columns.
The exhibits will number 1460, and I trust the Exhibition will be visited by many brethren from away, whom we cordially invite, and feel sure that they will not regret coming even long distances to be present at the opening.—I am, sir, yours fraternally,

ALFRED GREENHAM,
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670] FRENCH FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND.

(In re "Benjamin Plummer.")

Bro. Hughan, in his very interesting letter on the above-named subject, mentions a "Benjamin Plummer" as having been the owner of the curious certificate described by him in last week's *Freemason*. As the name is rather an uncommon one, I have no doubt but this is the same Benjamin Plummer who served the following offices in the "Athole" Grand Lodge, viz., Grand Sword Bearer in 1804, Junior Grand Warden, 1805, and Senior Grand Warden in 1806. He is mentioned in the Grand Lodge minutes as P.M. of No. 10 (now the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 10), in which lodge I find he was initiated in the year 1798. He declared off in December, 1805, but re-joined in 1809, and paid to December, 1818. He is described in the register as a gentleman; place of residence, Strand. He was presented with the gold medal which the "Athole" Grand Lodge, during the latter part of its existence, invariably voted to its past officers, as well as to many of the officers of the foreign Grand Lodges with which it was in communication.* The following extract would seem to imply that he had some kind of business engagements which required his presence in the country:—
"Crown and Anchor Tavern, Strand, 25th April, 1808.
"Grand Lodge Committee, consisting of the Present and

* I have no recollection of ever having met with one of these medals, although a good many seem to have been distributed. Can any brother tell me where there is one to be seen? They were generally made by Thos. Harper (D.G.M.), and cost £7 10s. each.

Past Grand Officers, who were all summoned to present the medal voted by the Grand Lodge to our R.W. Bro. Plummer, P.S.G.W., in consequence of his avocation preventing his attendance at the last Grand Lodge, and, from the same reason, being obliged to leave London prior to the next meeting of the Gd. Lodge.

"The Grand Committee having been convened in due form, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, after explaining the object of this meeting, and referred to the vote of the Grand Lodge 2nd Sept. last, as well as the relative duties of a Grand Warden, both in and out of office, presented the gold medal, provided agreeable to that vote, to the R.W. Bro. Benjn. Plummer, Past Senr. Grand Warden, when the said Bro. Plummer made a suitable acknowledgment upon the occasion."

H. SADLER.

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I can add very little to Bro. Hughan's communication of last week that will be news to our learned brother, but others of your readers may perhaps be interested by a few further observations. Between 1740 and 1761 a rite gradually developed in France, entitled the Rite of Perfection, with 25 Degrees. This was carried out in 1761 by Stephen Morin to America, where it blossomed into 33 Degrees. Count De Grasse-Tilly was the son of the celebrated French Admiral De Grasse, a captain of horse, and a member of the 33°. Forced to leave the West Indies by the losses of his countrymen, he returned to France, and there introduced the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 33°, in 1804. This rite in a few months grew so powerful as to seriously embarrass the Grand Orient, and a fusion was thereupon effected. But the terms of the pact were differently understood by the contracting parties. De Grasse-Tilly, as Grand Commander, wished to rule Grand Orient, and all lodges, by virtue of his 33°, and Grand Orient did not see it. Prince Cambaceres, who was Grand Master in France, kept the Masonic peace, however, and a sort of tacit understanding was entered into, whereby the Grand Orient ruled and chartered bodies up to the 18°, or Rose Croix, and De Grasse governed those beyond. None were, however, formed for many years, and De Grasse, who was an officer of Grand Orient, confined himself to raising individual Masons to the 33°. Such was the position when he, circa 1809-10, became a prisoner of war in England. It has always struck me as very curious that, although we thus had in our midst for nearly five years the most notorious Mason of the age, the introducer into Europe of a new rite, the man who almost succeeded in overthrowing the French Grand Orient, yet the annals of our Grand Lodge and the records, as far as known, of our private lodges make no mention of his name; and I have often wondered what he did with himself Masonically during the period. We now have the answer. He erected French lodges and chapters, claiming to hail from the Grand Orient of France, and to be subservient to it. As an officer of Grand Orient, he may have considered these proceedings regular; but it is obvious these lodges were never regularly warranted—the want of communication with France prevented this. That they were composed of prisoners on parole is evident. How otherwise should we find enough Frenchmen in Abergavenny or Wincanton, or Ashby-de-la-Zouch to form lodges? The names of the lodges tell the same tale. "Sons of Mars and Neptune," i.e., soldiers and sailors, French, of course, "desired peace"—the greatest wish of a prisoner. At the same time I can hardly believe that Lord Moira looked upon these lodges as an attempt to extend French Masonic jurisdiction in England; and yet the certificate in question asserts as much. He probably looked upon them indulgently as informal meetings of French Masons whose hard fate had thrown them upon our shores. Bro. Kelly's Rose Croix diploma is quite in order. The 15°, or Knights of the East, was one of the Degrees conferred by the Rose Croix Chapter, 18°. We then learn of three lodges and one chapter in England worked by French prisoners of war, and the question naturally arises, were there any more? Time may discover them. But it is curious that, with the exception of Bro. Kelly, no historian, British or foreign, has ever alluded to them, and that the archives of Grand Orient contain no allusion thereto. One would imagine that on the return of the prisoners in 1814-15 these lodges would have been transferred to French soil and obtained a number and warrant. That they did not I account for in the following manner. They were probably all more or less controlled by De Grasse-Tilly, and on his return the A. and A. Scottish Rite, 33°, quarrelled with the Grand Orient and proceeded to erect Craft lodges of its own, thus directly attacking the older organisation. Under these circumstances it is scarcely probable that his doings in England were recorded in the books of Grand Orient or his lodges legitimised. De Grasse-Tilly himself was unfortunate. In 1816 he had to leave Paris to avoid being arrested for debt. In 1818 his Supreme Council split into two bodies, one of which excommunicated him; the command of the other he resigned on September 10th in favour of Count de Cayes. He then disappeared entirely, and of his subsequent life and death I have been unable to glean the faintest particulars. Thus one of the most interesting exhibits at Shanklin will undoubtedly be the bona-fide signature to a most remarkable document of a most remarkable man and Mason—the Count de Grasse-Tilly—founder of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 33°, in Europe.
G. W. SPETH.

MASONIC PICNIC OF THE PRINCE ARTHUR LODGE, No. 1570.

The first picnic in connection with the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., the scene of the festivities being Clitheroe and neighbourhood. The party left Tithe-barn-street Station at 6.40, and reached Clitheroe in good time. There they assembled at the Swan and Royal Hotel, where a substantial repast was provided for them by Bro. Lofthouse, and to which the company did ample justice. After dinner visits were paid to St. nyhurst College, Mitton Church, Clitheroe Castle, and other places of interest in the neighbourhood. On their return to the hotel tea was partaken of, and the party afterwards returned to Liverpool, after a most enjoyable day's pleasure.

The arrangements for the picnic were most successfully carried out by Bro. Thomas Senar, W.M. of the lodge, and gave the utmost satisfaction to all present. A word of praise should also be given for the admirable catering of Bro. Lofthouse, of the Swan and Royal, whose attention to the comfort of the visitors was all that could be desired,



Craft Masonry.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—Beauesert Lodge (No. 1087)—The annual installation ceremony of the above lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Corn Exchange...

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Swan Hotel for the usual banquet.

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Railway Hotel. Bro. William Robert Vassila, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., W.M., opened the lodge...

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was unanimously received adopted, and entered on the lodge minute books. The ballot taken for Mr. William Hook Davey as a candidate for Freemasonry was declared to be unanimous in his favour...

A banquet followed. The usual toasts were given and received. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

WALTHAM CROSS.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The above lodge held its annual meeting at the Four Swans Hotel on the 19th inst. The principal business was to instal the W.M. for the ensuing year...

Lodge was then opened, and after the usual preliminaries the ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, which proving unanimous in his favour, the gentleman was admitted...

to perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. W. A. Sproat, W.M. elect, was presented in the usual way, placed in the chair of K.S., and proceeded to invest his officers in the following order: Bros. W. Lewis, I.P.M.; G. Holdsworth, S.W.; F. M. Bilby, J.W.; E. West, Treas.; T. Reilly, Sec.; T. Brewster, S.D.; P. L. Blackmore, J.D.; W. Edwards, I.G.; J. Howlett and R. Middlehurst, Stewards; and G. Young, Tyler.

The next business was a most interesting one, viz., the presentation of a very valuable 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel by the W.M., in the name, and on behalf, of the lodge, to the retiring Master, Bro. W. Lewis, as a token of the appreciation of the very excellent manner in which he had ruled over the lodge, and the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to one of those sumptuous banquets, provided in that excellent style for which the catering of the Four Swans Hotel has become noted. The soups, fish, entrees, joints, poultry, game, sweet dishes, &c., were of the most excellent quality...

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were responded to, and some excellent singing and music enlivened the meeting.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., when a fair proportion of the members put in an appearance. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Moorman, Prov. Assist. G.D.C., opened the lodge with the assistance of Bros. J. Drewett, S.W.; G. Moorman, J.W.; W. Drewett, S.D.; Humphreys, J.D.; G. Montague, acting I.G.; and Abel Laurence, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to put the questions to Bros. Trott and Bultz, candidates to be passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. Highatt and Pennington were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., this, as was the previous ceremony, being done very impressively by the W.M. The ballot for W.M. for the year ensuing was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. John Drewett, S.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour thus paid him, and promised to do all in his power to maintain the prestige of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. R. Ross occupied the chair, supported by Bros. W. H. Ross, Gregory, Messer, Wright, Ament, Silvester, Dimsdale, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dimsdale worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Ross vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dimsdale, who opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Wright acting as candidate. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Crutenden, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; W. C. Williams, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; M. J. Green, S.D.; E. F. Ferris, J.D.; H. B. Fowler, I.G.; J. Potter, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; J. J. Thomas, W. J. Stratton, S. J. Humphres, S. Bullen, C. J. Bjorn, J. Smith, G. D. Bailey, R. E. Cursons, C. S. Mote, Jos. Bailey, and E. G. Van Tromp. Bro. Octavius L. Haines, 1962, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jos. Bailey candidate. The W.M. gave the charge and the Lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bro. Haines was elected a member. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for next meeting. Letters were read from Bros. J. Crutenden and Capt. Andrews, thanking the brethren for their sympathy. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Wray, P.M., W.M.; Smales, S.W.; Gibson, P.M., Treas. and J.W.; Brindley, P.M., acting Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Jackson, S.D.; Coughlan, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Mitchell, C. Pugh, Badderley, G. E. Saunders, and Grist.

