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The programme of business to be transacted by Grand Lodge on Wednesday was carried out very satisfactorily. The reports and proposals were of a character to command general and immediate assent, and, as a consequence, the agenda paper, albeit a most formidable one in appearance, was gone through with commendable promptitude. The recommendation that the salary of the GRAND SECRETARY should be increased to £1000 per annum, was approved in a manner that showed how highly the services of that important officer are appreciated in Grand Lodge. The investiture of Bro. PENDLEBURY as Assistant Grand Secretary was also a pleasing incident in the proceedings, and the manner in which the brethren acclaimed the appointment must have been especially gratifying to our worthy brother, who fully deserves whatever favours Fortune may bestow upon him. Nor must we forget to congratulate Bro. SADLER on the new office—that of Sub-Librarian to Grand Lodge—which has been allotted to him. The contents of our Grand Lodge Library are well known to him, and there is no one to whom the more immediate and personal custody of our precious archives could have been more suitably or safely entrusted. As regards the contributions voted to our several Charities in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, we are content to say that the grants are worthy of the Grand Lodge which has made them, of the Institutions to which they have been assigned, and of the Sovereign whose long and glorious reign they are intended to commemorate. They will form a grand and appropriate headpiece to the general body of subscriptions and donations which will find their way into the coffers of our central Charities during this year of universal rejoicing.

We are informed that the first allotment of tickets was made on Saturday and 5000 have already been posted. The seats in the Royal Albert Hall being of different value it was necessary to devise a scheme which would afford no ground of complaint. The allotment seems to have been made on the fairest principle that could be devised, namely, on the basis of the concert value of the tickets. Thus every lodge, whether its number be 1 or 2000, will receive tickets of the same aggregate value in proportion to the number applied for. We understand there are some excellent seats in the orchestra still unappropriated, which can be had on written application, accompanied by a remittance of one guinea for each ticket. Some lodges appear to have been left out of the first allotment through neglect to remit the guineas, but of this they cannot complain as every circular made that a condition of the application receiving attention, and no other course could have been adopted.

It is good news indeed that the difficulty which Bro. BINCKES has had in obtaining the services of some distinguished brother as Chairman for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is reported to have been at length overcome, and that Bro. T. W. TEW, R.W. Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, has kindly consented to preside. Bro. TEW is one of our most capable, most energetic, and most popular Prov. Grand Masters. There are few men who have laboured more zealously than he to promote the success of all our Institutions, and the announcement of his presidency will have an effect little short of magical on the Board of Stewards and their friends and supporters, bestirring them to exertions which will make the third of our great Institutional Festivals a triumph worthy of this auspicious occasion. As regards the Province of West Yorkshire, we may confidently rely on its doing its utmost, during the very limited period that remains, to assist its chief in its advocacy of the Boys' School interests. At all events, the arrangements, as now reported, are complete, and there appears to be good reason for anticipating an excellent result on the eventful Tuesday, the 14th inst.

THE Mark Grand Lodge has done well in acting upon Bro. HUGHAN'S advice to refer back to the General Board for further consideration that portion of its Report which relates to the differences unfortunately still pending between it and the great Chapter of Quebec. It would be most undignified, and therefore quite unworthy of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., if it permitted itself for one moment the idea of adopting anything like a retaliation course towards the Grand Chapter of Quebec and its friend and allies throughout the United States. Its wisest plan, as far as we can judge, will be to let things remain as they are at present in the hope and belief that a "modus vivendi" will sooner or later be found between the rival Mark authorities in the jurisdiction of Quebec, which will have the effect of reconciling the interests of both without detriment of the honour of either. There are times when it is as advisable to "let ill" as to "let well" alone, and as regards the pending "Mark" difference between England and Quebec, we consider the present is one of these times.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, acted as R.W.D.G.M.; Bro. as R.W. Past G.M.; Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., acted as S.W.; and Bro. Robert Cunliffe, P.G.W., as J.W.

The other Grand Officers present were—

Bros. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Col. Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; R. Cunliffe, P.G.W.; Marquis of Hertford, P.G.W.; Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cochran, P.G.C.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; Richard Eve, G. Treas.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L.; G.S.G. Corres.; George Cooper, S.G.D.; F. Knyvett, J.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; Peter de L. Long, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; Sir Bruce Seton, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; F. Davison, P.G.D.; Major J. S. Peirce, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Col. H. S. Burney, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; H. Maudsley, P.G.D.; R. W. Wheeler, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; J. M. Wike, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; R. Costa, P.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; R. G. Glover, P. Dep. G.D.C.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; H. T. Wood, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. C. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; Major A. B. Cook, P.A. G.D.C.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, G. Swd. Br.; W. R. Woodman, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Roebuck, P.G. Swd. Br.; Geo. Beech, G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Butler Wilkins, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Perryman, G.P.; Jas. Brett, P.G.P.; H. Garrod, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; A. Lucking, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Hopekirk, A.G.P.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

After the balloting papers for the election of the Board of General Purposes had been distributed, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of the Grand Festival were read and confirmed.

Bro. BEACH then announced that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes. (Applause.)

Bro. BEACH next said Grand Lodge had recently sustained a severe loss by the death of their Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. Sir Horace Jones. That brother was eminent no more for his skill and ability than for the zeal with which he discharged the duties of his office. The brethren must mourn the loss they had sustained by his untimely decease; but to replace his loss no time should elapse; it was necessary to replace him at the earliest possible moment; and therefore Bro. Edis had been appointed in his place.

Bro. R. W. Edis then advanced to the throne, and was invested by Bro. BEACH, who congratulated him on the appointment, at the same time that he expressed regret at the circumstances which had necessitated the appointment.

Bro. BEACH afterwards said the next business to be performed was to announce to the brethren that the Prince of Wales had appointed Bro. Pendlebury as Assistant Grand Secretary. (Loud cheers, in the midst of which Bro. A. A. Pendlebury advanced to the acting G.M., who said he had great pleasure in investing him, because his services fully justified the appointment.) (Renewed applause.)

The Scrutineers of votes were then chosen, and obligated to give a faithful return of the brethren; they then collected the voting papers and retired.

On the motion of Bro. C. F. HOGARD, Bro. John Smith was unanimously re-elected Grand Lodge Auditor.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE announced that the Prince of Wales had nominated Bros. J. A. Rucker (Chairman), H. D. Sandeman, and Brackstone Baker on the Colonial Board.

The following brethren were declared elected on that Board: Bros. T. C. Walls, P.M. 1745; Lieut.-Col. George Haldane, P.M. 1615; Albert Escott, P.M. 1593; T. Henry Gardiner, P.M. 657; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537; Thomas Jas. Reeves, W.M. 1118; and James Brett, P.M. 177; Bro. Haldane to be Vice-Chairman.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE informed Grand Lodge that the Prince of Wales had nominated as Members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and F. Davison.

The following brethren were nominated by the Committee of Masters: Bros. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; John Edward Dawson, P.M. 404; Charles George Dilley, P.M. 147; Major Alfred Durrant, W.M. 569; Albert Fish, P.M. 1366; Richard Kimpton, P.M. 1287; William John Murlis, P.M. 1642; Alfred Henry Tattershall, P.M. 140; and Japheth Tickle, P.M. 1196; and there being no others nominated, these brethren were declared duly elected.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, was then read and the following grants were confirmed:—

A brother of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 851, Worthing	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lonsborough Lodge, No. 1681, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother	150	0	0
A brother of the Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660, Malton	75	0	0
A brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 493, Hertford	150	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	75	0	0

A brother of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, London ...	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 272, Boston ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge Zetland-in-the-East, No. 508, Singapore ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 506, Shipley Gate ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, London ...	50	0	0

The special report from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire—under Article 93, Book of Constitutions—transmitting and recommending a memorial from the Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, for the expulsion from the Order of a brother of the said lodge, he having been recently convicted of felony and sentenced to five years' penal servitude, was submitted to Grand Lodge by Bro. THOMAS FENN.

Bro. BINCKES made a special appeal to the brethren whether it was necessary to inflict this additional pain on any erring brother who was already enduring the punishment of his offences.

A spirited endeavour was made to obtain a division on the question whether the Prov. Grand Master for Devon should be supported, but ultimately his report was adopted by a very large majority without a division.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was the next business, and it was as follows:—

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

The Board have to report that there being at present no complete catalogue of the Library of Grand Lodge, they have arranged for one to be prepared as soon as possible, and that in order to accommodate brethren who make use of the Library in the evening, the Board propose that it shall remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until 10 o'clock p.m., and on other days by arrangement. The Board recommend that Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler, be appointed Sub-Librarian, under the Grand Secretary, in addition to his other duties, with a salary of £20 a year, in order to carry out the proposed arrangements.

The Board also recommend—That in consideration of the very large increase in the Craft and Royal Arch of late years, and consequently in the duties of the Grand Secretary, and especially of the manner in which, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, those duties are discharged, it be recommended to Grand Lodge that the salary of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the present Grand Secretary, be raised from £800 per annum, its present amount, to £1000 per annum, and that the first quarterly payment of such increased salary be due and payable on Midsummer Day now next ensuing.

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 May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6401 17s. 10d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash, £100; and for servants' wages, £100; and balance for annual allowance for library, £25 6s. 3d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th May, 1887.

At the meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 17th May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the W. Bro. John Lawrence Mather, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, said that, this being the last meeting of the Board prior to the election, he was desired by the members to express their most sincere thanks to the V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, for the kindness and courtesy uniformly displayed by him on all occasions as President of the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. T. FENN, in moving the first recommendation, said Bro. Sadler was so well versed in the books in the library, and was a very earnest searcher after Masonic facts, having read every book in the library, that he knew where to put his hand on every volume, and he would assist any Masonic student who applied to him. The proposed addition to his salary was very modest.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, in seconding the motion, said Bro. Sadler well deserved the appointment.

The motion was carried.

Bro. THOMAS FENN (the Grand Secretary having retired) proposed the next recommendation of the report, and said the reasons given in the report for this recommendation would be supported by Bro. Sir John Monckton who would second its adoption. The brethren would be astonished at the progress which Masonry had made during the time Grand Secretary had been in office, and the immense addition to his work during those few years which Sir John Monckton's statement would disclose. He should, therefore, simply confine himself to another reason which he had ventured to think had an influence on the minds of the Board when they came to a unanimous vote on this recommendation. It was generally felt that a great Institution like Freemasonry, which had its ramifications not only all over England, but over the Colonies and throughout the vast extent of this great Empire, and having communications also with the whole habitable globe—an institution like this should have its only executive paid officer in a position worthy of so great and vast a body, which had the Prince of Wales, the Heir to the throne, associated with it, and associated with him many of the greatest and noblest in the land, with all of whom the Grand Secretary had constantly been in communication. But apart from this, it was due to Masons themselves and to their great institution that their officers should be paid somewhat better than officers of an Insurance Company. (Hear, hear). He knew many Insurance Company's in the City where the Secretaries received double the salary of the Grand Secretary, and for his own part he thought the salaries paid scarcely did credit to the Institution. (Applause). With these few words he proposed the adoption of the recommendation.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON said he seconded the motion with very much satisfaction, and he was sure the brethren would support it. Still, there must be some brethren present for the first time who were entitled to know to some extent the reason for the recommendation, and inasmuch as he introduced it to the Board of General Purposes when it was unanimously adopted after very full, free, and fair discussion, he desired to have the pleasure to second the motion. During the ten years he filled the office of President of the Board of General Purposes he saw a great deal of the Grand Secretary during the hours of absolute work. He did not feel it necessary to put before Grand Lodge all the figures but he might inform the brethren that since the present scale of payment of Grand Secretary was adopted in March, 1874, there had been an addition of 970 lodges and chapters to Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England. The brethren knew what work in Masonry that meant, and that the work of Grand Secretary must increase with it. How well that work had been

performed by Grand Secretary they also knew full well, and it would be an affront to them to argue the case further.

Bro. BEACH said he knew the motion would be carried with acclamation, and he put it before them with confidence.

The motion was carried unanimously, and with loud applause, which also greeted Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke when he returned to Grand Lodge.

Bro. THOS. FENN, in the absence of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., through illness, submitted to Grand Lodge an

APPEAL

By Bro. the Rev. HENRY WATSON, P.M. No. 757, Past District Grand Chaplain Bombay, against a ruling of his District Grand Master, refusing him permission to refer to official letters of the District Grand Secretary when asking a question in District Grand Lodge, of which he had given due notice.

Bro. FENN said the appeal did not refer at all to the question of what Bro. Watson had given notice, because he believed that was answered in the District Grand Lodge. The refusal of the District Grand Master was of the documents relating to a totally different subject, and as he was justified in his refusal the appeal ought to be dismissed.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence, seconded the motion, and the appeal was dismissed.

Bro. JOSEPH CLEVER, who wished to reserve his motion to give £1000 to each of the Charitable Institutions of Masonry, in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, till the result of Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion, that the same would be £2000 each, was informed by Bro. Beach that this could not be done, and he must either bring his motion on first, as it stood on the paper first, or he must withdraw it.

Bro. CLEVER elected to withdraw his motion.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., moved:—

That in commemoration of the Jubilee of the reign of her Majesty the Queen, the following donations be given from the Fund for General Purposes:

To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	£2000
„ Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	2000
„ Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	2000

He asked the brethren to do a kind and generous act. Masons were essentially loyal, and this would be a good opportunity of showing their loyalty to the throne. This was the best way to testify it, and at the same time they would be testifying their loyalty to Masons and to the children of Masons. He would not ask for the money if Grand Lodge had not got the money. They were not going to borrow money to give it; they had plenty, which was a great relief to their minds. He went solely upon the question of loyalty—loyalty to the Queen and loyalty to the Order. They should act an honest part. When they looked at their noble Institutions, where the little children were educated so as to get their future livelihood, and where the old people were taken care of when they could not get their own livelihood, they must be proud of them. He was in a position to ask the brethren to show their loyalty, for they were all noble-minded men. He concluded by moving his motion.

Bro. JOSEPH CLEVER seconded, feeling that Masons ought to do something to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, and they could not do it better than by assisting their Institutions.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, without any intention whatever of prejudicing this question, and certainly not with any view to oppose it, thought it only right, as President of the Board of General Purposes, to let the brethren know what the state of the funds was. The Fund of General Purposes had £6000 at the bankers, though that was not exactly available, for they could not draw cheques for that amount because there were current expenses to the amount of £2000 to be provided for, so that the amount immediately available was (say) £4000. They had in the funds £35,000 invested. —(applause)—belonging to the Fund of General Purposes. If the present vote was passed, some of that amount would have to be sold out. He hoped the brethren would not mistake the object with which he put them in possession of these facts.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., who did not yield to Bro. Stewart or Bro. Clever either in loyalty to the Grand Master, or in sympathy with Charity, put it to the brethren whether it would not be expedient, politic, diplomatic, even respectful, to the Grand Master to withhold this vote until after the celebration at the Albert Hall on the 13th June. As his Royal Highness was going to devote the proceeds of that affair to the three Masonic Institutions, he thought the present action was going somewhat obtrusively against what the Prince of Wales's intentions might be. The matter might be left till the September meeting, as the Jubilee sentiment would not entirely have evaporated by that time. (“No, no.”)

Bro. JAMES LEWIS THOMAS, P.A.G.D.C., moved the reduction of the vote by £1000 to each of the Institutions.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.D., wished to know whether the £6000 was to be placed simply to the credit of the three Charities, or whether it was to have a distinctive commemorative generic purpose, so as to take the form of a memorial of the Jubilee year.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH seconded Bro. Lewis Thomas's amendment.

Bro. the Rev. W. H. WELDON supported the £6000 vote.

The amendment was lost, and the original motion carried amidst loud applause.

The following motion was also carried—

By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D.:—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

Bro. BEACH said as the Scrutineers had not yet completed their labours, he would receive their report in the Grand Master's private room.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

The following brethren were elected as members of the Board of General Purposes:—

1. Bro. Nusserwanjee Dossabhooy Fracis, W.M. 255.
2. „ Henry Pritchard, W.M. 1415.
3. „ James Terry, P.M. 228.
4. „ Frederick E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891.
5. „ Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584.
6. „ Edward Terry, P.M. 20.
7. „ Charles Belton, P.M. 165.
8. „ Howard Henry Room, P.M. 2090.
9. „ Henry Sutherland, M.D., W.M. 99.
10. „ Robert George Clutton, W.M. 631.
11. „ Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 907.
12. „ Frederick Trotman Bennett, W.M. 211.
13. „ Augustus Taylor Day, W.M. 58.
14. „ Henry Dickey, W.M. 1744.

CONSECRATION OF THE TENNANT ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, AT PENARTH, SOUTH WALES.

It will be in the recollection of our readers that a few months ago Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S., and several members of the Supreme Grand Council visited Cardiff, in order to take part in the installation of Bro. Marmaduke Tennant as the first Grand Superintendent for the district of the Eastern Division of South Wales, in Royal Arch Freemasonry. And as the first fruits of the formation of this Provincial Grand Chapter, Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt., Col. Burney, and other distinguished Masons, again visited Cardiff, on Saturday, the 21st ult., to conduct the consecration of the Tennant Royal Arch Chapter, at Penarth, and also the consecration of a Rose Croix Chapter in Cardiff.

The ceremony of consecration of the Tennant Chapter was performed by Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past Grand Superintendent Bengal, assisted by Bros. Col. Burney, P.G.S.B., as Grand Director of Ceremonies; J. Hall, P.G.H.; S. Cooper, P.G.J.; N. Whittington, P.G.S.E., as acting G.S.E.; and Rev. Dr. Walters, P.G. Chap., who delivered the oration.

The following oration was delivered by Comp. the Rev. Canon WALTERS, D.D. (Vicar of Llansamlet, Glamorganshire), M.E.Z. 237, P.M. 1573, and Prov. Grand Chaplain South Wales, Eastern Division:—

Most Excellent and Brother Companions, probably no Degree in Freemasonry is more popular at the present time than the Holy Royal Arch Masonry of Jerusalem. At all events, I believe it is second to no other, and I have to crave your indulgent attention while I endeavour to make a few general remarks on the subject of this Degree, appropriate to the occasion of our gathering here to-day. The first thing which meets us on the very threshold of our opening remarks, is the object of this Degree. The principal object of the companions is evidently the recovery of the lost word. In the Third Craft Degree, a word is temporarily substituted for it, until time or circumstances shall restore the genuine one; and, therefore, the discovery of this lost word forms an important constituent in Craft Masonry, completing the series of teaching comprised in Freemasonry. It is true that the building of the second temple forms no unimportant feature in this Degree, still, it is evident that the discovery of the lost word is its main purpose. Hence the Royal Arch Degree is uniformly looked upon as the summit and perfection of all Craft Masonry. The tone and character of this Degree is, in my opinion, one of a genuine religious character. Were it not so, I should not be disposed to take the prominent part in it which I do. Nor does it in any way militate against the obligations of those who still preserve the ancient faith of Judaism. I believe that every truly liberal-minded man is able to give his cordial support to the peculiar symbolism of the Royal Arch Degree. Then there are two very important lessons which it teaches, and which may be taken as confirmatory of this opinion which I have advanced. Those lessons are—(1) That man, by nature, is the child of ignorance and of error, and (2) That he would ever have remained in that deplorable situation, under the darkness of the shadow of death, had it not pleased the Almighty to call him to light and immortality, by the revelation of His holy word and will. Such being the case, a good and true Freemason, searching honestly after truth, cannot well be an irreligious man. As Masons, we universally recognise the Fatherhood of God. In the very first article in our Book of Constitutions, under the heading "Concerning God and Religion," we are distinctly and emphatically told that if a Freemason "rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious libertine." Masonry is not, I admit, in itself religious; but what I contend for is this—that there is nothing in Masonry contrary to the teaching of the Volume of the Sacred Law, and the natural consequence of this is, that piety towards God and love to man constitute the two grand pillars of our Order. The spirit which pervades religion should be made to pervade Masonry in all its relations. The gentle influence of both, extending harmoniously together, will naturally cause the dark abodes of sorrowing humanity to wake up into joy and singing. These are some of our high and distinguished privileges. Now it so happens that privileges always entail corresponding duties. Our duties in this relationship are to praise God's holy name, for that knowledge of himself which he has graciously vouchsafed to us, and also to walk worthy of that light which he has caused to shine around us. We cannot, of course, expect perfection here on earth. In every class, and in every community, there are some who are a disgrace to themselves and to all those with whom they are connected. It is not the fault of Masonry that there are bad men to be found within its ranks, and it is a cause of deep regret to the Fraternity that there are unworthy companions and brethren who do not live up to the principles which they profess. Such men bring great reproach and dishonour on the Craft to which they professedly belong. But be it ours, both as Masons and companions, to show that we not only belong to Craft Masonry, but we are also better men; that Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are not merely words on our lips, or emblazoned on our banners, but that those words are carried out in life. Profession without practice is of no avail, and the best champion of every institution is he who defends it with deeds and not with words. Let us, then, my companions, try to adorn the Fraternity to which we belong, by our mode of life and conduct. Let us give visible signs of the soundness of those principles which direct and govern us. I do not think it wise to argue with the uneducated world, and the uninitiated about the excellency or otherwise, of our Orders. We cannot be too cautious and watchful in what we say and do. We should try to illustrate the true spirit of the Craft by our life and conversation, rather than by explanation and argument. In conclusion, let me express the heartiest good wishes for the success and prosperity of your new chapter. May it become beautiful as the temple of Solomon, peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as its most Holy place, may your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as its altar, and your conduct acceptable as its offering. May the exercise of your charity be constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and the helpless orphan. May the approbation of heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support. May you be endued with every good and perfect gift while travelling the thorny path of life, and finally may you be admitted within the heavenly temple to the full enjoyment of life eternal. We are all fast hastening over the tessellated pavement of this chequered state of existence. We are descending along the downward course of time—some go more smoothly than others, but none the less surely. When we come to die may the door of the Grand Lodge of everlasting life be open to receive us. And for this end may our religious and Masonic course be steady, gradual, and measured, not irregular, uncertain, and unsuccessful. It is our duty and privilege to glorify the true and living God, most high in our bodies and in our spirits which are His, and so let our "light shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our father which is in heaven."

The following companions were also present: Comps. M. Tennant, Grand Supt.; Sir G. Elliott, P.G.M. East Division of South Wales; S. G. Homfray, P.G.H. Monmouth, 471; Wm. Watkins, P.G.S.W., 683; J. S. Hunter-Little, P.G.S.N. 818; J. C. Sladen, P.G.D.C., 237; Robt. Capper, J. 1323; George Thomas, M.E.Z. 36; S. Weichert, P.Z. 36; John Rogers, P.Z., P.G.R., 237; Chas. H. Olliver, jun., P.P.G.P.S.; George Jones, P.A.D.C. 364; S. Coleman, W.M. 36, P.S.; F. P. Adey, H. 36; H. N. Davies, P.G.R., 36; W. D. John, R. Male, 36; S. Lewis, 36; W. G. Davies, P.G.A.S.; E. Roberts, 364, P.Z.; Ernest Grant, P.S. 364; and others.

After the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Comp. Hugh Sandeman, P.G.S., and the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Marmaduke Tennant, installed the three Principals, viz.: Comp. Jas. Hunnan, P.S.G.W., P.Z., as M.E.Z.; W. D. John, P.P.G.D.C., as H.; and F. P. Adey, P.P.S.G.D., as J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers, viz.: Comps. Sidney Coleman, W.M., P.S. 36, S.E.; R. C. Roper, W.M. 1754, N.; T. H. Belcher, J.W. 1754, P.S.; F. G. Hodges, S.W. 1754, Treas.; H. P. Roberts, A.S.; A. H. Hallett, A.S.; and Amos Jenkins, Janitor. Comp. C. H. Olliver, P.G.O. Monmouth, kindly acted as Organist in an efficient manner.

The chapter starts under very favourable auspices, no less than 13 brethren being proposed for exaltation as well as of joining members. The following honorary members were then made—Comps. Hugh Sandeman, P.G. Supt.; Col. Burney, P.G.S.B.; Marmaduke Tennant, Grand Supt.; and Sir G. Elliott, P.G.M. After which the companions adjourned to Cardiff to open a Rose Croix Chapter named after Comp. J. C. Parkinson, who has been recently appointed Inspector General of District. The consecration ceremony was then ably performed by Comp. Sandeman, assisted by Comps. Col. Burney and Capt. Homfray. After the ceremony Comp. Jas. Hunnan, P.S.G.W. and M.E.Z., was inducted into the chair of M.W.S.

The M.W.S. then appointed his officers as follows; Bros. S. Cooper, P.G.S.W., P.Z., Prelate; C. W. Page, S.W., 1st General; W. D. John, P.M., 2nd General; W. R. Parker, Treasurer; Ivor J. Roberts, Recorder; J. Taylor, Raphael; E. W. Shackell, Grand Marshal; S. Coleman, Herald; J. Belcher, Capt. of the Guard. Seven brethren were also advanced to the 18°. The following were then made Hon. Members: Bros. Hugh Sandeman, Col. Burney, M. Tennant, and Sir George Elliot.

In the evening the brethren met at the Royal Hotel, where Bros. James Hunnan, the M.E.Z. of the Tennant Chapter, and M.W.S. of the Parkinson Chapter, presided, supported by Bro. Hugh Sandeman, Col. Burney, Sir George Elliot, M. Tennant, G. Supt.; Capt. Homfray, P.G.H. Mon.; S. Cooper, P.G.J.; Watkins, P.G.S.W.; and others, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with harmony.

Bro. Sir George Elliot kindly entertained the distinguished guests at his Aberavon residence, and left town in order to do so.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at the Holborn Restaurant. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, presided. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett occupied the S.W. chair, and Lord Saltoun held the chair of J.W.

The other brethren present were—

Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M., as G.M. W. Kelly, Prov. G.M. Leicestershire, as D.G.M.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Buckinghamshire; Major J. W. Woodall, Prov. G.M. N. and E. Yorks; J. Walker, M.A., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Prov. G.M. Cornwall; Marquis of Hertford, P.G.M. Warwickshire; Col. Aubrey Saunders, P.P.G.M. Madras; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, as S.G.W.; Lord Saltoun, J.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; F. Davison, P.G.W.; W. J. Hugan, P.G.W.; Col. A. Potter, C.B., G.M.O.; G. Galloway, S.G.O.; George Kenning, J.G.O.; Baron de Ferrières, P.G.O.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O.; R. J. Mure, P.G.O.; T. Cubitt, P.G.O.; Col. H. S. Burney, P.G.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.O.; W. Roebuck, P.G.O.; O. H. Pearson, P.G.O.; W. Adlard, P.G.O.; R. Eve, P.G.O.; Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., G. Chap.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; James Moon, G. Treas.; Frederick Binckes, G. Sec.; R. L. Loveland, D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; T. H. Smith, D.P.G.M. Warwickshire; John E. Dawson, D.P.G.M. Hertfordshire; T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; N. Tracy, J.G.D.; H. Ward, J.G.D.; F. Crouch, J.G.D.; A. Williams, P.G.D.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; P. Wallis, P.G.D.; T. J. Ralling, P.G.D.; F. H. Gottlieb, P.G.D.; C. W. Radway, P.G.D.; Dr. G. Mickley, P.G.D.; C. H. Driver, P.G.I. of Wks.; Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C.; G. P. Festa, A.G.D.C.; H. George, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Evans, G. Swd. B.; T. Taylor, G. Std. B.; W. Watkins, P. G. Std. B.; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. B.; Prof. H. R. Rose, G. Org.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; W. Vincent, G.I.G.; G. Graveley, P.G.I.G.; J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; J. Pinder, G.A.I.G.; R. Owen, Jas. Boulton, R. Glasspool, Jas. Terry, B. T. Fountaine, G. Edwards, and John Ramsey, G. Stewards; C. F. Hogard, J. Manwaring, M. Mildred, G. W. P. Harris, D. P. Cama, J. Barker, F. W. Driver, J. Lane, H. Massey, and J. E. Anderson, P.G. Stewards; and A. Walkley, G. Tyler.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, and the salute of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the minutes were read and confirmed.