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. Mitchell being the candidate. Bro. Mitchell answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired; Bro. Saunders was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Saunders duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

At a meeting of the Charitable Association held afterwards a ballot was taken, which proved favourable to Bro. Roberts.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, (Masonic Temple), Piccadilly, W., on the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Restell, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; J. E. Lawrence, J.W.; W. Ham, S.D.; R. J. Harrell, J.D.; Henry Sammons, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; H. J. Weise, H. F. Mitchell, Frank Gulliford, G. F. Swan, James Watts, A. Clark, C. Iiter, and W. Culverhouse.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. G. Reynolds offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony with the charge. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 3rd and 4th Sections of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. O. W. Battley, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. G. Restell, W.M., for his excellent working, saying he deserved the approbation of all present. It was the first time he had occupied the chair in this lodge of instruction, and he had carried out the duties well—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. was pleased to make a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Sims, P.M., W.M.; Briebart, S.W.; Purdue, P.M., J.W.; Child, P.M., S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Cavers, I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Chatwin, and Head.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. announced his intention to rehearse the ceremony of passing. Bro. Chatwin offered himself as candidate, answered the usual questions to the satisfaction of the W.M. and brethren, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The 2nd Section of this Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren; also the 4th Section by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., assisted by Bro. J. Davies. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed down to the Second and First Degrees. Bro. Briebart was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

PENZANCE.—Holy Mount Chapter (No. 121).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Public Buildings. The installation of Principals for the ensuing year was undertaken by Comp. N. J. West, P.G.S.B., of Hayle Chapter, whose working called forth repeated plaudits, and was most impressive. Comp. C. Trevithick was installed M.E.Z. Comp. M. Sampson being absent, the installation of second Principal did not take place. Comp. F. Rodda was duly installed as J. The following officers were then invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. W. Colenso, S.E.; R. White, jun., S.N.; J. Bird, P.S.; B. Shakerley, 1st A.S.; J. Lovell, jun., Organist; and R. Reynolds, Janitor. The following visitors were present: Comps. N. J. West, G. B. Pearce, and W. K. Baker, of Hayle Chapter.

The companions afterwards adjourned to Comp. Mitchell's to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were indulged in, interspersed with music from Comps. White, Lovell, Gerry, and Baker.

STONEHOUSE.—Elliott Chapter (No. 1205).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Caroline-place, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., to instal the Principals for the year ensuing, viz.: Comps. Richard Dickson, Z.; H. Cameron, H.; and George Wilson, J. The Board of Installed Principals consisted of Comps. D. Cross, P.Z.; W. H. Hunt, P.Z.; James Gidley, P.Z. 105; Samuel Jew, P.Z. 105, P.P.G.T.; E. Knight, P.Z. 202, P.P.G.P. Soj.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.Z. 159, 1000, P.P.G.R.; H. Millar, P.Z. 159, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Coath, P.Z. 230, P.P.G.A. Soj.; and E. A. Lean, P.Z. 70. The Board of Installed Principals being closed, the officers were invested as follows: Comps. W. H. Hunt, I.P.Z.; D. Cross, P.Z., Treas.; James Gidley, P.Z., S.E.; F. Crouch, S.N.; J. Holland, P.S.; C. Stubbington, 1st A.S.; G. W. Giles, and A.S.; and J. Gidley, Janitor.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the refreshment room, where an excellent supper was prepared by Comp. R. Dickson. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 20th inst. Present: Comps. T. C. Edmonds, 890, 1507, 704, 2048, M.E.Z.; G. Gregory, P.Z., Z. elect 1538, J. 704, P.S. 2048, H.; W. H. Deau, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, J.; H. Dehane, J. 890, 862, S.E.; J. Crutenden, 281, S.N.; and J. T. Mickelburgh, Z. 733, P.S.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The Three Lectures were ably rehearsed by the three Principals. Notice of Motion to alter one of the by-laws was given. The M.E.Z. having risen for the first, second, third, and fourth times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Rosicrucian Society.

DURHAM.—York College.—The August meeting of this college was held on the 18th inst. There are few places in the country more rich in antiquarian and historical associations than the old seat of the warrior Bishops of the North, and the members of the Society had looked forward with the most pleasurable anticipations to their visit to this interesting city, arranged at the previous meeting of the college at York. Arrangements were made for their reception by Frater Colonel Monks, who had undertaken the duties of preparation, and who had prevailed upon Canon Greenwell, one of the greatest of our Northern antiquarians, to devote a portion of the day to the enlightenment of the members of the college, and to the introduction of them to some of the more remarkable features of the relics of the place. Accordingly, in the forenoon, a number of the fratres who had arrived by train from various parts of Yorkshire, met at the cathedral, and were conducted by Canon Greenwell through the edifice. The learned Canon pointed out the special points of architectural interest, and then proceeded to give a brief sketch of the foundation of the cathedral, which is intimately connected with the history of St. Cuthbert, and of its ecclesiastical and social history down to recent times. Nothing more interesting could have been selected, and the members of the college experienced a most pleasurable morning.

Lunch was served at the Three Tuns Hotel, after which the party re-assembled at the Castle, and again had the advantage of Canon Greenwell's antiquarian lore, whilst they listened to his account of the scenes enacted within this notable fortress, which so often dominated the destinies of the country in the days when they were decided vi et armis.

At three o'clock the members met in the Masonic Hall, Durham, which had been generously placed at their disposal by the W.M. and brethren of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124. There were present the following: Fras. Major R. W. Moore, Celebrant; C. Fendelow, Deputy; J. M. Meek, Treas.; Wm. Brown, Sec.; Col. Monks, P.A.; W. H. Cowper, as S.A.; G. H. Locking, as T.A.; Wm. Fleckton, as Q.A.; A. T. B. Turner, as C.N.; J. R. Dore, G.T.; Tudor Trevor, Suffragan; W. H. B. Atkinson, Major McGachen, Frank Smith, and H. Thompson.

The Secretary read a letter from the Chief Adept (Fra. T. B. Whythead), regretting his unavoidable absence, in consequence of his attendance at the funeral of a near relative at St. Leonard's-on-Sea on the same day; and apologies were also received from Frs. Craig, Fowler, Maddison, Mason, Tomlinson, Wilkes, Atherton, Wilson, Simpson, and others. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. B. Stocks, P.M. 2035, and that brother was admitted to the grade of Zelator by Fra. Tudor Trevor, Past Celebrant and Suffragan.

An invitation to the members of the college to hold their November meeting at Huddersfield was given by Fra. Dore, which was accepted, and it was arranged that the meeting should be held in that town on November 17th (Wednesday). Bro. Fendelow also invited the college to hold a meeting at Leicester during the summer of next year. A cordial vote of thanks to Canon Greenwell for his kindness in conducting the fratres over the Cathedral, and Castle of Durham, was also passed, as also a vote of thanks to the W.M. and members of the Marquis of Granby Lodge for the use of the Masonic Hall. Colonel Monks was also thanked for his admirable arrangements. Fra. Meek presented to the college a copy of Canon Greenwell's "History of Durham Cathedral," to be placed amongst its records.

After the close of the college the members met at tea at the Three Tuns Hotel, under the presidency of Fra. Major Moore, and spent some hours in social intercourse, until compelled to separate by the fiat of the inexorable Bradshaw. Altogether a more pleasant and successful gathering has seldom been enjoyed by this active body of Masonic scientists.

South Africa.

KIMBERLEY.—Richard Giddy Lodge (No. 1574).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge, which was held on the 24th and 25th June, attracted a numerous gathering of the Brotherhood. The sister lodges of Kimberley and Beaconsfield were well represented, and many visiting brethren from England and various parts of South Africa were also present. The P.D.G.M. of the late District Grand Lodge of Griqualand, R.W. Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, founder of the lodge, 1574, which bears his name, was also present, and occupied the seat of honour on the dais.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the several visiting lodges received and greeted in accordance with Masonic custom, the W.M. elect, Bro. Sutherland Henry George, was presented for installation. The impressive ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. George Richards. The appointment of officers having been made, and the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren delivered, the W.M. received the congratulations of the various lodges and visitors. A cordial greeting was then given to R.W. Bro. R. W. H. Giddy for his long connection with the Craft, and his high rank therein, his successful founding of Craft lodges in Griqualand West in the early days of the Diamond Fields and the warm interest he had at all times taken in Masonic work being alluded to in graceful terms.

R.W. Bro. Giddy, in responding, expressed the pleasure he experienced in receiving so hearty a welcome from the lodge, and the satisfaction with which he had watched its growing prosperity during the past year. He spoke in very high terms of the working of the lodge under the rule of the retiring W.M., Bro. George Richards, and specially commended him for the very able and impressive manner in which he had conducted and performed the installation ceremony.

The lodge was then closed, and the usual reunion round the banqueting table completed one of the most successful years in the history of the Richard Giddy Lodge.

A NEW MASONIC HALL FOR BOLTON.

Practical steps are being taken for the establishment of a new Masonic Hall in this town. The Craft has had a prolonged and honourable connection with this locality, many of the most influential gentlemen being amongst its members. The want of concentrated accommodation has long been felt, and the new structure will form an important addition to the institutions in Bolton. The principal Masonic lodges are at present located at the Swan Hotel, Bro. Councillor Greenwood's; the Commercial Hotel, Mrs. Priestley's; and the Bull's Head Hotel, Mrs. Long's. Plans for the new erection have been prepared by Mr. Marshall Robinson, architect, of Bolton, and have been forwarded to the Streets Committee of the Town Council for examination. The site is opposite the Church of England Educational Institution, at the bottom of Silverwell-street, and adjoining the works of Messrs. Hasler and Co., lithographers and engravers. The Hall will be erected at the cost of Mr. Robert Thirlwind, the principal of the firm above mentioned, who will lease it to the Masonic Fraternity. The plans show that the Hall will be of handsome design, and will have an entrance 10 feet in width, the ground floor containing two practice rooms, Tyler's room, and a lavatory. The first floor will be reached by an admirably arranged staircase from the entrance hall, and convenient and commodious rooms will be placed here. Accommodation will be provided on the second floor for the caretaker. The Masonic Hall will be 45 by 25 feet, and the dining room 33 by 22 feet—these rooms being divided by movable screens and having open timbered roofs. The contract for the work has not yet been entered into, but it is intended that building operations shall be commenced immediately, and it is anticipated that the Hall will be ready for occupation by the members at the end of the present year or the early part of next January.

The cornerstone of some new school buildings was laid with Masonic ceremonial at Michigan City on the 19th July last. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Mortimer Nye, M.W.G.M., assisted by Bros. W. Blinks, D.G.M.; Waller Vail, G.S.W.; N. P. Rogers, G.J.W.; Rev. J. J. Faude, G. Chap.; Joseph Oliver, G. Treas.; E. G. Robinson, G. Sec.; and J. A. Manning, G. Marshal. There was an immense gathering of citizens and visitors from a distance to witness the unaccustomed ceremony, and at the close of the proceedings Grand Master Nye delivered a very eloquent address appropriate to the occasion.

MASONIC CENTENARY CELEBRATION AT PORTSMOUTH.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., a Masonic ceremony that will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of taking part in it was conducted in connection with the 100th birthday of the Phoenix Lodge, and in presence of Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; J. Le Feuvre, G.J.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; most of the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, several Masters of lodges, and a very large number of other influential Masons of the district, including, amongst others, Bro. Sir Samuel Wilson, M.P.

The ceremony was conducted jointly by Lord Lathom and Col. Crease, the Master of the lodge, although it is right to say that the greater part of the work rested on the shoulders of the latter brother, who is an enthusiastic Mason. The brethren having assembled in the handsome and commodious building in Highbury-street, Portsmouth, and the usual processions having taken place,

The Earl of LATHOM briefly addressed the gathering, stating the pleasure that it gave him to attend the centenary festival of so renowned a lodge as that of the Phoenix of Portsmouth. He congratulated the members of the lodge upon its long list of distinguished Masters; he was sure that it had done good service not only in the neighbourhood of Portsmouth, but to Masonry in general, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to come amongst them on many occasions; but he must ask them to remember that, in addition to his public duties, he had the honour to discharge those of Grand Master of a large Northern province. He took the greatest interest in Masonry, and he was glad to find it flourishing in the South, as it undoubtedly did in the North of England.

The warrant for the constitution of the lodge and the warrant for the centenary jewel having been read, the following interesting historical memoranda, giving the names of distinguished members of the lodge, was read by Bro. J. RIDD HAYMAN, who, at its conclusion, received the cordial and grateful thanks of the lodge for the trouble he had taken in its compilation:—

The Phoenix Lodge was constituted under a warrant of the Grand Lodge of England, dated the 20th of May, 1786, but from the fact that the Royal Arch chapter attached to it is considerably older than the lodge itself, and that 20 years prior to this there were no less than five lodges in existence in Portsmouth, there is very little doubt that the lodge whose centenary was celebrated on Saturday was a revival of a much older one.

From the years 1786 to 1794 the lodge met at the George Inn; from 1794 to 1800 at private rooms; from 1800 to 1814 at the Fountain Inn (now the Soldiers' Institute); from 1814 to 1822 at the George Inn; from 1822 to 1824 at the King's Arms; from 1824 to 1854 at private rooms; and from 1854 to the present time at the lodge rooms, 110, High-street, which were formerly the mess rooms of the Royal Marine Artillery.

The first W.M. was Bro. Samuel Palmer, a P.M. of King George Lodge, Sunderland, and among the founders was Thomas Telford, the celebrated engineer, who, his biographer records, took a warm interest in the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Palmer was succeeded in the office by Bro. John Rankin, his S.W., who presided over the lodge for seven years. During the century of its existence the lodge has numbered among its members some of the most distinguished officers of both services, whilst the names of most of the leading local families in Portsmouth and the neighbourhood will be found on its muster roll. The first three brethren initiated in the lodge were officers of the Royal Marines, and their names were Lieutenants Charles Wright Cartwright, John Mascell, and John James. The first naval officer initiated was Commander John Withers. The following are a few noteworthy members of the lodge:—

1786.—Richard Burbey, a banker and influential citizen.
1787.—Roger Callaway, a leading solicitor of the town, the founder of the business now carried on by Messrs. Hellard and Son. He became Master of the lodge in 1792.

1787.—William Grant, grandfather of Mr. William Grant, of the banking firm of Grant, Gillman, and Long.
1787.—Admiral Sir Roger Curtis, Bart., who was an active member.

1791.—Captain Thomas Byam Martin, who was created a G.C.B. for his distinguished services, and made Admiral of the Fleet in 1854.

1805.—Edward Casher, Mayor of Portsmouth.
1807.—Dr. John Porter, an eminent physician.
1813.—Thomas Edgcombe, father of a member of a well-known firm of solicitors.

1823.—Lord John George Lennox, W.M. of the Lodge 1830, and Senior G.W. of the province in 1850. In connection with other members of the lodge, Lord John Lennox took an active part in organising the banquet to the naval and military forces engaged in the war with Russia in 1854-6.

1825.—William Minchin, another well-known local solicitor. He was W.M. in 1842 and 1844, and Senior G. Warden of the province in the latter year.

1825.—Rev. James Henville, Vicar of Wymering and Widley, and brother of the Vicar of Portsmouth.

1826.—Lieutenant (afterwards General) Wylock.

1827.—General Sir James Lyon, Lieutenant-Governor of Portsmouth.

1827.—Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., being at that time a Captain R.N. He died an Admiral of the Fleet. He was W.M. of the lodge in 1834-5, was appointed S.G.W. of the province in the first of these years, Deputy P.G. Master in 1837, and P.G.M. in 1840, which office he held for 29 years.

1827.—Lieutenant-Colonel Lord John Lennox, Brigade-Major of Portsmouth. He was made a Grand Warden of England.

1827.—Bro. John Lindergreen, an influential local banker and West India merchant (who built the Baltic Wharf at Portsmouth), was W.M. in 1827, and Senior G. Warden of the province in 1850.

1827.—Major Joseph Oates Travers, for a great number of years an active Magistrate of the borough.

1829.—Lieutenant Samuel Perkins Pritchard and Lieutenant John White Pritchard, both afterwards Admirals.

1829.—Lord William Paget, Captain R.N., then commanding H.M.S. North Star.

1831.—Lord George De la Poer Beresford, son of the Marquis of Waterford.

1832.—Dr. George Deane Meadows and Dr. Edward Scott, two well-known physicians. Dr. Meadows was Master of the lodge for the two years in succession, and was Junior G.W. of the province in 1840. Dr. Scott was also Master in 1843.

1832.—Admiral Hyde Parker, C.B. (then Captain of H.M.S. Rodney. He died in 1854, at which time he was Senior Lord of the Admiralty.

1832.—Sir William Eden, Bart. (a brother of Bishop Eden), afterwards one of the Lords of the Admiralty.

1832.—Viscount Torrington, at that time a youth of 20. He afterwards rose to great distinction, and the University of Oxford conferred upon him the degree of D.C.L. He was for several years Governor of Ceylon. He was a great favourite of the Prince Consort, and was his Lord-in-Waiting for 16 years.

1832.—Lacy Walter Lea, then a subaltern, who was killed at Sebastopol, where he displayed conspicuous bravery.

1836.—Admiral Sir James Whitley Dears Dundas, G.C.B. (M.P. for Warwickshire), at that time in command of H.M.S. Britannia.

1837.—J. Brent Mackay, a well-known chemist. He is still a subscribing member, and is believed to be the oldest living member of the lodge, and the brethren cordially welcome him to the lodge to-day.

1841.—Lieutenant (afterwards Captain) Andrew Robert Savage, who was one of the most conspicuous working members of the lodge. He was Master in 1846, G.J.W. in 1846, and G.S.W. of the province in 1856.

1841.—Dr. Perks, a well-known member of the medical profession, who is still living at Portsea.

1841.—Major-General Sir John Eardley Wilmot Inglis, then a Lieutenant in the 32nd Regiment.

1841.—Major Ferris Charles Robb, who was untiring in his exertions to promote the interests and influence of the lodge. He was one of its most liberal benefactors, and his virtues and his munificence are emblazoned on the walls of the lodge. The whole of the unique lodge furniture was his gift, including the handsome bronze chandelier in the centre of the Phoenix lodge room. He also formed a valuable collection of books, but, like many other Masonic libraries, it gradually became dispersed, and the various volumes now form a part of private libraries. Major Robb was W.M. of the lodge for two years in succession, and Senior G.W. of the province in 1847.

1842.—Richard W. Bradley, the oldest surviving P.M., and one of the most valued members of the lodge. The older brethren gratefully remember the invaluable services rendered to the Phoenix Lodge in particular, and Freemasonry generally, by Bro. Bradley, and after many years of retirement the brethren offer him a cordial and fraternal welcome to the Centenary Festival. Bro. Bradley was W.M. of the lodge in 1849, and Senior G. Warden of the province in 1852.

1843.—Lieutenant John Ackworth Ominaney, afterwards Admiral Sir John Ommaney, K.C.B.

1845.—Lieutenant George Henry Hodgson—a brave officer, who was lost in the Polar expedition of Sir John Franklin.

1847.—The Hon. Augustus Charles Hobart, son of the Earl of Buckinghamshire. The distinguished officer commanded H.M.S. Driver during the Russian war. He afterwards became an Admiral in the Turkish Navy, and is better known to his countrymen as Hobart Pasha. He died a few weeks since.

1845.—Major-General J. William Coleman Williams—now Deputy-Adjutant General of the Forces. General Williams was W.M. of the lodge in 1859, was some years since offered the collar of Senior Grand Warden of the province, but for some reason declined the honour.

1846.—Edwin Low, a well-known solicitor of Portsmouth, and now head of an important legal firm of London. Bro. Lowe was W.M. in 1851, and G.J.W. of the province in 1855. Next to Bro. Bradley he is the oldest P.M. of the lodge.

1848.—Lord Amelius Wentworth Beauclerc, son of the Duke of St. Albans.