LORD EGERTON of Tatton then said the next duty he had to perform was to call the brethren's attention to a Communication from his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Mark Master, in which his Royal Highness proposed to confer Past Grand Rank on distinguished brethren, he therefore begged to move that H.R.H.'s proposition be accepted by Grand Mark Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. T. CARTWRIGHT SMYTH, G.C., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

LORD EGERTON of TATTON next said he had to acquaint Grand Lodge that he had received a communication from the Earl of Kintore stating that, in consequence of his brother's sudden death, he was prevented from being in London that day, having been obliged to go abroad, and he expressed his deep regret at being absent.

Bro. LORD EGERTON of TATTON then said the next business for Grand Lodge was to do that which he was sure the brethren would most cordially agree to—as every body of Englishmen had yet done—vote a congratulatory address to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on attaining the 50th year of her reign. He was sure there was no body of men in England or the Dependencies of the British Empire who were more loyal than Masons or than Mark Masons. Masons had in their body a living illustration of the wideness of her Majesty's rule—Masonry not only being extended in these islands, but in the Colonies and Dependencies of Great Britain. They most cordially congratulated the Queen on the 50th year of her reign, and thanked the Great Overseer of the Universe for having preserved her Majesty so many years, and they trusted she might be spared for many years to come to continue the great blessings secured to us by her long and prosperous reign. It would be presumptuous for him to say anything further in offering to the brethren this vote of congratulation to her Majesty, and he thought he should be best performing his duty by reading the address and proposing that it be properly engrossed and illuminated, and presented, he trusted, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to her Majesty.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., P.G.M., said he had the greatest pleasure in seconding the motion. He thought it was only right that this Grand Mark Lodge, as representing Mark Master Masons over England and also over so vast a portion of the globe, should take the initiatory step in congratulating her Majesty, and so giving effect to the feelings which they entertained in common with so many of her Majesty's subjects.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

The following report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the six months ending 31st March last, there have been issued:—Mark Certificates, 566; total number registered, 22,793. Warrants for new lodges, 10, viz.:—

No. 370, Jamestown, St. Helena.
 „ 371, Waranga, Murchison, Victoria.
 „ 372, De la Pole, Seaton, Devon.
 „ 373, Ilkeston, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.
 „ 374, St. Chad, Leeds.
 „ 375, Jubilee, Ulverston.
 „ 376, Herschel, Slough.
 „ 377, Brentwood, Brentwood.
 „ 378, Invicta, Ashford.
 „ 379, St. Martin's, Liskeard.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 149; total number registered, 2225.

Warrants for new lodges, viz.:—Trent, attached to Fleming, No. 265; Fearnley, attached to Fearnley, No. 58; Sussex, attached to Royal Sussex, No. 75; Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed, attached to Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed (T.I.); Wiltshire Anchor, attached to Wiltshire Keystone, No. 178.

The following re-appointments as Prov. Grand Masters have been made for a further term of three years:—R.W. Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, Lincolnshire; R. I. Finnemore, Natal; Hon. William Badgley, Quebec; C. L. Mason, West Yorkshire; Wm. Kelly, Leicestershire, &c.

The Board recommend to Grand Lodge that, as a token of personal affection and respect for his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas be voted from the General Fund of Grand Lodge to the Masonic section of the "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," being the National Memorial of the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, originated by the Grand Master, and approved by her Majesty.

They further recommend that every Mark Master Mason, who is a subscribing member of a Mark lodge on the 20th June next, shall be permitted to wear on the hanger of the jewel of the Degree a Jubilee badge in gold or gilt, and enamel, sealed patterns of which may be seen at the office.

A Memorial has been received from the St. Ethelbert Lodge, No. 243, Hereford, praying to be attached to the Province of Gloucestershire, and the R.W. Provincial G. Master having signified his consent, the Board have submitted the Memorial to the M.W. Grand Master for his approval.

It having been reported to the Board that the Provincial Grand Secretary of Nottinghamshire had irregularly granted a dispensation to a brother of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 344, and to a brother of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, to fill the chairs of these lodges, the said brethren not being qualified as Worshipful Masters of Craft lodges, and such dispensations being the sole prerogative of the M.W. Grand Master—(see Article 99, Book I of Constitutions, ed. 1886)—on careful consideration, the Board resolved that the M.W. Grand Master should be respectfully requested to direct the issue of regular dispensations on payment of the usual fee of 21s., and that the Prov. Grand Secretary be fined the sum of one guinea.

The Board, having considered the case of Bro. Charles F. Johnson, who, by inadvertence, occupied the chair of Peveril Lodge, No. 323, for 11 months only, recommend the Grand Lodge to confirm him in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of one guinea.

The Board having been informed that Bro. Arthur H. Marsh had been installed in the chair of Howe Lodge, No. 21, on the 2nd July, 1885, and that he had not served the full period of 12 months, his successor having been installed on the 20th May, 1886, recommend him to Grand Lodge for confirmation in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of two guineas.

The Board record with the deepest regret the death of Ill. Bro. Albert Gallatin Goodall, 33, New York. Bro. Goodall had acted for many years as General Representative of this Grand Lodge in the United States of America, and from the time of his acceptance of that appointment had been in every way mindful of its interests.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, acting in support of the unconstitutional pretensions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, have withdrawn their recognition of this Grand Lodge. It is satisfactory to find that a minority of 65 against 99 refused to concur in this attack on ancient landmarks. Should, however, this action of the General Grand Chapter be found to involve any practical injury to English Mark Masters in the United States, which it is earnestly hoped may not be the case, this Grand Lodge will be reluctantly compelled to give them its support in working the Mark Degree.

It having come to the knowledge of the Board that a testimonial is about to be presented to R.W. Bro. Binckes on the part of a numerous body of his friends, the Board recommend that, in recognition of his services to this Degree during 29 years, 26 of which as Grand Secretary, an honorarium of £50 be voted to the R.W. Brother from the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

The Nineteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 20th July, and the M.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst has most kindly consented to preside. In the Jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen the Board cannot entertain any misgiving as to the result of the labours of the Board of Stewards, who will on that occasion support the noble brother who will occupy the chair.

Walter Ernest Quinn, being the only candidate, has been placed on the Educational Fund without proceeding to formal election, which, in the ordinary course, would have taken place on the 7th April last.

The election of annuitants, in the usual course, would have taken place on 5th May, but as there was only one approved candidate—Bro. Alexander Mole, 69 years of age, for 14 years a subscribing member of Nos. 8 and 173—the Board have placed him on the Annuity Fund without proceeding to formal election.

The Board acknowledge with thanks the gift to the library of two volumes by Bro. Geo. Cooper, P.G.D.; and receipt of copies of the proceedings of Grand Chapters of Washington, Illinois, Maryland, Colorado, Arkansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Missouri, Scotland, and the General Grand Chapter, U.S.A.

The Board have ordered the investment of £700 on behalf of Annuity Fund, and £200 on behalf of Benevolent Fund, making the total invested funds as follows:—

General Fund	...	...	...	£2400	0	0
Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	1500	0	0
Educational Fund	...	...	...	1900	0	0
Annuity Fund	...	...	...	2000	0	0

The Board have relieved the following cases:—

Bro. T. P., No. 5	...	...	...	£10	0	0
„ A. M., Nos. 8 and 173	...	...	...	12	0	0
„ T. W. A., No. 176	...	...	...	15	0	0
Mrs. C. A. J.	...	...	...	15	0	0
„ E. M. G.	...	...	...	10	0	0

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

Appended are the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the half-year ending 31st March, 1887:—

DR. GENERAL FUND.			
To Half-year's Receipts	...	...	£1009 0 11
„ Interest on Investment	...	...	58 0 0
„ Bonds realised	...	...	500 0 0
			£1567 0 11

CR. GENERAL FUND.			
By Overdrawn, 30th September, 1886	...	...	£371 9 11
„ Expenditure	...	...	727 19 6
„ Balance	...	...	467 11 6
			£1567 0 11

DR. BENEVOLENT FUND.			
Balance 30th September, 1886	...	...	£842 7 1
To Receipts	...	...	426 10 0
„ Interest on Investments	...	...	20 15 8
„ Transferred from "Dewar Fund"	...	...	115 8 9
			£1405 1 6

CR. BENEVOLENT FUND.			
By Grants in Relief	...	...	£90 0 0
„ Secretary's Salary	...	...	20 0 0
„ Investment	...	...	207 0 0
„ Transferred to Annuity Fund	...	...	699 8 0
„ Do. Educational Fund	...	...	250 13 1
„ Balance	...	...	138 0 5
			£1405 1 6

DR. EDUCATION FUND.			
To Interest on Investments	...	...	£35 0 10
„ Transferred from Benevolent Fund	...	...	250 13 1
„ Overdrawn	...	...	9 4 1
			£294 18 0

CR. EDUCATION FUND.			
By Overdrawn, 30th September, 1886	...	...	£100 9 9
„ Education Fees	...	...	94 8 3
„ Grants for Clothing	...	...	100 0 0
			£294 18 0

DR. ANNUITY FUND.			
To Balance 30th September, 1886	...	...	£17 14 10
„ Interest on Investments	...	...	36 19 6
„ Transferred from Benevolent Fund	...	...	699 8 0
			£754 2 4

CR. ANNUITY FUND.			
By Investment	...	...	£707 0 0
„ Balance	...	...	47 2 4
			£754 2 4

Audited and Approved this 4th day of May, 1887.

(Signed) CHARLES EDWARD SOPPET, P.G. Stwd.,
 Auditor.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS proposed the first recommendation: "That the sum of 150 guineas be voted from the General Fund of Grand Lodge to the Masonic Section of the Imperial Institute." He regretted that as Mark Masons they were not able to give more; but that sum which was mentioned and recommended by the General Board he thought would be given by the brethren very heartily.

Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., seconded the motion, which was afterwards put to the brethren and carried unanimously.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS next moved: "That the sum of £50 be voted from the General Fund to R.W. Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, as an honorarium for distinguished services during 29 years." In making the motion he would like to say that he trusted this would be taken by Bro. Binckes as given by the brethren from their hearts. They could safely give the amount from their funds, and he hoped Bro. Binckes would receive it as the brethren gave it, and that the vote would cheer him through life and show him that it was some mark of gratitude for what he had done for Mark Masonry during the last 29 years.

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

Bro. KELLY, P.G.M. Leicestershire, supported the motion, testifying of his own knowledge to the immense services Bro. Binckes had given to Mark Masonry.

Bro. BEACH, P.G.M., could not allow the opportunity to pass without bearing his testimony to the accuracy of what had been already said. He could testify to the valuable services which Bro. Binckes had rendered in the early days of their Grand Lodge when the career of Mark Masonry was not so prosperous as it was at present. Although during that time English Mark Grand Lodge had increased to the greatest dimensions, yet Bro. Binckes's exertions had not relaxed, and he thought it was but right to give him some small recognition of those services after so long a time.

The motion was carried amidst loud applause.

Bro. BINCKES said that if it had not been that his services were wanted in Grand Lodge he should have asked permission to leave the lodge while this vote, personal to himself, was being moved, and he hoped Grand Lodge would not think him wanting in delicacy, because he had remained. He could only express his sincere appreciation of the manner in which the vote had been dictated and received. He was happy to find that his efforts during 29 years had not been unsuccessful in promoting the interest of Mark Grand Lodge.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS moved that Bros. Charles F. Johnson, 323; and Arthur H. Marsh, 21, be confirmed in the rank and privileges of Past Master.

Bro. BINCKES explained that several times cases of this kind occurred. The brethren did not commit the error wilfully, but unfortunately they infringed on the Constitutions, which provided that a Master must occupy the chair 12 months before he was entitled to the rank of P.M. When a brother was once installed and had the secrets conveyed to him it was absolutely impossible to undo what had been done. The Board, therefore, treated each case on its merits, and in one of the present cases had inflicted a fine of one guinea, and in the other a fine of two guineas.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON said he had received a letter from Canon Portal regretting exceedingly his inability to be present, having had an attack of illness.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS moved that the report be adopted.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.W., as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, objected to the paragraph with regard to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and regretted to find in it the concluding sentence—"Should, however, this action of the General Grand Chapter be found to involve any practical injury to English Mark Masters in the United States, which it is earnestly hoped may not be the case, this Grand Lodge will be reluctantly compelled to give them its support in working the Mark Degree." He submitted that if those words meant anything they meant a threat to issue warrants for the working of Mark Masonry in the United States, and he was very sorry to read such in the report, because if they were adopted by this Grand Lodge they would widen instead of heal the breach which existed between the American brethren and the Mark Masons of this country. He had for many years taken a deep interest in the Mark Masonry of the United States with respect to English brethren visiting Mark Lodges and Chapters there and becoming joining members, and had given a very careful study to the whole question. He had heard it said that in considering the matter of the difficulties between the Grand Lodge of Quebec

and Grand Lodge of England, it would be on the same lines as that of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of England; but he begged to differ from that view. With respect to Grand Lodge of England, he thought Grand Lodge of England was wholly in the right, whereas the Grand Lodge of Quebec was wholly in the wrong, but with regard to Grand Chapter of Quebec, and Mark Grand Lodge of England, his opinion was that both were in the wrong, and that being the case Grand Mark Lodge of England should be very careful how they proceeded. There were some 30 Grand Chapters and 120,000 Mark Masons who were Royal Arch Masons, under the General Grand Chapter of U.S.A. They would be virtually cut off from all those bodies by passing this portion of the report. It was true there were three Grand Chapters not connected with the United States G.G. Chapter, one was Pennsylvania with which he was connected that had offered its good offices in bringing about a better feeling between the bodies, but it seemed to him that if Grand Mark Lodge of England used this threat they should never do so unless they carried it out, and to use the threat at the present stage of the proceedings would do very much harm instead of doing good. He was very sorry Canon Portal was not present, as he was so well informed on the subject. He could not help thinking that if they very carefully considered the whole question, they would see that by virtually threatening the United States Grand Chapters they entirely cut themselves off from associating with them. With respect to the action of the Grand Lodge of England, let them bear in mind edicts of non-intercourse had been issued against it, that Grand Lodge had not threatened to issue warrants in the United States, and he did not suppose it ever would. He thought it was without the province of Grand Mark Lodge to do so, and he hoped for the sake of peace and harmony of Mark Masons in this country who wanted to visit lodges and chapters in the United States, that the words he had read would be obliterated from the report. He did not propose any amendment, but he put it to the Vice-President of the General Board, when he did not think under the circumstances, for the sake of good feeling between Mark Masons of this country and the Royal Arch Masons of the United States, the sentence had better not be omitted. Even if the matter were postponed till the December meeting it would be better than to deal with it now, but he believed it would be a mistake to adopt that sentence at any time.

Bro. Major WOODALL wished to say a few words as one who had been a visitor at lodges in Pennsylvania, and in support of Bro. Hughan's remarks. Speaking from experience of the brethren in the United States he felt sure they would be unwilling there should be any difference of opinion. They might adopt the somewhat Fabian policy of waiting for the turn of events, and he believed if they did that, matters would be smoothed over. He was quite conversant with the question between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of England, but he must say he thought time would get over the difficulty. He hoped they would not take a different position with regard to their brethren of the United States.

Bro. BINCKES, G.S., knew Canon Portal's mind on the matter. No one more than he (Bro. Binckes) regretted Canon Portal was not present to support the proposition he had made; but, after Bro. Hughan's forcible argument, he would venture to put it to Grand Lodge that this last paragraph be deferred till December, when it was to be hoped Canon Portal would be there. That would not eliminate it from the report in any shape or way, and it would not be carrying anything hostile to the views of the President of the Board.

A BROTHER suggested that the whole paragraph be left out.

Bro. W. BEACH, P.G.M., thought not. It would be better to refer the matter back.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON thought it would be very undesirable that they should have such words in the report as would have the effect of wounding the feelings of their American brethren, and therefore, on those grounds, if not on more substantial grounds, he thought that the whole paragraph be deferred. Before the next meeting of Grand Lodge the question would be fully gone into, and the forcible words used would not in any way be carried into effect. If it was the pleasure of Grand Lodge, he would suggest that the whole of the paragraph be referred back to the General Board.

This was agreed to, and the report, as amended by the omission of the paragraph commencing "The General Grand Chapter of the United States" down to "in working the Mark Degree," was adopted.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF called the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that papers canvassing for the last five brethren on the list of candidates for election to the General Board had been distributed at the door of Grand Lodge. The Earl of Carnarvon in Craft Grand Lodge strongly condemned the practice.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON said he also objected, and he trusted that the document would be treated as waste paper.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was then declared M.W.G.M.M.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. BEACH thereupon took the chair, and, after announcing that the Prince of Wales had appointed Lord Egerton of Tatton Pro Grand Master, obligated the noble brother and installed him.

The Marquis of Hertford was obligated, invested, and installed as Deputy Grand Master.

These brethren having been saluted,

Lord EGERTON of TATTON informed Grand Lodge that the Prince of Wales had appointed Prince Albert Victor Senior Grand Warden.

The following brethren were then invested:

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton	...	...	Pro G.M.
" Marquis of Hertford	...	...	Dep. G.M.
" Prince Albert Victor	...	...	S.G.W.
" H. C. Okeover	...	...	J.G.W.
" R. E. Baynes	...	...	G.M.O.
" Col. W. E. Michell	...	...	S.G.O.
" George King Patten	...	...	J.G.O.
" Rev. J. N. Palmer	...	...	G. Chap.
" Rev. W. Valentine	...	...	G. Chap.
" J. L. Mather	...	...	G. Treas.
" Frank Richardson	...	...	G. Reg.
" Rev. Canon Portal	...	...	Pres. Gen. Bd.
" F. Binckes	...	...	G. Sec.
" G. W. Pierrepont Harris	...	...	S.G.D.
" R. Newhouse	...	...	S.G.D.
" A. Hilemus Moyes	...	...	J.G.D.
" G. E. Lake	...	...	J.G.D.
" John Barker	...	...	G.I. of W.
" Robert Berridge	...	...	G.D. of C.
" James Terry	...	...	A.G.D. of C.

Bro. John Wood	...	...	...	A.G.D. of C.
" Edgar Bowyer	...	...	...	G. Swd. Br.
" C. F. Hogard	...	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" E. Baldwin	...	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" E. J. Crow, Mus. Doc.	...	...	...	G. Org.
" C. F. Matier	...	...	...	A.G. Sec.
" H. C. Jepps	...	...	...	G.I.G.
" E. J. Mills	...	...	...	A.G.I.G.

The following are the Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. P. L. Simmonds, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1; Henry Von Joel, 8; H. S. Goodall, Middlesex and Surrey; John Cates Collier, Middlesex and Surrey; F. T. Bennett, Middlesex and Surrey; J. D. Birkin, Middlesex and Surrey; J. S. Wilson, Northumberland and Durham; W. L. Ball, Leicestershire; W. C. Hurley, South Wales; R. B. Cater, Somerset; Daniel Cross, Devonshire; W. Lake, Cornwall; J. L. C. Hunter Little, Monmouthshire; and J. P. Lewin, East Anglia.

The brethren nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board were Bros. Canon Portal, President; Alfred Williams, F. Davison, George Cooper Driver, Jas. Moon, and T. Cubitt. The brethren elected by Grand Lodge were the Rev. Hayman Cummings, J. E. Dawson, A. F. Godson, M.P.; C. F. Hogard, and R. Loveland Loveland.

Bro. BINCKES read a long list of brethren from whom he had received letters of apology and regret for inability to attend the Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

A grand banquet followed in the Venetian Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant.

After the banquet and the singing of grace, the PRO GRAND MASTER proposed "The Queen and Mark Masonry," in doing which he said the brethren had already voted a loyal and dutiful address to her Majesty, congratulating her on the completion of the 50th year of her reign, and it must be a subject of gratulation to all her people that she had so many years ruled over this country, and that they had the prospect of her health and energy being such as evidenced by her visiting them whether in Birmingham or the East End of London, where the various classes cheered her along the route most vociferously, as to justify the hope that she might long reign over them. As to her connection with Masonry as a mother and a grandmother of Masons she had a claim on the Craft which entitled her to the unlimited gratitude of the Order. Her oldest son was Grand Master of this Degree and also of the Craft, and to-night his Royal Highness had followed the course he took in the Craft by making his eldest son the Grand Senior Warden.

The PRO GRAND MASTER, in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," said the brethren all regretted that his Royal Highness's public duties and avocations had prevented him being with them that evening, as he was last year; but they could not but admire the devotion he gave to his public duties of every kind, whether they were Masonic or for the opening of a great public undertaking, or for the support of some great agricultural or commercial or industrial institution. As Masons, they could not but feel proud that they had as the head of both the principal Orders in Masonry the Prince of Wales. Long might he live and reign over the Craft, and when the time came (and they trusted it might be long distant) that he might have health and strength to succeed to the throne of this realm, and reign over the country as well as he had reigned over Freemasons.

Bro. KELLY, Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire, proposed "The Pro Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton." Shakespeare had told us "Good wine needs no bush," and the name of the Pro Grand Master needed very little to be said in his favour. It had been his (Bro. Kelly's) good fortune to see almost the rise of Mark Grand Lodge. He was made Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire in 1858, soon after the commencement of Grand Mark Lodge, and when he told the brethren that at the Grand Festival at that time and for several years one small table would contain all the brethren who attended, they could imagine the change that had taken place. The present Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and his *alter ego*, Lord Egerton, saw a great difference, and Grand Lodge was now *pro rata* of more importance at the present time. In their Pro Grand Master they had one who would discharge his duties to the best of his ability, and to the satisfaction of the Prince and Wales and all the Craft. He could only wish him the same success in that position as had attended him in his Province of Cheshire.

Bro. Lord EGERTON of TATTON, in responding to the toast, said he could not profess so large an acquaintance with Masonry in the south of England as in the north; but he felt it a great honour to be in London and to be placed in the proud position of Pro Grand Mark Master. In that position he should endeavour to do his duty in the same way as he had endeavoured to do it in the north of England. He trusted he would be able to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in the Grand Lodge as he had in the northern province. He felt certain that Mark Masonry had a great future before it. It was increasing rapidly, and its principles were becoming better supported every year. It was fortunate in having the influence of the Prince of Wales, who never connected himself with anything which he did not think was for the general good and benefit of the country. In his name they had a guarantee that the objects of Masonry and of Mark Masonry in particular were worthy of support and acceptance by the great body of Masons, and deserved the respect and support of their fellow-countrymen who were not Masons. They could show by their work and endeavours that they were to promote good fellowship, brotherly love, and benevolence to every one, and those principles were not confined to any country or to any set of men. Masons trusted by their endeavours, and by their demeanour in lodge and out of lodge, to make their principles flourish, and having those principles himself he felt it an honour to be connected with such a body as Mark Masons. As long as he was connected with it, and especially in his present capacity as Pro Grand Master for the Prince of Wales, he should with the assistance of the brethren promote the interests of Mark Masonry.

Bro. Major WOODALL proposed "The Past Grand Masters."

Bro. Lord EGERTON of TATTON proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. BAYNES (Oxford) responded.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund."

Bro. C. F. MATIER responded.

Bro. F. BINCKES proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. P. STIRLING, of Kippendavie, Deputy P.G.M. of W. Perthshire, one of the Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, responded.

Bro. JAMES TERRY responded for "The Grand Stewards," and stated that this was the first time in Grand Mark Lodge there had been an organised Board of Grand Stewards.

The brethren then separated.

A beautiful selection of music was delightfully performed by Bros. Beckett, Freyer, Egbert Roberts, Henry R. Rose, and W. A. Frost, under the direction of Bro. Henry R. Rose.

The following brethren formed the Board of Grand Stewards: Bros. James Terry, Middx. and Surrey, President; Jabez Church, Middx. and Surrey, Treasurer; John Ramsey, Old Kent, Secretary; J. W. Fuller, Bon Accord; George Edwards, Middx. and Surrey; James Boulton, Middx. and Surrey; H. C. Burt, Dorset; W. M. Lowick, Gloucestershire; R. Glasspool, Berks and Oxon; R. Owen, N. Wales; J. T. Seller, W. Yorks; B. T. Fountaine, Bucks; E. H. Thorne, Staffordshire; and R. Fitzhugh, Notts.

The Jubilee Badge referred to in the above report and recommended by the General Board, can now be obtained at Bro. George Kenning's Masonic Depot, Little Britain, London.

AMERICAN MASONIC STATISTICS, 1886-7.

The statistics of the Grand Lodges and other Masonic Bodies in North America, are not a little startling, and indicate how strong is the hold that the Craft has on the brethren in the Western Hemisphere. The proceedings of the various Organisations are statistical in character, as well as historical and descriptive, so that full information is afforded respecting the growth of lodges, chapters, and commanderies, British North America being generally included in the survey of the Grand Bodies flourishing in the adjoining United States.

There are 48 Grand Lodges in the States and Territories of the United States, with some 9800 lodges, and 557,000 subscribing members.* The largest of these is *New York*, which has 715 lodges on its roll, followed closely by *Illinois* with 691, and then come *Missouri* with 552, *Indiana*, 505; *Kentucky*, 496; *Texas*, 486; *Ohio*, 469; *Tennessee*, 411; *Iowa*, 395; and *Pennsylvania*, 380 lodges. The smallest is *Arizona* Territory with 5, *Wyoming* having 6, and *Utah* 8 lodges. The average is rather over 200 for the United States Grand Lodges, with about 11,600 members. The average of members per lodge is 57, which is lower than we anticipated, some lodges having several hundreds of members on their Registers. The Secretarial department for the whole of these 48 Grand Lodges costs some 56,000 dollars, or in other words a trifle over £11,000 for all, being an average of about £235 for each Grand Lodge. This is a very small average, but it must be remembered that many of the Grand Lodges are so low, as to be scarcely worthy of the title, though of course they are really what their name indicates, for their Territory or State. In some Grand Lodges the Grand Masters are paid salaries "including clerk hire," additional to the Secretarial department, and the representatives and Grand Officers are also paid the whole or a portion of their travelling expenses, the funds being obtained by "*Dues per capita*" and fees exigible on the conferring of either of the Three Degrees.

For British North America, there are the following Grand Lodges, *Canada* (for *Ontario*) with 349 lodges and 19,000 members; *Nova Scotia*, 66 lodges and 2,800 members; *Quebec*, 59 lodges and 2620 members; *New Brunswick*, 32 lodges and 1959 members; *Manitoba*, 27 lodges and 1092 members and *Prince Edwards Island*, 11 lodges and 454 members. These represent a total of 544 lodges and some 28,000 members, or with the United States, a grand total of about 10,350 lodges and 585,000 subscribing members. As, in some returns, *Cuba* is also included, the grand total would in that case be raised by 77 lodges and 4000 members. In other words in North America, taken in all the lodges under all the jurisdictions, including England, there are some 600,000 brethren who are active members of our fraternity!

In Royal Arch Masonry, the statistics are equally remarkable, and the progress of the Capitular Craft is as strikingly manifested on consulting the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter and other volumes. We are indebted for those of the G.G.C. to Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, who, until recently has been the honoured G.G. High Priest of that organisation, and whose portrait adorns the "Proceedings" for 1886. He has been succeeded by Bro. Noble D. Larner, of whom Washington, D.C., is justly proud. The Triennial Convocations have regularly been held since 1826, six meetings having been held before that time, including the two during the year of its organisation 1798. There are 38 Grand Chapters which are thus united under the wing of the General Grand R.A. Chapter, and 26 chapters in Territories or Countries not yet organised into Grand Chapters. These united, represent a total of 1977 chapters, and 124,663 members, all of whom, be it remembered, are also *Mark Masons*, "Past Masters," and Most Excellent Masters. The Grand Chapters which do not participate are those of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Then there are the Grand Chapters of the British Provinces in North America. Altogether they represent a grand total of considerably over 140,000 Royal Arch Companions in North America. These totals are largely on the increase when compared with the years 1878-9 1880-1 and 1882, all of which were below those of 1877. From 1883, the advance has been well maintained, the year 1885 being by far the largest yet attained. The summaries in the proceedings are carefully compiled, and exhibit the number of exaltations under each year, during each successive term, also the number affiliated, restored, expelled, suspended, demitted, and died. The financial and statistical returns of the Grand Chapters are most exhaustive documents.