1848.—Kester Edward Knight, a well-known member of the medical profession, still practising in Southsea.

1849.—Alderman Richard William Ford, a well-known member of the legal profession, still practising in Portsmouth. He was Mayor of the Borough in 1865, and his year of office was distinguished by the splendid entertainment given to the officers of the French Fleet on their visit to England. Bro. Ford was W.M. of the lodge in 1853, and G. Reg. of the province in 1856.

1849.—Sir Henry Blackwood, Bart. (Captain H.M.S. Vengeance), and Lieut. Charles Joseph Frederick Ewart, afterwards Admiral Ewart, C.B.; Lieut. Gerard John Napier, afterwards Rear-Admiral Napier; Sir John Trotter Bethune, Bart.

1849.—Rev. Joseph Woolley, Chaplain of the Dockyard. He was W.M. in 1854, and Provincial Grand Chaplain in 1857.

1850.—Henry Wood, Fellow Inst. C.E., Her Majesty's Dockyard. He was W.M. in 1858, and is the third oldest P.M. of the lodge.

1850.—Sir Alfred Balliston was initiated in the lodge. He was the first S.W. of the Prince of Wales Lodge at Gosport.

1850.—Binstead Goble, solicitor, and brother of the present Prov. G. Sec.

1851.—Lieut. John Charles Dalrymple Hay (afterwards Admiral Sir John, and a Lord of the Admiralty).

1851.—Joseph George Churchward, editor of the *Morning Herald*, and a well-known politician.

1853.—Alderman Henry Ford, an able member of the legal profession, and one of the leading Masons in the province. He was W.M. in 1860, and G.J.W. of the province in the previous year, and G.S.W. in 1876. Bro. Ford was Mayor in 1858, and for many years an Alderman of the Borough. During his Mayoralty the handsome gold chain now worn by the Chief Magistrate was purchased.

1853.—John Morris Savage, Lieut. R.A., who was killed before Sebastopol.

1853.—Fitzgerald Algernon Foley, then First Lieutenant of the Royal Yacht; afterwards Admiral-Superintendent of Portsmouth Dockyard.

1854.—Duncan Macpherson, then an ensign in the Black Watch (afterwards Col. Sir Duncan Macpherson, K.C.B.) He was one of the famous Macphersons, of Cluny Castle, and served with great distinction in the Indian campaign, Ashantee and Egyptian wars.

1854.—Francis Cunninghame Scott, also an ensign in the Black Watch, afterwards Colonel and a C.B. He was mentioned in the despatches for signal bravery at Alma, Balaclava, Sebastopol, and in the Indian Mutiny.

1854.—Lieut. Charles Henry Spencer (son of the Duke of Marlborough), Sir William Fielder, Bart., and Lord Francis Conyngham.

1854.—In this year there was a remarkable influx of military officers into the lodge. The 4th Royal Middlesex and the 1st Lancashire Regiments were stationed in Portsmouth, and the whole of the officers of the two regiments were either initiated or admitted as joining members, including Col. William Assheton Cross, Major Sir W. Fielder, Bart., the Hon. Richard Charles Reynolds Moreton, and the Hon. Frederick William Wemyss Charteris. Lord Francis Nathaniel Conyngham (who served in the Baltic and Black Seas, and afterwards went into Parliament) was also initiated at the same time.

1859.—General Sir Arthur Augustus Thurlow Cunningham Thurlow, K.C.B., who was initiated in the lodge in this year, was a very distinguished officer, and afterwards Governor of Cape Colony.

1859.—Col. Sir Francis Festing, C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., an officer well known in Portsmouth, was initiated in the lodge in this year.

Among the later members of the lodge were Lieut. W. Graham, R.N., now Admiral Graham, C.B., Controller of the Navy and Lord of the Admiralty; Arthur Garrington, Moore Miller, E. Parson (members of the medical profession), Col. Galt, a Magistrate of Portsmouth, and Mayor of the Borough in 1868, and Grand Senior Deacon of the province in 1850; Rear-Admiral Thomas Hutchinson Mangles Martin (first W.M. of the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461), Albert Besant, Owen Low (members of the legal profession), J. B. Goldsmith (the present Grand Junior Warden of the province), Col. Meehan (twice W.M. of the lodge—in 1864, and 1866—second W.M. of the United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069, and Grand Senior Warden of the province in 1865), C. B. Longcroft (County Coroner, and father of the head of a well-known firm of local solicitors), Alfred Heather (W.M. in 1855, who held the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer for 10 years), and many others.

The brethren subsequently joined in a thanksgiving service, conducted by the Rev. T. Fitzhardinge Moiton, R.N., Chaplain of the lodge.

The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master of England then presented a jewel to Bro. Mackay, of London, the oldest member of the lodge, after which Colonel Crease, in a graceful and appropriate little speech, tendered the honorary membership of the Phoenix Lodge to the Deputy Grand Master, his lordship having been unanimously elected.

Lord LATHOM cordially accepted the compliment, and acknowledged his sense of his obligation to the members.

Votes of thanks were then given to the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers for their attendance, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The day's proceedings concluded with a banquet, which taxed to its utmost the resources of the George Hotel, the guests being accommodated in the various large rooms of the establishment.

The toasts were as follows:—"The Queen and the Craft," I.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," "The R.W. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master," "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," "The R.W. Prov. G. Master, W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," "The Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past," "The W.M., Col. Crease, and the Officers, and continued success to the Lodge," "The Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and the Tyler's toast.

The toasts were most cordially given, and drunk with enthusiasm, and most happily responded to by the several brethren.

The W.M. added a toast to the usual list before the Tyler's was given, and in doing so, said he felt sure it would be very warmly received. He proposed "The Health of W. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G. Deacon," who had assisted them so much in arranging the programme, and had kindly acted as Director of Ceremonies for the day.

The toast was received with great cheering, and Bro. LANCASTER, in response, thanked the W.M. and brethren in a few words for the honour they had done him, and then diverged to the subject of the Masonic Charities, and especially urged the claims of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Lord LATHOM took occasion to congratulate Bro. Lancaster, as the Secretary of the local Charity, upon the progress it was making, and said he entirely agreed with these Provincial Institutions. His lordship described, at some length, the objects and aims of the West Lancashire Charitable Institution, and mentioned the great results achieved by it.

The Tyler's toast was then given.

An interesting programme of music was performed by the band of the Royal Marine Artillery during and after the banquet.

GRAND EVENING CONCERT AT SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Thursday evening, the 19th inst., a grand concert was given at the Institute, through the kindness of Mr. Charlton Speer, in behalf of the Building Funds of the Chine Lodge.

The room, we regret to say, was not well filled, the back part containing many empty rows, though the reserved seats had been all taken by the residents and visitors, who seemed to appreciate the capital programme provided.

The performers, who generously gave their services, were all eminent artists, belonging either to the Royal Academy or to the Royal College of Music, and thus guaranteed a complete success in the way of the musical performance. The concert was opened with a pianoforte duet by the Messrs. Hoyte and Charlton Speer, and was rendered with great precision and brilliancy. Mr. Seymour Kelly followed with Pissuti's beautiful "Bedouin Love Song," which he sang with immense taste and effect, and received an enthusiastic encore, to which he responded by a simple acknowledgment. This gentleman is always a favourite with Shanklin audiences, and is well known for his singing in our choral festivals; his fine bass voice is carefully cultivated, and he was also heard to great ad-

vantage in his second song, "Father O'Flynn." Mr. Hoyte, the talented organist of All Saints', Margaret-street, gave a rare treat in his harmonium solos, "Contemplation" (Lamothe), and "Meditation" (Wely); his playing is full of feeling and exquisite delicacy, and called forth loud plaudits. His pianoforte playing was even more beautiful, when he gave Scharwenka's "Polish Dance" and a Nocturne by Barnett, with Guilman's "Scherzo," duet for the pianoforte and harmonium, in which he was joined by Mr. Speer, this being, perhaps, one of the gems of the evening, and it was listened to throughout with the warmest appreciation. Miss Hallett chose Milton Welling's popular song, "Golden Love," and earned "golden" opinions by the freshness of her pretty high soprano voice, her cultured and refined style, and the general charm of her manner. Her upper notes were remarkably clear, and she sang with expression and feeling, being enthusiastically encored in both songs, her selection in the second part including two by Mr. C. Speer—"Remember" and "Gossip"—both very taking compositions. Mr. Page gave "Fond hearts, farewell," and the old favourite, "Tom Bowling," the latter encored. He has a tuneful tenor, and sang with taste. Miss Stephenson has a very good mezzo soprano voice, and although her first song, "Only for one," (Randegger), was hardly so taking as many others, she was immensely successful with Caldicott's pretty ballad, "Turning the tables," to which she gave full effect and was loudly recalled; she also joined Miss Hallett in Mendelssohn's lovely duet, "I would that my love," the voices of the two ladies blending in much harmony. Mr. Speer is no stranger to Shanklin, and his wonderful execution and brilliant playing were given full scope in a Mazurka of Goddard's and a Tarantella by Macfarren, although many may have preferred Chopin's Ballade, which was most beautifully played. The youthful violinist, Master Skipsey, did his part with great skill for so young a performer, and bids fair to make his mark in the days to come; he played a Dans: Espagnole, and a Sonata of Schubert's, the latter particularly well, and was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Bishop, who throughout rendered immense help by her artistic accompaniments, one of the most important parts in any concert. In conclusion we would add that the concert reflects great credit upon all concerned, and we trust the Masonic funds may be much benefited thereby; it was originated by Mr. Charlton Speer as a personal compliment to the Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. Alfred Greenham, who, ever warmly interested in all Masonic matters, is at present engaged in forwarding the welfare of the coming grand Masonic Fête, which promises to be of such wide-spread interest, and is an assured success. We must heartily congratulate this gentleman upon his spirited endeavours, as well as upon the success of Thursday evening's concert.

FREEMASONRY IN HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." We believe the Freemasons, as a rule, so far from courting, rather discourage publicity of their proceedings, whether charitable or otherwise. But since a section of the public profess to believe, and seem to take a pleasure in proclaiming, the Masons as a body to be nothing more or less than Gargantuans, Thursday's proceedings at Southampton of the Provincial Grand Lodge, having supervision of Masonry in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, may fairly be pointed to as proving that Freemasonry does not consist chiefly in eating and drinking. Besides the assistance given by private lodges and individual Masons to the Craft and private Charities, it was shown that, by provincial aid, one aged brother had been secured a place on the Benevolent Fund, and education in the Masonic Schools for four boys and three girls of brethren attached to the province. The grant by Provincial Grand Lodge to these three Institutions last year of 25 guineas each was increased by 10 guineas each, making a total vote of 105 guineas; the Provincial Charity Association was permanently placed on the list for an annual donation of 25 guineas, 50 guineas having been voted and paid last year to assist in starting the Association; and in addition to sums of £15 and £10 appearing in the accounts as voted and paid to the widows of Masons, £20 was on Thursday voted to the widow of a deceased brother in the island. Bro. Le Feuvre, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, handed over to the Secretary of the Provincial Charity Association, £50 of the sum subscribed for, and tendered to him as the balance of a testimonial for many years' gratuitous services as Prov. Grand Secretary; and the Secretary also reported the receipt of another cheque for £50 from one of the Portsmouth lodges, being the moiety of a sum they had voted to the Charities. We think these practical exemplifications of what Masonry really is of sufficient interest thus to direct attention to them, simply adding that the need might not have arisen but for impressions which grievously wrong large numbers of Masons, and certainly misrepresent one chief aim of the Craft.—*Hampshire Independent*.

WHO CARES ?

Who cares whether Masonry originated in the Garden of Eden, or before the flood, or at the building of King Solomon's Temple? What does it matter to us whether Noah was Master of his lodge or not? or whether or not Moses was a Mason, because he was versed in Egyptian mysteries? What good would the knowledge of the fact do us, living so many centuries after these worthy men were "gathered to their fathers?" The question for us, as individuable members of the Order is, "Am I a Mason?" Do I practice the purity taught by Masonic lessons? When I entered the lodge for the first time I was taught to reverence the Creator of the world. I was told that my trust should be in Him? Do I reverence the Great Architect of the Universe? Do I put my trust in Him? Is my life in accordance with the truths He would teach me? I had hardly passed the threshold of Masonry before I was told that these were four cardinal virtues, and I was admonished to practice them at all times. Do I heed this wise admonition? Am I "temperate" in all my acts, in my thoughts, in my judgment of my fellows? Does prudence characterise my life? Do I show to the profane, as well as the Mason, that I possess fortitude sufficient to resist temptation, to defend the right, to espouse the cause of the downtrodden and oppressed? Is justice a virtue that I

practice in all my dealings with the world? I was told to ever walk as an upright man and Mason. Am I thus walking? These are questions more important to us as Masons than the question of antediluvian origin.

We revere age, and we know enough of the antiquity of the Order to know that it is very ancient, and should be respected for its glorious past history. But that is enough to know of its claim to antiquity. Let us expend our energies in endeavouring to learn the beautiful lessons taught in the several Degrees, and to live those blessed truths in our daily intercourse with the world. We need every safeguard we can get while passing through this world of care and sin, and let us shield ourselves behind the tried bulwarks of our Order. Let us preserve inviolate the tenets of our profession, and hand down to the generations to come an unimpaired Brotherhood, made up of those who practice every day the lessons the lodge room taught them. Let us study our own lives, our own times, and in the brief span of life allotted to us do good to our fellow-men, and not lose the diamond crown while searching the dusty pages of the "ages before the flood" for something that in the end will profit us nothing.—*N. Y. Dispatch*.

THE MASONIC EXHIBITION AT SHANKLIN.

We are gratified at being able to announce that visitors to the above exhibition may obtain at any station on the London and South Western Railway, return day tickets to Shanklin at single fares, on stating the object of their journey. This generous concession on the part of the Railway Authorities should be the means of drawing a large number of visitors to this charming watering place, and so benefit the Chine Lodge, whose W.M. has so pluckily entered into this undertaking. The 7 a.m. train from Waterloo arrives at Shanklin at 11 a.m., and the return journey need not be commenced till 5.40, thus giving visitors a long day.

BRO. HENRY IRVING AS THE HOST IN AMERICA.

HIS BANQUET TO HIS YANKEE FRIENDS.

The *New York World* gives the following account of this festivity: When Henry Irving is at home he dines in the room where Nell Gwynne made English history. The most brilliant men in Great Britain have laughed and fought around the table on which he takes his supper. George III. and his anti-civil service reform successor have gone to sleep upon the edge of that ancient piece of furniture.

The famous actor sat at Delmonico's board with his warmest American friends about him. In the afternoon he went to the Grand Central Depot to see Miss Ellen Terry and her daughter off for Narragansett Pier with Mrs. Benoni Lockwood. The conversation on the train was so interesting that Mr. Irving was carried to Bridgeport before he knew it. Upon his return he found Mr. J. C. Parkinson, the English writer, who had waited three hours for him to come back.

Under the gorgeous, milky bulbs of electric light there gathered a brilliant and jovial company. British and American flags were grouped upon the walls; British and American hearts were linked around three tables. Bro. Irving sat at the head of the guests' table, presiding over the feast.

When little blue wreaths of smoke began to float upwards from the tables, Mr. Irving expressed his delight at being among Americans again.

"So far as the chat about my building a theatre here or coming over to act again is concerned," he said, "I may say that the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Nothing would give me greater delight, but, alas, I know that it is impossible. I didn't expect to see so many here to-night, for I was told that New York was very hot just now. It reminded me of the man who was dying. The clergyman told him that he was going to a better land, the New Jerusalem, in fact. 'Ah, well,' said he, 'Old England's good enough for my money.' And I say to-night, New York is good enough for my money."

Here Mr. Irving announced that he had kindly cablegrams from Henry Ward Beecher, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Marshall P. Wilder, and other Americans abroad. He also read a cable message from Bram Stoker and Stage Manager Loveday, ending with "Hail, Columbia! God Save the Queen!"

"I must express great regret," he said, "that a very dear friend is not with us to-night. When I say that it is Ellen Terry you will know that I speak of one whose name is a household word for all that is good and charming in art."

Some one proposed Miss Terry's health, and it was poured down with cheers.

"She told me a day or two ago to give you all her love," said Mr. Irving. "To-day she telegraphs that she sends her love to some of us. I suppose we will each think the same thing. A good deal has been said as to why I came here this year. Some said it was to act. Others said it was to build a theatre. I will confess. The real reason is that I wanted to get canvasback duck and to let my friend Parkinson taste it. If I had known that canvasback was out of season I would have deferred my trip a month or two. Another reason for my coming is that I want to write a nautical drama, and Mr. Buck is to take me on a yachting cruise in order that I may collect proper material. But the reason which comes from my heart is that I wanted to grip by the hand those friends who were kind to me when I was here before, and to bid them God speed. Next year you will be all in London at the great American exhibition, which will be a great success. I am informed that the population of the United States will then be 62,000,000, and I'll put an extra row or two of seats in the Lyceum Theatre, if it is necessary, to get them all in."

Mr. Irving was loudly applauded, and then the Napoleonic visage of General Horace Porter peered over the wilderness of good things. He said that the real reason of Mr. Irving's visit was shrouded in mystery.

"He is sent here by his Government," he said, on a delicate mission—in fact, to settle the Canadian fisheries dispute. The yachting cruise got up by Mr. Buck is simply a pretext for taking him to the field of his new diplomatic labours. I have been recently in Canada myself. I was one of the only Americans who found it safe to return.

The Canadians were so much engaged in tobogganing and getting vaccinated that they hadn't time to think of war. When Mr. Irving came to America before, men might have said that he was lured by gold, but now we know that he had formed a real friendship for the people of America. We are glad to look upon Mr. Irving as a tried friend. Whenever Americans have gone to see Irving he has acted with princely generosity, and when he comes here the string will always hang on the outside."

John T. Raymond said that he hoped Mr. Irving would have a good yachting trip.

"I, too, have sailed with Mr. Buck," he said, "and we raced all day with an ice-house, if I remember rightly."

Then arose genial Wm. J. Florence, who kissed his hand to Mr. Irving.

"Our host has endeared himself to us," he said, "if by nothing else than that he introduced to England upon the most favourable and affectionate terms our great American representative actor, Edwin Booth. Mr. Booth was playing in the old Princess's Theatre. The building next door had fallen down, and things were very unpropitious. Mr. Irving put his own play aside, cleared the stage of his own theatre and said to Booth, 'Come here, I remember that when I played Captain Cuttle in Manchester many years ago Mr. Irving played the part of Dombey. He looked as if he had just stepped out of Dickens's novel. Mrs. Florence and I both felt that this young man, so careful of details even in a minor part, was bound to achieve great eminence in his profession."

So with sparkling bumpers and with merry speeches the banquet paved the threshold of the morning. Mr. Irving is off on the Rambler for his long cruise.

The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA (EASTERN DIVISION).