In the Knights Templars, all the subordinate "Commanderies" are either under the Grand Commandries for the individual States, which are all connected with the Grand Encampment for the United States, or on the roll of the latter body, because not yet formed into a State organisation. There are 33 Grand Commanderies, and 27 subordinate Commanderies in the United States, with a total of 752 Commanderies, and 69,300 members! In Canada, the "Preceptories" are under the rule of the Great Priory for that dominion, which raises the grand total in the United States and British Provinces by about a thousand more. Add to them the numbers under the rule of the Grand Priors of England and Ireland and the Chapter General of Scotland, and the total of Knights Templars is increased by some 4600, so that the grand total in English speaking countries of the Masonic Knights Templars amounts to about 75,000, by which it will be seen how much more Masonic Knighthood is practised in the United

States than in Great Britain and Ireland. Our statistics have been derived through the medium of our good Bro. Stephen Berry, of Portland, Maine. The "Ancient and Accepted Rite" is also very popular in the States, there being, doubtless, at least, 15,000 to 20,000 Rose Croix Masons under the two jurisdictions or Supreme Councils for the Northern and Southern States. In no country in the world has Freemasonry found a more congenial soil than in the United States, and we trust that the brotherhood on both sides of the "big pond" will continue to be on terms of intimacy and friendship so long as the need for such associations exist.

W. J. HUGHAN.

A REVIEW.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. By Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD. Vol. VI. London: Thomas C. Jack, 45, Ludgate Hill. 1887.

The Sixth Volume of Bro. Gould's invaluable "History of Freemasonry" is now before us, and the exacting task which he entered upon with so much ardour some three or four years since, and has pursued with such marked ability and so perseveringly, is at length completed—not, as he tells us, quite so much to his own satisfaction as he had anticipated, but undoubtedly to the edification of the bulk of his readers, who would have known nothing of the omissions he refers to, had he not himself proclaimed them, and promised they should be made good in a supplementary volume. That it is a grand work, and redeems Masonic historical literature from the charge laid against it by Hallam, there is no doubt. Bro. Gould is too prone to make searching investigation into everything directly or indirectly associated with Freemasonry to allow of there being much room left for the play of his imagination. Many an old familiar allegation, which for several successive generations had passed current as an unimpeachable verity, has, after undergoing his rigid scrutiny, been either routed from its pride of place, or converted into such a miserable scarecrow of a *vrai-semblance* that its author, were he now living, would fail to recognise it as his own progeny. In saying this, we do not forget that we have had occasion to differ from him in opinion on sundry points—the Wren theory, for example—but such differences of opinion are perhaps inevitable, and only prove that Bro. Gould, in spite of all his researches, and the acumen with which he has tested whatever came to his knowledge, has not been able to solve all the knotty problems he has encountered to the satisfaction of all students of Masonic history. However, if he has not succeeded in determining all the open questions he encountered in the progress of his work, has done probably more than any previous or contemporaneous writer, to give form and substance, and a reasonable basis to our history. Others will follow in his footsteps, but unless they are fortunate enough to light upon new material of unquestionable value, there is little likelihood of their setting aside his history, which there are fair grounds for believing will continue to be for generations, if not always, our safest and most trustworthy guide to the intricacies of Masonic history.

The present and concluding volume opens with the remaining portion of Chapter XXVII., in which the course of Freemasonry in Germany is described. The chapter that follows carries us through Southern Europe, the rise, progress, and present position of Freemasonry in Austria-Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Roumania, and Malta being successively sketched, the authorities which have been consulted by the author being in every case set forth, while, in the case of the Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish Grand Lodges, charts are added which will enable the reader to trace the various "permutations and combinations," if we may be allowed the use of the expression, which have taken place at different times in the somewhat difficult progress of the Craft in these countries. Indeed, without these charts we question if the most enthusiastic student would have courage to wade through these sections of the chapter, so difficult is it to trace the connection between the different Councils, Orients, and other bodies.

The 29th chapter, in which we are taken through Asia, Africa, the West Indies, Mexico, Central and South America, Australasia, and Oceania, is eminently interesting, because the greater part of the narrative relates to our home Freemasonry, nearly all the lodges existing in the majority of these countries having been constituted by, and remaining subject to, the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. The same may be said of the Chapter devoted to "Sea and Field Lodges," and for the same reason, because the bulk of those lodges are of English, Irish, or Scotch constitution, or were founded by bodies—mostly American—which originally emanated from the Grand Lodges of the Old Country. Chapter XXX. is devoted to "Freemasonry in the United States of America," while Chapter XXXI. completes the survey by a short treatise on "the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland." In the former of these there is abundance of matter for the careful consideration of the reader, and, so far as we have had time to follow Bro. Gould in his researches and the conclusions he has seen fit to adopt therefrom, he seems to have traced the history of the Craft in this portion of North America with clearness and precision, and most assuredly with every desire to play the part of a strictly impartial historian. We cannot venture to give an opinion offhand as to whether his views on the rival claims of Boston, Massachusetts, and Philadelphia to be what our American friends call the "Mother City" of Freemasonry in the United States are such as will commend themselves generally to those who have given their attention to the subject. We feel sure that what he has said will prove the result of a candid examination of the facts, so far as it has been possible to ascertain them; but it is because we have received the volume so recently that a fair digest of its merits on this point has been as yet impossible, that we find it necessary to deal with this Chapter in a future article.

A brief acknowledgment of thanks to those who have assisted him in his arduous task will be found in the 33rd chapter, and then comes the Appendix, which Bro. Gould tells us he has been compelled to bring within narrower limits than he had intended, and to supplement which he hopes to do "in a further or supplementary volume." The most noteworthy contents of this are reprints of certain so-called exposures of Freemasonry, that of "The Grand Mystery of the Freemasons discovered"—2nd edition—published in 1725, being one of them. There is also an Index, which, so far as we have been able to judge, is sufficient and accurately compiled. The plates too, with which the volume is embellished, are well executed, so that in this respect likewise the high character of Bro. Gould's work is maintained to the very last.

As we have hinted already, we shall have occasion to revert to portions of this volume in future articles.

FRANCIS I. (FRANZ) EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.—Born in 1708, died in 1765. He was the eldest son of the Duke of Lorraine, and in 1729 succeeded his father in that dukedom. He was also Duke of Tuscany. He married the famous Maria Theresa, Empress of Austria, and was elected Emperor of Germany in 1745. He was a zealous Freemason, having been initiated at the Hague in 1731, at a special lodge, at which Lord Chesterfield and Dr. Desaguliers and others were present, and was made a Master Mason at a special lodge held at Houghton Hall that year, while on a visit to England. He aided to found and was a member of the Lodge "Drei Kanonen," at Vienna, constituted in 1742, and it was no doubt owing to his influence that during Maria Theresa's great reign of forty years, Freemasonry was tolerated in Vienna. It is averred that on one occasion, which is alluded to in the "Pocket Companion" of 1754, one hundred Grenadiers were sent to break up the Lodge, and they took 12 prisoners, and the Emperor himself only escaped by a back staircase.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

* Based on the Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Indiana, 1886.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE "OLD MASONIANS."

The annual dinner, and what may fairly be called the inaugural meeting, of this Society took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The "Old Masonians" consist, as the name implies, of old scholars of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the object of this Association is to keep together old pupils, and to cement the friendship formed at school. It has, however, a more practical side in endeavouring to find situations for boys leaving the Institution, and assisting old scholars when out of employment. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Institution, and President of the Society, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; T. D. Bolton, M.P.; T. Cubitt, Jas. Moon, H. Venn, W. Paas, G. P. Festa, W. Hopekirk, W. A. Scurrah, W. M. Stiles, J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Berridge, W. W. Morgan, W. W. Lee, and other brethren. There was a good attendance of old scholars, including Messrs. C. H. Uwins, Treas.; A. Watkins, Hon. Sec.; Allison, G. Archer, W. Booser, W. G. Barnett, R. S. Chandler, A. Fellows, Gates, P. A. Gedge, G. Hopwood, J. C. Johnson, H. Newman, H. P. Pulman, A. Pearson, W. J. Packer, A. R. Parker, F. L. Scurr, A. H. Stephenson, A. B. Whiteley, R. H. Williams, and L. Wain, Hon. Assist. Secretary.

After ample justice had been done to a substantial repast, "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., President of the Institution," were given and received with enthusiasm.

Bro. F. BINCKES then said he approached with feelings of great interest the toast of the evening—"The Old Masonians." He was first of all compelled to express his regret that there were so few brethren present to support their young friends the members of that Association, and, as the presiding officer, he would explain that another gathering had deprived them of the presence of ten or twelve gentlemen who had intended to be present, but who were filled with extreme regret at their enforced absence. He thought they must look upon that as the inaugural gathering, and, bearing that in mind, he hoped it would not be considered as auguring failure of that movement they were bringing about. While they were comparatively few he was assured there was a large number who would rally to the support of that Association, which he hoped to convince them was deserving of all the assistance that could be rendered by the numerous friends who knew the good work carried on by the Institution. There were three phases with regard to the Old Masonians. There was in the first place their admission to the Institution. Their parents in large number of instances were good brethren, who had occupied a fairly prosperous condition of life, but by the accident of circumstances, or by the ravages of illness, were struck down, leaving to the mercies of the world a more or less number of young children. The Institutions, both for Boys and Girls, afford a home for those children, and the House Committee could now look round the table and see many occupying a good position in life, and could remember the admittance of every one into the Boys' School. Their second state was one of pupillage, when they received their education and enjoyed the benefits given them. Then came the third phase, when the time arrived for leaving the School, and he hoped there was not one present amongst their young friends who had forgotten the kindly words of the brother who presided at the Committee when that leave was taken, the good wishes expressed, and the desire indulged that they might in some shape be able to conduce to a successful future. They were launched into life and there was but one regret, which was that no fund existed by which they could aid those who entered upon the severe struggle with the world. An attempt was made some time ago to start such a fund, but it fell to the ground. It was a matter for sincere congratulation that those who received their education in the Institution make their mark in life. He had, it was true, received painful communications from those who had turned out failures, but God forbid he should lay it to their account. They knew at what a severe pace the race of life was being run, and he did not hesitate to say it was a marvel to him and an intense gratification to find that the great majority succeed more or less in the world. He thought he might fairly ask the visitors present to look round the tables and see their young friends, as favourable testimony that their work was not done in vain. He would weary them by reading one or two letters from those who had been in the Institution, which had been culled from a large number. They were from Monmouth, Montreal, and Colombo, and one and all expressed their satisfaction at their progress in life and their intense gratification for the comforts and blessings received at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In his appeals to lodges he had often alluded to the boys as those who would be the men in the future, and he was sure that in that room there some who had joined the Order, and this was another proof that their work had not been done in vain. Altogether about 2000 boys had been through the Institution, and what would have been their fate but for their admission was a problem they could not solve. The toast was "The Old Masonians," and they might ask, what was the object of this Association? How often had the question been asked of him, "When your boys leave the school, what becomes of them?" He was sorry to have to acknowledge that, apart from the small sum given in some cases, they lost touch of them, and they did not know what became of them. It was true that when a larger grant was made they kept the boy in sight to see if their expectations had been realized. There were some now holding high positions in the Navy, the Church, and the mercantile world. The present Association was an organisation by which the old pupils could bind themselves together, and keep and cement the friendships made in their school days, which was an object that was deserving of the warmest sympathy and support. The object of the present gathering was first to endeavour to enlist the sympathy, kind wishes, and practical support of as many of their good friends, who had so nobly assisted the Institution in the past. It was necessary to raise a fund by which the Association could be maintained, and he should be glad if a sum could be accumulated to relieve the distress of old pupils and promote their position in life. Such might be, and would be, the result of this the first meeting. They would have had a larger gathering but for reasons he had explained; but everything must have a commencement, and "great things from trivial causes spring." Although they had been disappointed,

they would persevere to make the Association a success. "In the bright vocabulary of youth, there is no such word as fail," and they did not intend to fail. He asked for the assistance of those who had rallied to support him that evening in the presidency, which he confessed was an onerous and important duty. He hoped they would not regret their presence, and being among the first to launch a vessel that would have a sure entrance to any harbour, be manned by trustworthy officers, and be freighted with riches. He gave them with all sincerity and cordiality the toast of "The Old Masonians and Success to the Organisation," coupling with it the names of Messrs. C. H. Uwins, Treasurer; and A. Watkins, Secretary.

Mr. C. H. UWINS, Hon. Treas., replied, and tendered sincere thanks for the hearty reception accorded to the toast. During the course of his remarks he observed that when a boy left the Institution he was compelled to obtain a situation immediately, and they knew that if he could not get a good position he had to do something for which he was not fitted. The Association they had that evening met to fairly start was one which hoped to bring the employers of labour into touch with the pupils leaving school. The "Old Masonians" held fortnightly meetings at Anderton's Hotel, and although the charge for hire of rooms was a heavy item from their slender funds, yet they had thought it wiser to meet at their present quarters than at a public house, where the landlord expected to make his profits from the liquor and cigars sold to the youthful members. They sincerely hoped the Masons would rally round them to help and assist their efforts.

Mr. A. WATKINS, Hon. Sec., read letters expressing their regret at their inability to attend from Bros. Roebuck; A. F. Godson, M.P.; R. Eve, G. Treas.; C. Belton; and many others, and announced the number of members to be 74.

"The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" was next given by Mr. H. WILLIAMS, and, in reply, Bro. T. DOLLING BOLTON, M.P., expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present. He had taken a great interest in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he hoped as time went on to be able to devote some portion of his time to the welfare of that Institution. He had taken much interest in educational affairs, and therefore the subject of the School and the education given there would give him a great deal of pleasure. It appeared to him that all that had been said in favour of the inauguration of this Association had been well said. They all knew how much the assistance of friends were of service to them, and that which was true of the world in general must be especially so of boys who have been brought up in that Institution. There were two things in their favour. First of all they had golden youth—a gift so felt by those who had lost it, and never truly felt by those who possess it. It was extremely important to impress upon their young friends that every hour they lost could never be recalled, and they would bitterly regret every hour they threw away. They had health also, which was the greatest of human blessings, and no man could be successful without it. They had therefore two of the greatest benefits that human nature could bestow. It rested with them whether they hid their talents or whether they went forward animated with that ambition of trying to raise themselves, and the great object of being able to raise their fellow creatures. He did not believe in the accumulation of riches, but for the purpose of helping others, and urged them to study that laudable ambition he had referred to.