The annual communication of this District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Port Elizabeth, on Wednesday afternoon, June 16th. The members of the District Grand Lodge in attendance were Bros. C. J. Egan, M.D., R.W.D.G.M.; G. P. Perks, D.D.G.M.; Jas. Kemsley, D.G.S.W.; D. Sampson, D.G.J.W.; the Rev. J. Catling, D.G. Chap.; W. F. Sissing, D.G. Sec.; W. C. Smith, D.G. Treas.; A. Walsh, as D.G.S.D.; T. W. Robertson, as D.G.J.D.; A. H. Reid, D.G.S. of Wks.; J. W. C. Mackay, D.G.D.C.; G. F. Bedgood, D.G.A.D.C.; J. Clarke, as D.G. Swd. Br.; A. J. Wright, D.G. Purst.; A. C. Wylde, as D.G. Std. Br.; H. C. Lee, D.G. Std. Br.; J. Robinson, R. J. Middleton, and C. R. Read, D.G. Stewards; and Past Masters Bros. E. Carroll, W. S. Hockey, and A. W. Guthrie, acting as Stewards. The Host Masters and Masters of lodges who were present as members of Grand Lodges were as follows: Bros. F. U. Wood, 853; A. Waters, 289; A. W. Rowsell, 863; J. Richards, 828; C. T. W. Mouat, 711; J. Rampf, 1039; J. F. Pearson, 1590; H. W. Lowrie, 146; W. Hutton, 1880; F. C. Constance, 711; C. T. Wheelwright, 711; A. S. Dudley, 828; J. C. Kemsley, 741; W. Henderson, 711; C. A. Rise, 882; S. Ready, 882; and Rev. T. Bennetts, 711, Past G. Chap. Among the brethren present were the following: Bros. G. T. Partridge, 1468; Charles Cox, 711; J. B. Gunn, 1889; Alex. Weber, 711; H. J. Simmonds, 989; Charles Callaghan, 989; G. G. Goud, 918; James Smith, 1468; C. A. Carter, 263; George Brown, 863; T. Smerdon, 71; J. T. Keith, 711; Robert Hullen, 711; A. Brassmann, 711; E. E. Pallett, 863; J. G. Nicholl, 1590; T. W. Harper, 1590; Thomas C. Hall, 980; T. D. Henery, 319; T. Sheffield, 828; G. Suter, 711; P. Hamer, 893; James Fish, 1590; T. Tunbridge, 711; W. T. Hands, 818; H. Mapplebeck, 711; W. English, 1469; L. Holmes, 863; M. Johnson, 853; W. H. Hinton, 828; L. Baumann, 863; A. H. Synter, 863; A. Simpson, 1590; R. Attwood, 1590; W. H. Hands, 711; A. J. Duffield, 865; A. Lipman, 711; W. Griffin, 863; and W. S. Gilman, 863. The proceedings commenced shortly after three o'clock, the Grand Lodge being opened in the usual form, the members of Grand Lodge and brethren present saluting the District Grand Master and his officers according to the ancient rite, the R.W. the Grand Chaplain invoking the blessing of the Most High upon the deliberations. Most of the lodges in the jurisdiction were represented, and were answered for on the roll of membership being called. After the acceptance and confirmation of the minutes of the last communication, letters of apology for non-attendance from several officers and members and congratulatory telegrams from the Masters of various lodges were read. The Treasurer's financial statement was a most satisfactory one, exhibiting a considerable increase in the receipts for the year, and a good balance towards next account. In the report of the Board of General Purposes sundry additions to the District bye-laws were submitted and adopted after some little discussion. A notice of motion from the Meridian Lodge, Cradock, for an address to the R.W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of England for an alteration of Rule 9 of the Constitutions regarding Past Masters, was discussed, but ultimately rejected. At the evening sitting R.W. Bro. W. C. Wood was re-elected District Grand Treasurer, after which the investiture of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when the District Grand Master installed the following (all of them P.M.'s) as his officers, those who were not in attendance being installed by deputy: Bros. T. W. Robertson, D.G.S.W.; H. O. Lee, D.G.J.W.; Rev. T. Bennetts, D.G. Chap.; R. J. Dick, D.G. Reg.; W. F. Sissing, D.G. Sec.; W. C. Smith, D.G. Treas.; J. W. C. Mackay, D.G.S.D.; A. Walsh, D.G.J.D.; Tilney, D.G.S. of Wks.; G. F. Bedgood, D.G.D. of Cers.; W. S. Hockey, D.G.A.D.C.; W. J. Rampf, D.G. Swd. Br.; W. Biden, D.G. Org.; T. Welsh, D.G.A. Sec.; E. J. Carroll, D.G. Purst.; G. C. Goodwin, D.G.A. Purst.; C. A. Wagner and R. T. Middleton, D.G. Std. Brs.; H. H. Lowrie, Sir H. G. Stockenstrom, A. Guthrie, D. Johnson, J. Nixon, and E. Beaumont, Dist. G. Stewards. The report of the Board of Education was then submitted, together with the financial statement of the Treasurer of the Education Fund. From these it appeared that the Fraternity in this jurisdiction is following the excellent example of the Craft in England in the education of children of distressed brethren, seven being educated out of the funds as day scholars, and five as boarders, at various scholastic institutions in the district. A liberal grant in aid was made from the funds of the district, the claims of children of

distressed Masons upon the brethren being urged by the Grand Master, the Chaplain, and Bros. A. E. Austen, Walsh, Kemsley, and others. The proceedings concluded shortly after 10 o'clock. On Thursday afternoon the District Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge assisted at the installation of Bro. J. T. Keith as W.M. elect of Lodge Good Will, and afterwards the Grand Master, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and the local and visiting brethren, marched in procession to Trinity Church, where a service was conducted by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. T. Bennetts, the Ven. Archdeacon Croghan delivering to the brethren an excellent and eloquent address. At 7 p.m., a banquet was given by the local brethren to the District Grand Lodge and visiting brethren in the "Liedertafel." On June 23rd, the District Grand Master and his officers proceeded to Uitenhage to open a District Royal Arch Chapter, and in the evening a ball was given in the Drill Hall.

THE BOYCOTTING OF A NEW BRUNSWICK ENCAMPMENT URGED.

The Sovereign Grand Priory for the Dominion of Canada of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, met on July the 13th, at the Masonic Temple in Windsor, Ontario. In the absence of the Most Eminent Sir Knight Colonel W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Great Prior, the meeting was presided over by Right Eminent Sir Knight and Great Sub-Prior James A. Henderson. A special Committee was appointed to present a handsome jewel to Most Eminent Sir Knight I. S. Parvin, of Iowa, who has acted for the Grand Priory of Canada as Grand Representative near the Grand Encampment of the United States. The Past Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of Illinois was welcomed by the Grand Prior. A deputation was appointed to attend the Grand Encampment of the United States to urge upon them the ostracism or "boycotting" of the encampments of St. John and St. Stephen, of New Brunswick. These encampments, although properly subject to the Sovereign Priory of Canada, refuse obedience, and acknowledge no allegiance to any but the Chapter General of Scotland. It was announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had invested Right Eminent Sir Knight Daniel Spry with the Grand Cross of the Temple, one of the most highly prized honours of the Order. The following officers were elected: Sir Knights Wm. J. B. McLeod Moore, Prescott, Grand Prior; James A. Henderson, LL.D., Kingston, Deputy Grand Prior; Daniel Spry, Barrie, Grand Chancellor; J. A. Grosscup, Windsor, Grand Constable; J. Douglas, Toronto, Grand Marshal; D. McLellan, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer; S. G. Faintlough, Kingston, Grand Registrar. The following were elected Great Sub-jurors: Sir Knights E. H. Rayman, Kingston; John Hood, Hamilton; E. T. Malone, Toronto; E. H. D. Hall, Peterboro'; T. H. Stears, Montreal; J. C. Hatheway, St. John's; Wm. Taylor, Halifax, N.S. The following were elected members of the Grand Council: Sir Knights H. Robertson, Collingwood; Donald Ross, Picton; John Ross Robertson, Toronto; G. D. Adams, Windsor; J. Porte Thomas, Belleville.—*Toronto Globe*.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN, in an article animadverting on the action of Grand Lodge in the Quebec difficulty, has the following remarks on an aspect of English Freemasonry, which is more gratifying to the majority of English Masons than the polemics which now seem to be the leading characteristic of some foreign jurisdictions:—"We noted, in our last issue, the fact that the M.W.G. Master of England had withdrawn the patent of the Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, on account of Illinois having declared herself on the side of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Since then, we have received a report of the proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of England, at its session, last month, when the above action was recommended to his Royal Highness the Grand Master. We find, in the proceedings, a number of things done, which are, fully up to the standard of this Grand Body, and which reflect great credit upon it. For instance, the unanimous re-election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, was a good and proper thing to do. Again, the donation of 200 guineas to the fund for the relief of the unemployed, and which gift was made at the suggestion of the M.W.G.M., was a noble act, worthy of the Grand Body from whom it emanated, and the adoption of the report of the Board of Benevolence, in which they showed that during the past quarter they had given relief to individual brothers, or their widows, to the amount of £1400—or, in round numbers, 7000 dollars—fully shows that the hearts of the members of the Grand Lodge are fully imbued with the principle "Charity"—at least, in so far as it relates to the relief of the imppecunious brother. All the above recorded acts are redolent with Masonry, as it ought always to be, and as such have our hearty approval."

THE UNINITIATED.—It is not often that we hear of a candidate for initiation into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry refusing to present himself after having been balloted for and accepted by the brethren of the lodge wherein he was proposed, but, nevertheless, it has come under our observation that such a case has occurred, and no doubt there are others that we are not cognisant. We desire to offer on this subject a few remarks for the information of our brethren. A person desirous of becoming a Freemason must consider that he seeks admission into an Institution unequalled in the world, and when a lodge honours him to the extent of accepting him as a member he is, as a gentleman, morally bound to attend for the purpose of being initiated. We are aware that in some lodges, candidates who have been balloted for and accepted, and who do not attend the lodge for, say three months from the date of their acceptance, cannot be admitted unless a fresh ballot be taken. In others, the practice varies, some lodges do not mind how long candidates put off the time of their initiation, but the fact of some lodges being lenient is no excuse for the person accepted postponing his initiation to an indefinite period, particularly when the person who has been so accepted, fails to inform his proposer and seconder why he omits to present himself. The uninitiated to whom we are referring, must take another view of the case. Supposing, instead of being accepted, they were blackballed, what would their feelings be then? They, no doubt, would be very wrath to find that men of unblemished reputation and a character for possessing every qualification requisite to make men

good citizens should be debarred from participating in the mysteries of the Craft. They would feel that not only a gross injustice had been done to them, but would be highly indignant at having been refused admission into a Society where their respectability and uprightness should have been a sufficient guarantee for their fitness for becoming one of its members. Granted that they take this view of the case, which is natural, why should they not study the feelings of those who are responsible for their names having been introduced at the lodge. They should consider that the proposer and seconder are indifferently treated at their not fulfilling their engagements, and that when a person is proposed and accepted and does not attend for the purpose of being initiated, the brethren of the lodge naturally ask why does so and so not present himself for admission, thus casting some reflection on the proposer and seconder as if something had occurred, whereby they regretted ever having proposed the candidate, and at the same time they are not responsible in the slightest, as the intended initiate does not inform them of the why and wherefore. We think the following would have a very salutary effect, and guard against this kind of behaviour. That when a person who has been regularly proposed, balloted for, and accepted in any lodge fails to give a sufficient explanation to his proposer and seconder within, say three or six months of the cause of his non-attendance for the purpose of being initiated, should have his name struck off the lodge books, and such name be sent to every lodge under the three Constitutions in order that he may be prevented from being proposed in any other lodge other than the one he has been accepted in, unless a sufficient excuse be made to those who were responsible for his name being introduced into the lodge. We offer these remarks in the interest of the Craft, and will be glad to learn the views of any of our brethren on this subject.—*The Masonic Journal*.