"The House Committee and Vice-Presidents," "The Officers of the Old Masonians," "The Chairman," and "The Visitors" were also given.

During the evening the sum of 19 guineas was subscribed towards the funds, including five guineas from the President, Bro. Binckes, and two guineas each from Bros. J. Woodall, P.G. Treasurer, and T. D. Bolton, M.P. Any brother desirous of assisting this deserving Association, or wish to obtain further particulars, should communicate with the Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. Watkins, 6, Brusselard, New Wandsworth.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILTSHIRE ANCHOR LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 178.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., this new lodge was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, the ceremony being performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., assisted by Bro. R. B. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br., and Bro. Allen, P.W.C.N. The officers named in the warrant were Bros. Wm. Nott, P.M. 178, P.G. Steward, as N.; John Chandler, P.M. 178, as J.; and Henry I. Ward, P.M. 178, as S. Thirteen candidates were duly elevated to the Degree by Bro. Bryant.

Bro. Nott was subsequently installed in the chair of N. by Bro. Matier, and he afterwards appointed and invested the following officers of the lodge: Bros. John Chandler, J.; H. I. Ward, S.; H. Howse, S.D.; J. A. Randall, J.D.; F. S. Hancock, D.C.; T. C. Hopkins, Org.; H. J. Johnson, G.; James Pocock, Steward; and C. R. Barnes, W.

The W.C.N. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to Bros. Matier and Bryant for coming amongst them that day, and for the excellent manner in which the whole of the ceremonies had been performed by them.

This was carried by acclamation, and duly acknowledged by those brethren.

After a similar vote of thanks to Bro. Allen, the lodge was closed.

Bro. Barclay, Secretary of Hammersmith Lodge, gives his third dramatic performance in aid of the West London Hospital on the 10th inst. Bro. Tipper, P.M. 2090, also helps the good cause with his "Peal" on the occasion. The performance takes place at the Athenæum, Goldhawk road, Shepherd's Bush.

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SINGAPORE.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1152).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd April, when Bro. J. P. Jorquim, D.D.G.M., with the assistance of Bros. T. Carghill, A. Knight, and J. T. Leask, installed Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers: Bros. D. G. Presgrave, S.W.; J. S. Sturrock, J.W.; C. F. McKie, Treas.; St. John P. Joaquim, Sec.; S. C. Hodges, S.D.; C. H. D. Currie, J.D.; W. G. Grieve, I.G., and J. Lannon, Tyler.

Gibraltar.

ALAMEDA.—Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153.—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 2nd ult., when there were present Bros. H. Silcott, W.M.; P. Lyons, P.D.G.S.W., P.M., &c.; J. Cunningham, P.D.G.S.D., P.M., &c.; E. J. Barker, P.D.G.J.D., P.M., &c.; J. Discombe, D.G.S.W., I.P.M., &c.; Col. C. A. Gotham, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab, P.M., &c.; N. Hall, D.G.S.D., S.W.; A. E. Fisher, J.W.; R. E. Westwood, Sec.; G. Viddall, S.D.; A. Weir, J.D., and Acting D.C.; J. Bodle, I.G.; and J. Franco, Tyler, with many visitors from the Channel Squadron, and other lodges in garrison.

The lodge was opened in due and ancient form, the minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was next unanimously taken for Bro. T. Doolan, S.C., 576, as a joining member, the ballot was then unanimously taken for Mr. J. O. Cooper and Mr. S. Worssam, candidates for initiation, when Bros. Stewart, Fossick, and Leete (who had previously answered the usual questions) were admitted in due form and raised to the Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M. in his usual faultless manner, being well supported by the officers, Bros. Borthwick, Carter, Newton, and Carlisle, candidates for the Third Degree, having answered the usual questions, retired for preparation. At this stage of the business Bro. H.R.H., Prince Albert Victor of Wales, was received in the ante-room by Bros. Sir H. J. B. Burford-Hancock, R.W., D.G.M., &c., &c.; Major Wylie, P.M.; P. Lyons, P.M.; J. Cunningham, P.M.; E. J. Barker, P.M.; Lieut. Burford-Hancock, and others; and Capt. Hon. A. H. F. Greville was in attendance on his Royal Highness after inserting their names in the signature book, the distinguished visitors were announced and admitted in form by the brethren upstanding, the R.W.D.G.M. taking his seat in the E., the others having seats in the N.E. The candidates for raising were now re-admitted in due form and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., by the W.M., in a very impressive manner, the solemnity and impressiveness of the ceremony was greatly enhanced by the splendid choir (organised and ably conducted by Bro. Hendley) who rendered the musical parts in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and the thanks of the brethren are due to the R.W.D.G.M. for the book from which this music was rendered, also for many other thoughtful and generous acts. His love of the Order is shown in many ways, it may be truly said of him that both by precept and example, he is steadily and surely enforcing the tenets of the system, guarding the landmarks of the Order from encroachment, and never permitting any infringement of our rites; his influence is not only felt officially, but in many ways privately, and his care and solicitude for the Order in general, and the lodges of this district in particular, is shown by their growing prosperity since his installation as D.G.M.

The next business was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Discombe, to whom it must have been a pleasing and proud termination to his period of Mastership, because it was presented in presence of probably the future (may it be a far one) Grand Master of the Order and King of England, also by receiving it at the hands of the R.W.D.G.M. in such words of warm praise and commendation for his zeal and energy, not only as W. Master during the past year, but throughout his Masonic career, the R.W.D.G.M. closing his short, but eloquent, address by pinning the jewel to Bro. Discombe's breast, congratulating him on attaining to so honourable and enviable a position as P.M., and wishing him many years of life in which to wear his well-earned distinction.

Bro. Discombe then, in a short and feeling address, thanked the R.W.D.G.M. for his words of praise, and the flattering terms in which he had presented the jewel, also to the brethren for their continued and never-failing support and approval of his work during his year of office, saying he should treasure the handsome jewel they had given him, and endeavour to hand it down to his children unscathed, as an heirloom and memento of the proudest moment of his life.

The hour being late, the initiation of Messrs. Cooper and Worssam was postponed till the next regular meeting. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales gave "Hearty good wishes" from Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, followed by many of the naval brethren hailing from lodges scattered all over her Majesty's dominions. The distinguished brethren then retired, the brethren upstanding.

H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales, before leaving, expressed to the lodge, through the W.M., his pleasure and satisfaction at the admirable manner in which the Third Degree had been conferred.

The lodge was closed in due and ancient form, when the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, and the brethren separated in peace and harmony, after one of the best meetings this old and prosperous lodge has had for many years.

Bro. Kuhe, Past G. Organist, gave his annual concert in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, the audience being overwhelmingly numerous on the occasion owing to the announcement that Madame Adelina Patti would take part in the performance. The orchestra was under the direction of Bro. Cousins, Past G. Org., and Bro. Kuhe was himself among the executants on the pianoforte. Madame Patti was enthusiastically received, each of her three songs being encored.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1887.

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 ALBERT HALL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I regret to observe a wide-spread and increasing
apprehension among the provincial brethren in various
parts of the country, that the approaching ceremony at
Albert Hall, on June 13th, will be of the baldest, briefest,
and most perfunctory character; and this apprehension is
naturally coupled with a sense of disappointment in the
minds of those who have remitted their guineas and applied
for tickets in the expectation that the ceremony would be
one of a more imposing and impressive character than
anything that has been witnessed since the installation of
H.R.H. our Grand Master.

To us provincials, to many of whom the cost of the
ticket bears but a small proportion to the total expense of
the journey, and the inconvenience of one or two days'
absence from business, such a disappointment of our ex-
pectations would be additionally severe, and it is much to
be hoped that those who are engaged in elaborating the
programme of that day's proceedings will take an early
opportunity of dispelling these—as I hope and trust—un-
founded apprehensions.—I remain, dear Sir, yours fraternally,
May 30th.

PROVINCIAL.

[We have reason to believe that the proceedings will be
of a very interesting character, and we have little fear
that our provincial brethren will experience any such
disappointment as our correspondent anticipates.—ED.
F.M.]

THE JUBILEE JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

We have already been officially informed that a
commemorative jewel is to be issued, which all Masons who
are subscribing members of some English lodge on 20th
June, 1887, will be entitled to wear. May I suggest that
all Masons who have forwarded their guineas and applied
for tickets for the Festival at the Albert Hall on June 13th
should be entitled to add a special clasp to this jewel? The
concession would be a small one, and the memento would
be rendered additionally interesting. I remain, dear Sir,
yours fraternally,
May 30th. W. SILVER HALL, P.M.,
Prov. G.A. Sec. Derbyshire.

THE YEAR OF LIGHT.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think Bro. Hugnan can satisfy Bro. Stevens as
to the correct A. L., for, unless I am mistaken, the first
Book of Constitutions gives the date A. L. as well as the
date A. D.

I believe it supports your reviewer, but have not a copy.
Perhaps Bro. Hugnan will kindly say?—Yours fraternally,
May 28th. LEX SCRIPTA.

ST. ANN'S ELECTION—AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can any of your readers kindly send me a few
votes for a very deserving case at the approaching St. Ann's
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A. F. A. WOODFORD.

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729] AN OLD-WORLD FREEMASON.

I am sorry I do not agree with my esteemed friend and
Bro. Whythead in his interpretation of the word "*sona*,"
nor can I suppose that he would have attempted to find such
a meaning for it, but that Cadeby is described as a
"Mason." As to the letters B et J, if these are inter-
preted to mean certain pillars, they may as well, on the
same principle, mean something else. My reading of the word
"*sona*" is *girdle*. The girdles of Edward IV. were com-
monly of leather, two to six inches wide, and when worn by
the nobility were decorated with jewels and silk, the latter
being also very expensive. (I do not allude to the sword
belt, or the belt of knighthood, which were worn in addition.)
The ordinary costume of citizens also required a girdle, and
it was an important part of a man's attire, inasmuch as it
indicated his rank in society. Owing to the extravagance
with which this article of dress was decorated with coloured
silk by those who could ill afford the expense, sumptuary
laws were passed prohibiting their being so decorated, unless
worn by persons of a specified rank, or (specially) by the
liverymen of the various Crafts, who Chaucer says were—
"Yclothed in a lyvere
Of a solempne and grete fraternite."
In the "*Canterbury Tales*" Chaucer describes the sergeant-
at-law as wearing a girdle of silk, barred or striped with

different colours, while the haberdasher, carpenter, weaver,
dyer, and tapestry worker had their girdles ornamented
with silver. By a statute of Henry IV. (1406) the livery-
men were especially permitted to wear silver and coloured
silk girdles. Piers, the Ploughman, is very severe on the
extravagance in girdles, and laments the

"Change of clothynge every daye,
With golden gyrdles grete and small."

Girdles were worn just over the hips. The reason why
such a variety would be possessed by one individual is
simply this—that they were intended to go with *differently*
coloured tunics or cloaks. A modern lady's dress requires
very little more material than the men then used, so that
they had to be just as particular in matching accessories.
Cadeby might have been an employer of Masons, and
possibly member of a Guild; he would have required his
girdles all the same. I am surprised that, to account for
several "aprons," Bro. Whythead suggests *degrees*. He
has, in fact, already claimed John Cadeby as a brother,
and "invested" him with "the distinguishing badges" of
six degrees. He writes—"if we interpret *sona* to mean
apron," but concludes (with what I wish had been omitted)
"you see Bro. Cadeby wore his Craft apron most. It had
seen most service." I believe that farther we go back,
the nearer we come to Masons' aprons innocent of
decoration of any kind, and that on a Mason's apron no
such letters as B et J would be put before 1700.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—An emergency
meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel,
Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were
Bros. G. Coop, W.M.; Steng, S.D.; Wetzlar, J.D.;
Langdale, W.S.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart,
P.M., Sec.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; and others.

Bro. Ryan was passed to the Second Degree. By the
consent of his W.M., a brother of a local lodge was raised
to the Third Degree. The ballot having been taken on
behalf of Mr. Arthur Jones, he was duly initiated into
Craft mysteries. The W.M. is to be congratulated on the
manner in which he performed the three arduous cere-
monies.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to
refreshment, at which they were subsequently joined by
Bros. Walls, Smith, and others. The W.M. gave a few
toasts, the remainder of the evening being commendably
devoted to conviviality.

HAMPTON COURT.—The Crescent Lodge
(No. 788).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre
Hotel on the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. T.
H. Nott, W.M.; J. E. Lawrence, S.W.; J. J. Robin-
son, J.W.; J. M. Stedwell, P.M., Treas.; S. Larcomb,
P.M., Sec.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; J. M. Smith, J.D.;
W. Eaton, I.G.; G. Harrison, Tyler; G. Cordwell,
P.M.; F. McDougall, P.M.; R. J. B. Beeton, P.M.;
J. A. Allison, P.M.; and F. Lane, P.M. Visitors:
Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; J. F. H. Wood-
ward, P.G. Sec. Middx.; F. Binckes, Sec. of the Boys'
School; Hughes, P.M. 179; Beard, P.M. 946;
Francis, P.M. 34; Galb, P.M. 902; Poupart, 9; Dunn,
902; Cooper, P.M. 1769; Erhardt, S.W. 1670; Dettmer,
1602; and Lacoste, 2060.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the
previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. E. Lawrence,
S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. A.
Allison in his usual able and impressive manner. Bro.
W. Eaton was then initiated, and the lodge was closed.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No.
949).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was
held at the usual meeting place—St. Stephen's School-
room, Monkwearmouth—on Monday, the 16th ult., when
there was a very large attendance of Prov. Grand Officers,
Past Masters, and brethren. The lodge was opened in due
form by the W.M., Bro. R. Shadforth, P.M., P.S.G.D.,
with Bros. Fred. Maddison, P.M. 1389, S.W.; George
Washington Bain, J.W.; J. G. Kirtley, P.M., Treas.; G.
Porteous, P.M., P.P.G.O., D.C.; John Barlow, Sec.; and
others. There were also among those present Bros. W.
Liddell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. T. Munro, P.M., P.P.G.
S.B.; G. B. Hall, P.M.; Alfred Gray, P.M.; R. W.
Halfnight, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Eggleston, jun., P.M.
949; I. G. Garrick, I.P.M.; W. Dawson, W.M.; J.
Scarborough, S.W.; J. Potts, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T.
Henderson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Sharpe, P.M., of
94; H. J. Turnbull, P.M. 80, P.P.G.P.; R. Singleton,
W.M.; T. M. Watson, P.M., P.J.G.D.; J. J. Clay,
P.M., P.G.D.C.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; and
Taylorson Sharp, P.M., of 97; Rev. R. Heart Yeld, W.M.
1389, P.P.G.C.; John Deans, W.M. 2039; R. Candlish,
P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and J. Ayre, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., of
661; F. S. Cowper, Sec. 2039; Davies, Blake, Bowey,
Hunter, Baker, and Brady Swain, Tyler, of 949.