THE PROMENADE CONCERTS.—The lessee of Covent Garden Theatre will have but little to complain of at the close of his season if the entertainment he provides there continues to be patronised by the public in the same liberal fashion as last night. There can be no doubt that this patronage is justly and properly bestowed, taking into consideration the general excellence of the long and varied programme which is every evening provided for the delectation of music-loving visitors to the theatre, and the splendid manner in which it is carried out by the artistes concerned, both vocal and instrumental, under the conductorship of Mr. Gwyllym Crowe. As is usual on Wednesday evenings, the first part of the programme last night was devoted to classical selections. The overture was taken from "Die Meistersinger." Madame Rose Hersee scored a great success by her rendering of the aria "Pur dicesi," while Mr. Bernhard Carrodus was equally fortunate in gaining the admiration of his audience for a magnificently-performed violin solo from Svendsen's "Romanze" (op. 26). Signor Foli, who followed, sang the aria "Il Monaco," and in response to a determined recall gave a lively old English ditty. One of the most remarkable performances of the evening was perhaps that of Mme. Isabel Fasset, who last night made her first appearance this season at the Concerts, in her singing of Beethoven's beautiful "Creation's Hymn." Her artistic method and the purity and clearness of her voice and enunciation were immensely appreciated by a crowded house, and led to her being enthusiastically and deservedly encored. In the second, or "Miscellaneous," part of the programme, Mr. Stedman's choir of lads and lasses were well received in Mr. Crowe's pretty vocal waltz, "Little Sailors." Madame Rose Hersee sang "I dreamt that I dwelt in marble halls," Signor Foli "Out on the Deep," and Madame Isabel Fasset "The Sailor's Story," each of their performances being met with an encore, which, in the case of Signor Foli, was responded to by that well-known humorous Irish song, "Father O'Flynn." As was only just and fair, the share of the work done by the orchestra received the heartiest recognition.—*Daily News*, Aug. 26.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

- DRURY LANE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.45, A RUN OF LUCK.
- COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, Promenade Concert.
- HAYMARKET THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.
- ADELPHI THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce.
- GLOBE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, THE SINS OF THE FATHERS; at 9, THE PICKPOCKET.
- SAVOY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.35, THE MIKADO; or, THE TOWN OF TITIPU; at 7.45, THE CARP. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.
- VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, THE ROAD TO RUIN.
- GAIETY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, Farce; at 8.45, ADONIS.
- PRINCES THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, THE JILT.
- COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, THE SCHOOLMISTRESS; at 8, BREAKING THE ICE. Matinee Saturday next at 2.30.
- OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, BACHELORS; at 9.0, DR. DAVY.
- COMEDY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, BLACKBERRIES; at 9, TURNED UP.
- STANDARD THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, COMEDIETTA, followed by JANE SHORE.
- GRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, WITH THE COLOURS.
- SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, "Jo."
- ROYAL AQUARIUM.
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement. COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION.
Open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission one shilling; Wednesdays half-a-crown.
- ALBERT PALACE.
Open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Amusements all day. CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.30, Grand Variety Company, &c., &c.



Bro. Underdown Knell, of Jewin-crescent, who has been suffering from a severe attack of laryngitis, is progressing favourably towards recovery.

Bro. Pearse Morrison on Wednesday entertained a few friends at dinner at St. George's Club, Mr. H. M. Stanley, the African explorer, being amongst the guests.

The Queen gave a dinner party at Holyrood Palace on the 19th inst., at which the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and several others were guests.

Bro. Sir Edmund Monson, British Minister at Copenhagen, was present at the banquet given by the Directors of the Great Northern Telegraph Company to Mr. John Pender on Friday, the 20th inst.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley returned to London on the 19th inst. from Millford House, where he had been to witness the operations of the fleet, under Bro. Sir W. Hewitt, against the defences of Pembroke Dockyard.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Princesses of Wales are expected to return from Homburg to England towards the end of next week, after which it is expected their Royal Highnesses will spend some time in Scotland.

Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master designate of Northumberland, has been returned to Parliament for the Blackpool Division of Lancashire, in succession to Bro. Sir F. Stanley, who has been raised to the peerage.

The Queen, accompanied by the other members of the Royal Family, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, left Edinburgh for Balmoral at 11 p.m. on Friday, the 20th inst., reaching her destination early the following morning.

On Thursday, 19th inst., a party of Freemasons from Liverpool, numbering about 100, had a trip to Alderley Edge. The visitors dined at the Queen's Hotel, and in the afternoon a number of vehicles were chartered to convey a large number to Gawsforth.

Bro. General Sir Redvers Buller is expected to arrive in Dublin to-day (Friday), and will immediately proceed to Kerry and take charge of the duties entrusted to him. His sphere of operations will include the Counties of Kerry and Clare and a part of West Cork.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England), Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Sir F. Stanley, Lord Ashbourne, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

A numerous party of our Colonial and Indian guests visited Sheffield on Monday, and were received and entertained at luncheon by the Mayor and Corporation of the town. They were afterwards conducted over some of the principal manufactories, the day concluding with a conversation at Cutlers' Hall. The reception accorded the visitors by the townspeople was most enthusiastic.

Among the guests of our Bro. Herr Weinmann (late of the Lodge of Tranquillity) at his charming hotel at Dörfli, on the Lake of Lucerne, there has been, during the past week, a goodly gathering of well known Masons. Bro. Sir John Monckton, accompanied by one of his sons, Bro. Sir Horace and Lady Jones, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., and family, Bro. Col. Harding and Miss Harding, Bro. Rudolph G. Glover, Bro. Edward Letchworth, and Bro. E. H. Burnell and Mrs. Burnell.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—The Committee of Management of the West Lancashire Alms House Benevolent Institution for providing annuities for distressed widows of Freemasons of the province announce that there are now three vacancies for annuitants. The last day for receiving applications was the 24th inst., and the poll is fixed to take place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, between five and six o'clock on the evening of the 22nd September.

The consecration of the De Tatton Lodge, No. 2144, Bowden, has been fixed by the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, for September 6th. The ceremony, which will be of the most complete and elaborate nature, is expected to be attended by a large number of brethren from all parts of the province. The use of the Parish Church Schools has been kindly granted for the occasion. The W.M. designate is Bro. E. Simpson, and he will invest as his first officers Bro. E. Morgan, S.W.; G. Bowen (Mayor of Altrincham), J.W.; A. Ingham, S.D.; F. Johnson, J.D.; and Col. Munn, I.G.

According to the latest advices from North Queensland, Bro. Arthur Mears, who was the first W. Master of the St. George Lodge, No. 1978, Herberton, was presented with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel bearing the inscription "Presented to Worshipful Bro. Arthur Mears, first Worshipful Master, by the Brethren of the St. George Lodge, Herberton, 1886." The presentation was made by Bro. Carthew who, in a few well chosen sentences, referred to Bro. Mears's services, especially in inaugurating and establishing the lodge, after the scheme had been for some time in abeyance. The gift was suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

The installation meeting of the Evelyn Lodge (S.C.) was held at Herberton, N. Queensland, on St. John's Day last, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. C. G. Hurrey, assisted by Bro. Craig, P.M., as well as Bros. Carthew, W.M., and A. Mears, I.P.M. of the St. George Lodge, No. 1978. The following are the officers for the year, namely: Bros. J. Robson, R.W.M.; R. G. McLean, D.M.; W. D. Bowkett, S.M.; W. Maglin, S.W.; J. Newell, J.W.; A. Aumuller, S.D.; W. Richards, J.D.; C. G. Hurrey, Treas.; G. E. Airey, Sec.; G. McKenzie, Chap.; H. Selig, Org.; D. Matheson, I.G.; W. Richards and J. Robson, Stwds.; and J. Craig, Tyler. The annual ball, at which about 60 ladies and brethren were present, took place the same evening at the Divisional Hall, which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The ball was a great success, there being both good music and an excellent supper.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper left Penshanger, his lordship's shooting quarters in the Highlands, on Saturday last.

Bro. J. L. Toole has greatly benefited by his visit to Aix-les-Bains, and will commence his provincial tour, according to previous arrangements, on Monday next.

Bro. the Duke of Leinster has arranged, under the Land Purchase Act, to sell to his tenants a large portion of his Kildare estates at 18 years' purchase of the rents.

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

The *London Gazette* of the 20th inst. contains a notice, dated Osborne, August 16, that the Queen has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Bro. Edward George Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General.

HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 25th inst., when Bro. J. D. Birkin, the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. G. Fidler. A full report will appear in our next issue.

Bro. Earl Granville arrived in town from Stone Park, Stafford, late on Tuesday evening, and the day following had a long conversation with Mr. Gladstone prior to the departure of the late Premier for Bavaria. Bro. Earl Granville left town again on Wednesday evening for Walmer Castle, Deal.

It is suggested that the portrait of Bro. R. Paget, Vestry Clerk of Clerkenwell, which attracted much attention at the Academy last year, should be purchased to hang in the Vestry Hall upon the completion of his thirtieth year in the service of the parish next November. The painting is by one of his sons, Mr. Sidney Paget.

Bros. Lord Hothfield, the Earl of Clonmell, Earl Bathurst, and the Marquis of Ailesbury were among the Peers who took the oath and their seats at the opening of the new Parliament on the 19th inst. Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), and the Earl of Kintore were two of the Royal Commissioners for opening the Parliament, and the former read the Queen's Speech.

One of the last acts of Bro. Lord Wolverton, before leaving the office of H.M.'s Postmaster-General, was to effect a very material reduction in the cost of Post-office Orders. The reduction will come into operation from the 1st prox., and under it a P.O. Order for £10 will cost no more than sixpence, instead of a shilling, Orders for lower amounts being proportionately reduced.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., President of the Irish Society of the City of London, and its other representatives, who went to Ireland last week on their usual annual visit, reached Coleraine on the 18th inst., and were present at the distribution of prizes to the successful students of the Academical Institution, Bro. Sir J. Ellis occupying the chair and performing the agreeable ceremony. Subsequently they entertained at luncheon the clergy, gentry, and merchants of the town.

The *Masonic Advocate*, of Indianapolis, for the current month refers in sympathetic terms to the death on the 13th June last, at the ripe age of 80 years, of Bro. Luke E. Barber, who for many years held the office of Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter respectively of Arkansas. Bro. Barber had been four years Grand Master and for ten years Grand High Priest of that jurisdiction, and in those exalted positions, as well as during his tenure of the two Grand Secretaryships, had fulfilled his duties with signal credit to himself and to the general credit of the Fraternity. His loss will be deeply regretted by the brethren in Arkansas.

Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers H. Buller, V.C., K.C.B., who has been appointed to act in the South and West of Ireland, with a view to suppressing disorder and outrage, is the son of the late Mr. J. Wentworth Buller, M.P., of Downes, Crediton, Devonshire, and has seen considerable active service since 1860, having served in the China Campaign in 1860, the Red River Expedition under Bro. General Lord (then Colonel) Wolseley, in the Ashantee War under the same chief, in the Kafir and Zulu Wars of 1878-9, as Chief of the Staff to Bro. Sir Evelyn Wood in the Boer War 1881, in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882 under Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, and in the Sudan Expedition of 1884 as second in command to Sir Gerald Graham.

According to the statistics compiled by Bro. J. H. Drummond, P.G.M., the number of Freemasons in North America, at the close of June, was 596,464, New York heading the list with 72,318, Illinois being second with 40,015, and Pennsylvania third with 37,175. Ohio holds the fourth place with 29,345 members, and Massachusetts and Michigan follow close with 27,590 and 27,045 respectively. Missouri has 25,821 members, Indiana 22,548, Iowa 21,309, and Maine 20,077, all the other Grand Lodges having under 20,000 members. Canada stands well with 18,983 members, Nova Scotia has 2966 members, Quebec 2822 members, New Brunswick 1910 members, Manitoba, 1350 members, and British Columbia, which is the smallest, not only of those in British territory, but on the whole continent, 312 members.

Tobacconists 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. —[Adv't.]

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.—[Adv't.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weakening Weather.—The sultry summer days strain the nerves of the feeble and decrepit, and disease may eventuate unless some restorative, such as these purifying Pills, be found to correct the disordering tendency. Holloway's medicine gives potency to the nervous system, which is the source of all vital movements, and presides over every action which maintains the growth and well-being of the body. No one can over estimate the necessity of keeping the nerves well strung, or the ease with which these Pills accomplish that end. They are the most unfailing antidotes to indigestion, irregular circulation, palpitation, sick headache, and costiveness, and have therefore attained the largest sale and highest reputation.—[Adv't.]

"The City Architect has just been knighted. Designing fellow!"—*Moonshine.*

Viscount Cross has appointed Mr. Arthur W. Williams Wynn to be an assistant unpaid Private Secretary at the India Office.

Viscount and Viscountess di Vesci arrived at the end of last week at Abbey Leix, their seat in Ireland, for the autumn.

Our Berlin Correspondent telegraphs that Professor Von Helmholtz, the celebrated scientist, is lying seriously ill at Interlaken.

The number of visitors to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition on Tuesday last was 41,067, making a total since the opening of 2,900,724.

The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, with Lady Winifred Herbert, have left Highclere Castle on a visiting tour, which will probably extend over a month or five weeks.

Earl and Countess Fitzwilliam and family are passing the season at Coollatin, Wicklow. Earl Fitzwilliam is expected to return to Wentworth House early next month, to receive company for the Doncaster race meeting.

Prince Albert Victor on Wednesday attended a large and fashionable party at the Lea, Crookham, Hants, the residence of Lord Frederick Kerr, R.N. His Royal Highness subsequently distributed the prizes at a local cottagers' show.

At the funeral of Mr. George Wilmshurst, late Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall, which took place at Walton-on-the-Naze on Wednesday last, the Prince of Wales was represented by Lieut.-General Sir Dighton-Probyn, Comptroller of his Royal Highness's Household.

In our report last week of the Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, Chingford, we printed the veteran M.E.Z.'s name as "Dolard" instead of "Adlard." Our good brother's name is so well known in Masonic circles, both in Essex and London, that the correction is scarcely necessary except in the interest of veracity.

Bro. Augustus Harris re-opens Drury Lane tomorrow (Saturday) with the new sporting drama by Henry Pettitt and Augustus Harris entitled "A Run of Luck." We hear rumours of exciting incidents and startling effects, both in the plot and stage accessories, and we trust that the "good luck" of the lessee of the National Theatre will be a continuation of that "run of luck" he has so long enjoyed and so pluckily worked for.

A selection of Egyptian antiquities, consisting of vases, arms, tools, foundation deposits, jewellery, and works of ancient art, in stone, bronze, terra cotta, glass, &c., recently discovered by Mr. W. M. Flinders Petrie at Tell Nebesheh, a dependency of Tanis, and at Tell De-fench (the Biblical "Tahpanhes," the "Daphnæ" of the Greek historians) will, by kind permission of the President and Council, be on view at the room of the Archaeological Institute, Oxford Mansions, near Regent-circus, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the 2nd to the 21st of September.

Among the resolutions to be submitted at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, which will be held at St. Louis on the 21st September prox. and following days, is one to hold the meetings of this body in Washington, D.C., in the month of December, and triennially as heretofore. The *Freemasons' Repository* seems favourably inclined towards the proposal, which it considers would enable more time to be devoted to the business arrangements of the Order, while it will in no way interfere with the festive tendencies of the sir knights.

According to *Le Monde Maconnique*, the Grand Orient has 361 bodies in its allegiance, namely, 313 symbolic lodges, 35 chapters, and 13 councils, which are thus distributed, namely, 67 in the Orient of Paris, 11 in Beaulieu, 229 in the Departments, 13 in Algeria, 9 in the Colonies of France, and 32 in countries outside France and the French possessions. The same authority gives the receipts for the year ended the 28th February, 1886, as close upon 139,857 francs, and the expenses as 139,866 francs.

A large party of the Liverpool brethren visited Clitheroe on the 19th inst., arriving in the morning. After a substantial dinner at the Swan and Royal Hotel, they drove in a coach and four and several large waggonettes to Stoneyhurst College, and were shown the usual sights there, after which they returned to Clitheroe via Mitton, where they inspected the grand old church and the Sherrburn chapel, and Whalley, inspecting Whalley Abbey and Church. After tea a musical evening was spent, and the party returned home by the last train to Liverpool.

On and from the 1st of September parcels not exceeding 11 lb. in weight will be received at any post-office in the United Kingdom for transmission to Newfoundland. Commencing with Tuesday, the 14th September, parcel mails will be made up at Liverpool for Newfoundland every alternate Tuesday morning in summer, for conveyance by the Newfoundland contract mail steamers; and every alternate Thursday morning in winter for conveyance to Halifax by the Canadian contract mail steamers. Parcels intended to be so sent must be posted so as to reach Liverpool by the night mails of the previous day. In the reverse direction, the parcels will be conveyed to Liverpool by the same lines of steamers, and distributed by means of the inland parcel post.

According to a brief sketch in the July number of the *Freemasons' Repository*, Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, who in June last was a second time elected M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Excelsior Lodge, No. 195, New York, in 1874, and was chosen its W.M. in the years 1877 and 1878. In 1878 and 1879 he was Dist. D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District, Commissioner of Appeals in 1879 and 1880, Chief Commissioner of Appeals in 1881-4, Deputy Grand Master in 1884, and Grand Master in 1885 and again in 1886. He is also a member of the Royal Arch, Templar Masonry, and the other Degrees. By profession Bro. Lawrence is a lawyer of good standing at the New York bar. He is also a man of great culture and refinement, and possesses a large amount of energy, and by the persistency of his efforts has succeeded to the present time in reducing the debt on the Masonic Hall at New York by \$1,000 dollars (£16,200).

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, September 4, 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 28.

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

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 30.

No Meetings.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.10.
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 31.

House Committee of the Benevolent Institution at 3.
Chap. 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.

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 Bldgs., 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, S.
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 Edgcumbe, 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, Waltham 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, SEPTEMBER 1.

UNITED GRAND LODGE, AT 7.
Lodge 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
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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.
Panmure, 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, SEPTEMBER 2.

Lodge 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, near Croydon.
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.
" 2128, United Northern Counties, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS 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.
Creton, 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, E.), 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.
Tredreg, 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, SEPTEMBER 3.

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 2099, Hammersmith, Board of Works, Hammersmith.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
B-acontree, 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.
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

Lodge 2148, Walsingham, Wilmington M.H., Dartford.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

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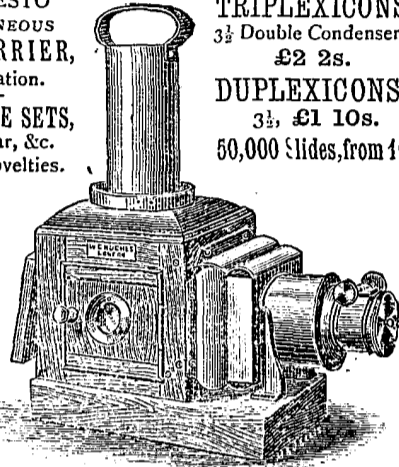
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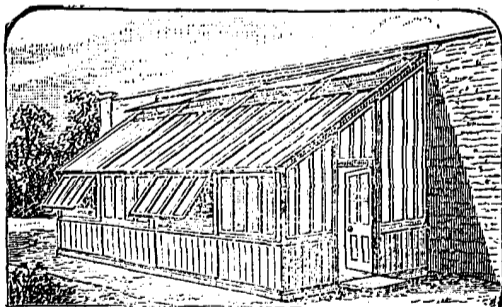
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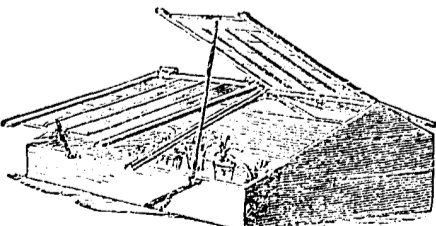
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