After the minutes had been confirmed, and the ballot
taken for new candidates, and these were initiated, the
W.M. elect, Bro. F. Maddison, P.M., was presented by
Bro. George Porteous, P.P.G.O., to the Installing Master,
Bro. Wm. Liddell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., by whom Bro.
Maddison was duly installed in the chair of the W.M., and
was afterwards proclaimed and saluted, according to
ancient custom. The newly-installed W.M. having in-
vested Bro. Shadforth, P.M., as I.P.M., the following were
afterwards appointed and invested as the officers for the
year: Bros. George Washington Bain, S.W.; Francis
Marshall Bowey, J.W.; J. G. Kirtley, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.,
Treas. (re-elected); John Barlow, Sec. (re-appointed);
Baker, S.D.; Hunter, J.D.; G. Porteous, P.M., D.C.;
McAllum, Org.; Remigius Blake, I.G.; George Hudson,
Marshall, and Turner, Stewards; and Brady Swain, Tyler.
Bro. Shadforth, P.M., afterwards presented an elegant and
valuable snuff-box, with a suitably engraved inscription, to
the lodge, which was acknowledged by the W.M. on behalf
of the lodge. A telegram had been received from the P.G.
Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., conveying
his congratulations. A gold Past Master's jewel was pre-

sented to Bro. R. Shadforth, I.P.M., in token of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of W. Master.

The annual festival was held at the Empress Hotel in the evening, Bro. Fred Maddison, W.M., presiding. In the course of the evening, the W.M. intimated that he had received the following kind letter from the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. :—

"12, Upper Belgrave-street, S.W.,
"May 15th, 1887.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I had fully hoped to have been in the North this week, but since my return from Bath I have, from no fault of my own, not been near right, and the doctors forbid my moving. I would gladly, had I been in Sunderland, have attended your installation and banquet to-morrow; however, though absent, I shall be thinking of you and the brethren meeting in the lodge that bears my name, the prosperity of which I so much desire. I am glad to know that prosperity will be assured during the coming year by the excellent choice the brethren have made as to their Master, and I also rejoice that under your auspices during the ensuing year the Williamson Lodge will increase its sphere of usefulness by laying the foundation of a habitation worthy of itself and of the Craft.

"However, dear Sir and Brother, whenever your lodge may meet it has my best wishes, which I will ask you kindly to convey to the brethren assembled, and may your lodge flourish and prosper till time shall be no more.—I remain, yours fraternally,

"HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON,
"P.G.M. Durham."

It is expected that the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall for the lodge will be laid in the course of a few weeks.

CHISLEHURST.—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st ult., at the Bull Hotel, when amongst those present were Bros. W. T. Brailey, W.M.; Richard Nevill, S.W.; W. T. Hunt, J.W.; William Hollis, Treas.; Joseph C. Main, Sec.; W. A. Gleaves, S.D.; Chas. F. Quicke, J.D.; William Powell, D.C.; H. C. Dana, I.G.; E. Mallett, Tyler; E. J. Goodall, I.P.M.; William Kippes, P.M.; J. R. Behenna, P.M.; Arthur Tuck, and G. H. Dowsett. Visitors: Bros. George J. Baker, 569; Caleb Windle, 1391; William Gunner, 720; and Robert Adams, 1625.

Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of last lodge read, when notices to amend them were put in respecting two brethren who had previously tendered resignations, they having since expressed a desire to remain, which was unanimously agreed to. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Thomas Smith, which being unanimous he was introduced and initiated into Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., in a very business-like manner. By-laws were read, and the brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when it was found that Bro. Richard Nevill, S.W., had been unanimously elected. The election of Treasurer then took place, and Bro. Main, who was relinquishing the office of Secretary, was elected Treasurer, and the Tyler, Bro. Jas. Rawles, was re-elected. An Audit Committee was then appointed. A notice of motion which had appeared on the agenda in the name of Bro. William Kippes, P.M., "That a Past Master's jewel and collar with jewel be presented to the W.M., Bro. Brailey, on his retirement from office, for the efficient manner he had performed the duties of the chair," was, in the temporary absence of the proposer placed before the lodge by Bro. J. R. Behenna, P.M., in a few well chosen words, and being put to the lodge by the S.W., was unanimously adopted, and the W.M. thanked the brethren in very feeling terms for the compliment. A cordial vote of thanks was then ordered to be placed upon the minutes to the retiring Treasurer, Bro. Hollis, for his services and uniform amiability during the six years that he had filled that office.

The business of the lodge being ended, it was adjourned to the installation day, June 25th, and the members and visitors afterwards sat down to a well earned repast, and spent a pleasant evening, enlivened by songs, recitations, &c.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. The W.M., Bro. C. Letch Mason, P.P.G. Treas., P.M., was surrounded by the following officers and members: Bros. Tudor Trevor, P.M.; S.W.; W. Watson, P.M.; J.W.; Middleton, Sec.; R. Abbott, Treas.; Scott-Young, S.D.; Butterworth, as J.D.; Jameson, I.G.; Howarth, Org.; Milling, Stwd.; W. Jones, Smithson, and others.

Defence Lodge, No. 1221, was the visiting lodge, and amongst the officers and members of that lodge who partook of the hospitality of the W.M., Bro. Mason, were Bros. R. Harris, W.M.; Major Moore, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; R. Lucas, J.W.; Tomlinson, Sec.; C. D. Swale, S.D.; H. Child, J.D.; and Marsh. The other visitors included Bros. H. Smith, D.P.G.M.; J. W. Fourness, Prov. G. Treas., P.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1001, Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorks; T. E. Pritt, S.D. 289; Rev. J. Earl, 630; Rev. G. Vine (Apollo); and others.

As this was the first meeting of the lodge since its I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, M.A., was invested Senior Grand Chaplain of England his entrance to the lodge was the signal for a hearty demonstration of respect and congratulation. The W.M., advancing to meet that popular and widely-respected brother, said, in the name of the lodge, he welcomed him, Bro. Dr. Smyth, in his capacity as Grand Chaplain of England. The Prudence Lodge felt it no mean honour having on its roll of members such an illustrious brother as Dr. Smyth. It was very gratifying to the members to know that through the establishment of that lodge, with him as one of its founders, he had been enabled to receive the great honours now bestowed upon him, and although they had not been privileged to be the first lodge in Leeds to welcome him since his appointment as Grand Chaplain, yet he might rest assured their welcome was none the less sincere; and he (the W.M.) was only re-echoing the feelings of every member in saying that they hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him long life and health to enjoy the rank so deservedly bestowed upon him. Bro. Dr. Smyth, in suitable and graceful language, reciprocated the good wishes of which the W.M. had been the mouthpiece. Bro. Mason then with great force and

impressiveness passed Bro. Pendleton to the Second Degree. The ballot having been declared clear for Mr. Crossley, a candidate for initiation, he was introduced to the mysteries of the First Degree by Bro. Dr. Smyth. The announcement was made to the lodge that Bro. Jameson, I.G., having received an important appointment under the Hackney Local Board, was about to leave Leeds; and, whilst hearty congratulations were poured upon Bro. Jameson upon his success, the pleasure of the brethren was somewhat tinged with pain, for Bro. Jameson's genial presence will be greatly missed from his mother lodge. The Grand Chaplain then read his paper, entitled "Some Common Objections to Freemasonry," a report of which has already appeared, and it is only necessary here to say that it was listened to with attention and enjoyment by all who were privileged to be present during its delivery.

The lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where an ample repast was laid, and though alcohol, by the rules of the lodge, was conspicuous by its absence, a happy time was spent, speech and song alternating with pleasing variety.

It was announced that nearly £50 had been subscribed by the members of the lodge towards the two Presentations to the Widows' Benevolent Fund (1000 guineas each), which were being raised in West Yorks to celebrate the Jubilee.

CROYDON.—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—The third installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, when Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey, completed his year of Mastership by passing Bro. Lionel Percival to the Second Degree, and installing Bro. Francis Timothy Ridpath in the Master's chair, performing those ceremonies to perfection. The new W.M. was equally perfect, for in investing his officers he delivered the various charges to them with the fluency of an old and experienced hand, which gave promise that the brethren would have in his year as able a Master as they had seen in Bro. Langton and Bro. Hobbs. Bro. Hobbs was of course invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren received the other collars: Bros. E. Samuel, S.W.; M. L. Levèy, J.W.; J. C. Leaver, Treasurer; J. D. Langton, P.M.; P. J. G. W. Surrey, Secretary; the Rev. E. D. Lennox Harvey, M.A., Chaplain; W. G. Goode, S.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, J.D.; F. J. Blake, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, D.C.; W. G. Oates, I.G.; E. C. Holdsworth, Stwd.; F. W. Leaver, Org.; and W. Lane, Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, when there were present the following brethren, in addition to those above named: Bros. F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; George Price, P.G. Treasurer Surrey; D. Guedalla, J. S. Fraser, E. C. Leaver, R. W. Wilson, W. Fraser, A. Matthey, C. Holden, and the following visitors: Bros. W. Foulsham, P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland; R. Clay Sudlow, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; W. Pile, P.G.S.B. Surrey; W. H. Rawson, W.M. 1790; G. H. Moore, W.M. 2054; G. T. Marshall, P.M. 69; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; F. J. Wray, P.M. 1257; Maitland H. Dicker, P.M. 1470; F. C. Atkinson, P.M. 2182; C. E. Penny, S.D. 1488; G. H. Bishop, S.D. 1965; T. F. Downes, 1635; G. K. Pugh, 1625; F. Carter, 14; E. F. Pass, S.W. 1540; W. Stevenson Hoyte, J.W. 1706; C. White, 1790; J. Elkan, 1668; Gordon Smith, J.W. 14; A. Lester, 1309; and E. J. Bell, 1369.

The banquet over and grace sung, the usual toasts were proposed.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said he was sure the brethren would receive the toast with the greatest consideration, especially in the present year, when there was such great rejoicing at the long and successful reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria. They could not but be cognisant of the good that had been done and the benefits that had been conferred on the country by the rule of a Sovereign who had proved beyond question that she had regard for the wishes of her people, care for their welfare, and a complete identification of herself with their interests. The Craft was always pleased to recognise those qualities, and he was sure the brethren would do so on the present occasion.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," said that toast had always been well received by the Craft. Ever since his Royal Highness's installation in 1875, he had shown the interest he took in Masonry to all the world, and in many things, which, no doubt, all the brethren knew. The last occasion was when he initiated his own son, and the Craft generally had a great deal to be thankful for in having such a Grand Master.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy G.M., &c.," followed, which officers, the W.M. said, had, ever since their accession to office, proved themselves worthy Masons by doing good work for the cause.

The W.M., in proposing "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Surrey, General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W.," said the lodge had had the honour of the presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., and the occasion when he visited it would be well remembered by every brother who was present. Since he had been promoted to the Prov. G. Mastership of Surrey, he had devoted a considerable amount of time to the good of the Craft. For instance, last year he was Chairman of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was a very successful affair, when a large sum of money was collected, and the George Price Lodge was then represented in a manner which was a credit to the county of Surrey. He trusted the gallant general would be spared many years to devote his energy, not only to the good of the Masons of Surrey, but to the Craft as a whole.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The V.W. the Deputy Prov. G.M. for Surrey, Bro. F. West, P.G. Stwd. England, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past." He said it had been his good fortune to meet several of the Prov. G. Officers on various occasions, and the great interest they had felt in cases of Masonic Charity had proved to him that the Masons of Surrey were not behind the rest of the Craft in good work. He then enumerated the Prov. G. Officers present, in addition to the Deputy P.G.M., Bros. G. Price, Pile, J. D. Langton, A. M. Hobbs, and Cambridge, and said it was a feature of the lodge that several Prov. G. Officers were among its members, and they well deserved the honour that had been bestowed on them.

Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M. of Surrey, in replying to the toast, said the George Price Lodge was essentially a loyal

lodge. It drank with enthusiasm the health of the Queen, the Grand Master, and the great lights in Masonry, and none the less did it receive with enthusiasm the health of the rulers of the Province of Surrey. It afforded him very great pleasure to be present, and to be called upon to respond to this toast, and on his own behalf and on behalf of the officers of the province he thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he proposed, and the members and visitors for the enthusiasm with which they received, the toast. The lodge was one of the youngest in England, and it was named after one of the oldest Masons in the Province of Surrey, who had done good suit and service to his province, who was known in the Craft, highly respected as a citizen, and much beloved as a brother. The founders of the lodge in taking for it the name of one so much respected, no doubt felt that they had cast upon them a very great amount of responsibility, and they were determined that the lodge should not disgrace the name it bore. He thought he was not wrong in saying that if Bro. G. Price wished to have anything written up after he had gone with respect to his Masonic acts, he might fairly say he would like nothing better than "If you wish a record of what I have done, look at the George Price Lodge." There were many present who had seen how the Masters of that lodge had performed with skill and assiduity the affairs of the lodge, and with no less ability had they put forward the true principles of Masonry. Within 12 months the lodge had been instrumental in increasing the funds of the three Masonic Institutions by no less a sum than £500, and they had set an example in this respect. Bro. George Price would feel complimented by having his memory associated with that lodge. He was sure the W.M. would do his best to carry on the traditions of the lodge, and he hoped it would flourish and prosper, and go on in the same way, and that years on somebody might be able to rise in his (Bro. West's) place and say as truthfully as he could then, that nobody had more faithfully fulfilled the obligations cast upon them than the previous Masters of the George Price Lodge.

Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said he thought that at an installation meeting that was the most important of all the toasts. Bro. Ridpath was the J.W. designate when the lodge was consecrated, and he had taken up to the Old People's Institution £152.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he felt sure the toast had been received so enthusiastically, not from any merit of his own, but from the fact that he occupied the chair to which the brethren had elected him. The endeavours he had always used to do his best in the various offices he had held in that lodge and elsewhere, he trusted he should always use as W.M. In these endeavours he trusted he should have the co-operation and help of the officers of the lodge. He then proposed "The Visitors," many of whom had to get away by trains.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, in replying, said he felt proud at being honoured in being called upon to reply for so goodly an array of visitors. There should be but one thought running in the minds of the visitors, and that was one of congratulation to the George Price Lodge, to its present Master and to its Past Masters, on the very high position the lodge had already attained in the Craft. He was fortunate enough to be at the consecration, but unfortunately, in spite of many invitations, he had been unable to be present since, but he regarded with a great deal of satisfaction the admirable manner in which he found the lodge carried on in every way the high principles of Masonry. There was one point he noticed particularly in the I.P.M., that in presenting to the W.M. the warrant of the lodge he spoke of the worthy and worshipful first recipient of it, but he failed to say that after the first year it had also passed into the hands of a very worthy and distinguished brother. Now, all the visitors present would agree with him that Bro. Hobbs was pre-eminently deserving of the title that he in his modesty refrained upon bestowing upon himself. It had given him (Bro. Sudlow) immense pleasure to be present, and he could only thank the brethren for the very great treat given in the lodge room, and for the hospitality they had experienced at the social board. He would like to say a word about the new W.M. He had had the pleasure of witnessing his work in a lodge of instruction in close connection with this lodge, and he knew perfectly well what he could do. He was sure that during his year of office he would do his work in a thoroughly praiseworthy manner, worthy of the reputation already achieved by the lodge.

Bro. Foulsham also replied, and said there was something so unique in the toast—the visitors being either the friends of the W.M. or the friends of his friends in the lodge—that he had achieved a feat; he had not only secured them soul and body. They had had that excellent spread, and enjoyed themselves to the height of their bent. The way to an Englishman's heart was through his belly it was said, and if that was so the lodge had secured the visitors in the most eminent degree. The W.M. was really one of his boys, and it afforded him an infinite amount of pleasure to see him in the chair. He spotted him as a good Mason from the very first—totted him up as a man of sterling worth and ability that would bring him to the highest position, not only in Masonry, but in every thing to which he placed his hand.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M., Bro. H. M. Hobbs." All the brethren knew what Bro. Hobbs had done for the George Price Lodge, the interest he had always taken in Masonry, and the good he was always endeavouring to do, both for the Charities and for brethren who were younger in knowledge of Masonry though older than himself in the Craft. He had proved himself one of the most rising and persevering Masons. It was his (the W.M.'s) lot to witness Bro. Hobbs' initiation, and he saw in him a man who would prove himself worthy of the cause and bring honour and credit to the Craft. To an extent almost beyond those thoughts and anticipations had his opinion been fully verified. In connection with this toast he had to present Bro. Hobbs with an elegant P.M. jewel, which he had fully earned, and which was the first one yet placed on Bro. Hobbs' breast. He hoped that the jewel would remind Bro. Hobbs as long as life remained to him that he had performed his duties as W.M. with credit to himself and with gratification to the brethren.

Bro. Hobbs, while expressing his grateful thanks for the W.M.'s and the brethren's kindness, assured them that he had tried to do his best during his year of office. He thought he had sometimes failed, but it had given him great gratification to hear what the Deputy Prov. Grand Master said of this lodge, because it was not the ordinary

compliment visitors paid to one another on these occasions. The D.P.G.M. referred to the facts of the case, what they had endeavoured to do for the Charities; and when they heard such words from the second Mason in Surrey they ought to be satisfied. As this was the last time on which he should occupy the chair in the George Price Lodge he would like to thank the officers for their great assistance, and for the kindness with which they had always received him. Among those who had so kindly assisted him he was especially grateful to Bro. George Price, because when Bro. Langton was away six months Bro. Price came and assisted as the I.P.M. Although he (Bro. Hobbs) should not take so active a part now in this lodge he should always take the greatest interest in it, and if services of his would be of any use to the lodge they would be all times most cheerfully rendered.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The P.M.'s." Bro. Hobbs he had already mentioned, but there was also Bro. Langton, the first W.M. of the lodge, and a brother who had proved that he could work, did work, and would work, and who was well deserving of the kindness and consideration of the brethren of the George Price Lodge for the able manner in which he had conducted the lodge through the first year of its career. The brethren had a great deal to be thankful for in their P.M.'s.

Bro. J. D. Langton, P.M., responded. As a W.M. he was afraid he did not fill the office so successfully, at all events, as he could wish. As Secretary of the lodge, the brethren had yet to find out his shortcomings. He would do his best, but he feared his best would leave much to be required. But that waited to be seen. Certainly as I.G. he had proved himself totally unworthy of that office. As I.P.M. he always was a failure. He left this country directly after he obtained that high position, and he must personally thank Bro. George Price for so kindly undertaking his duties during his temporary absence. But, joking aside, he thanked the brethren sincerely for the manner in which they had received that toast, and, as he had stated before in that room, it was the greatest Masonic honour conferred upon him when he was made first W.M. of the George Price Lodge. He hoped to be spared many years to see numerous Past Masters between him and the chair.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "Bro. George Price," whom they were all glad to see in their midst. Bro. Price was a brother who had an enormous amount of experience, to which any brother in the lodge would have access in case of any difficulty that might occur during any performance of his duties. Bro. George Price took a great interest in many things, and among others the Charities. He warmly supported any case he took in hand, whether it was the election of an old brother, or a widow, or a boy, or a girl. Generally he was very successful at arriving at a good result by his efforts. Bro. Price was well supported by the province, and so he should be, for there was no brother in the county more deserving of support.

Bro. George Price, replying, said he fancied that toast was an innovation, as he did not find it upon the list. He was nevertheless obliged to the brethren for their kindness. If he were a vain man he thought the brethren would spoil him, for looking to the observations that had been made by the D.P.G.M. and Bro. Hobbs, a man must not have much vanity in his composition if he was not spoiled. With regard to the observations that fell from Bro. Hobbs as to his (Bro. Price's) services, he should have been ashamed of himself if he had not rendered those services. The unavoidable absence of Bro. Langton left Bro. Hobbs without a P.M., and he (Bro. Price) certainly did undertake the office, and it was his duty to do so. The W.M. was entitled to command those services, which were given very readily. He might say that he should now have been at the Isle of Wight but for this lodge meeting, and he delayed his journey in order to have the pleasure of attending that lodge meeting, and take part in that splendid ceremony which had placed the W.M. in the chair. He had on many occasions received from the brethren the greatest kindness. He had had honours showered down upon him, and he had upon the several occasions thanked the brethren heartily for their kindness. He could now only repeat those thanks.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Health of the Officers of the George Price Lodge," enumerating each of them and his services to Masonry. The lodge was fortunate in possessing such officers, men who did their work, and took an interest in it. He must congratulate himself upon having officers who were known to be ready to help in any case or in any difficulty. With their co-operation and support he was sure that the work of the next 12 months would proceed to the satisfaction of every brother of the lodge.

Bro. Samuel, S.W., was indebted to the W.M. for proposing the toast of "The Officers." Overwhelmed as he was at the honour of being in the S.W. chair for the first time, he could assure the W.M. that efforts on his part would not be wanting to make the W.M.'s year of office successful. Although it was a stereotyped phrase he would repeat it, that he would endeavour to emulate his predecessors. He was, however, somewhat between two fires—regret at losing the I.P.M., and pleasure at seeing Bro. Ridpath in his place, who had been so frequently his fellow officer. He hoped the work of himself and brother officers would be united for many years to come, and it would be his ambition when he did occupy the chair that he would perform his work as well as he knew the W.M. would perform his.

Bro. Levèy also thanked the W.M. sincerely for the compliment paid him, and said he could only hope that he should serve him well during his year; at least he should endeavour, as far as he could, to carry out the duties of his office, and if he failed it would be rather from inability than from disinclination.

The Tyler's toast then obtained a hearty recognition, and the proceedings closed.

The records of this meeting would be imperfect if it did not include a notice that all the officers—the W.M., the P.M.'s, Wardens, Deacons, and Stewards—did their best to make every one happy and comfortable, and that the musical programme was splendidly performed, under the direction of Bro. Cambridge, by Bros. F. C. Atkinson, E. J. Bell, Lester, Cambridge, and Atkinson.

TILBURY.—Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—The first business meeting of the above lodge since its consecration took place on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Tilbury Hotel, Bro. C. T. Lewis, P.M. 1472,

W.M., presiding, assisted by the following officers: Bros. A. J. Manning, I.P.M., and P.P.S.G.D. Essex; W. Smith, S.W.; G. Westfield, J.W.; G. Hughes, Sec.; C. H. Canning, S.D.; A. J. Dale, J.D.; T. Ringrose, I.G.; J. G. Hammond, Stwd.; and J. Ives, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. H. Plater, George F. Penney, John W. Joyce, and Francis C. Evans, and proving unanimous, the three first mentioned, being in attendance, were initiated by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. H. Carman, W.M. 548, presided at the harmonium in a most efficient manner, and so materially assisted in the impressiveness of the initiation. The ballot was also taken for a number of the founders of the lodge, whose names had not been mentioned on the warrant, and therefore had to be balloted for in the usual form, and that proved unanimous. Bro. H. Lewis was then unanimously elected Treasurer, and duly invested with the collar of his office; and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. Jolly, P.M. 1472, D.C.; I. H. Grieg, Asst. D.C.; and F. J. Eedle, S.W. 1441, Asst. Stwd.

The consideration of the bye-laws was deferred, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a prettily served banquet under the personal superintendence of Mr. Titt, the courteous manager of the hotel.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. T. Barnes, J. W. Cain, J. Billingham, C. Taylor, and C. Wood, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. E. West, P.M. 1327, and P.P.S.G.D. Herts; J. Howell, W.M. 1343; W. Dickenson, W.M. 179; J. Carter, J.W. 898; C. W. Butler, 228; W. Cooper, 1783; S. Brown, 1472; S. Sutcliffe, 1472; and W. J. Mott, 1343.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, the W.M. in eloquent terms proposed the toast of "The M.W. the Rt. Hon. Lord Brooke, Grand Master of the Province of Essex," which was drunk in bumpers. He next gave that of "The V.W. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Past and Present," and

Bro. Manning, in response, said the time of their stay was getting short, and as Bro. Philbrick said on the last occasion, "time and the train wait for no man," if he did not make a long speech in returning thanks, they must not attribute it to any desire on his part to shirk it, but to the late hour. He, however, assured them that he and every provincial officer, past or present, esteemed it a great honour to serve under Lord Brooke, and desired above all things to be worthy of the dignity conferred on them. It was beyond his sphere to impress them with the hearty and untiring work done by Bro. Philbrick, who never was so happy as when doing something for the honour and prosperity of the province, and, as they might have seen at the late consecration of the lodge, he was zealously seconded by the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. In their name and his own he thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Manning then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing spoke of the great pleasure it afforded him to have to do so, because he had the honour to introduce Bro. Lewis into Freemasonry, and gave him his three Degrees, he (Bro. Manning) at that time being Master of the Henley Lodge, at North Woolwich, where Bro. Lewis was initiated. He felt sure that Bro. Lewis would do his utmost to sustain the lodge, and that under him its name would be an honour to the province and a credit to the Craft.

Bro. Lewis, in responding, said he felt proud of holding such an important position as that of first Master of the lodge. It had taken them something like 12 months to establish it, after trying and getting rebuffed at one or two other places. He, however, was rather thankful for those rebuffs, for they certainly could not have come to a prettier place, or to a more comfortable home. Nothing on his part should be left undone to firmly establish the lodge on a sure foundation, so that when the period of his office was up, they would have no cause to regret placing him in their chair.

"The Initiates" were toasted, and they severally returned thanks. Bros. West, Howe, Dickenson, Butler, Cooper, and Carter severally returned thanks for "The Visitors," and Bros. Smith and Westfield for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were exceedingly pleasant and harmonious.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Leng, S.W.; Vatchky, J.W.; S. R. Speight, P.M., Sec.; Penrose, S.D.; Haire, J.D.; Millington, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; Turpin, Faulkner, Coudrey, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The usual questions were answered by Bro. Faulkner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Faulkner personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and on resuming the usual questions were answered by Bro. Turpin. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Faulkner, 1559, was elected a member, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, 31st ult., when there were present Bros. F. H. Williams, W.M.; Chapman, S.W.; Belchamber, J.W.; Youlden, S.D.; Arrowsmith, J.D.; Fullick, I.G.; Wingham, Preceptor; Dudley, and Roots.

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. Dudley as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Roots, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Roots as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the Preceptor announced that the W.M. for the ensuing week was elected. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; W. Richards, S.W.; W. Wingham, J.W.; A. Bullen, S.D.; G. F. Swan, J.D.; James Woodward, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; James Rowe, C. Corby, E. C. Mulvey, Angelico Cogliati, Carlo Grassi, Frank Gulliford, Walter Hancock, G. H. Reynolds, and A. Clark.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the 1st meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. James Rowe having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Angelico Cogliati answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. W. Richards, 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. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; G. Gardner, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Gammell, S.D.; W. G. Coat, J.D.; E. Aslete, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; J. Davies, F. Craggs, and D. Stroud.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Coat, offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Coat candidate, the W.M. rendering the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. Bro. J. H. Wood was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

The annual supper of this lodge of instruction will take place on the 8th June at 8 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, of the Secretary, or at the Windsor Castle, King-street, Hammersmith.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. A. Harvey, W.M.; Heathcote, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; Cannon, S.D.; Burn, J.D.; Steele, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Walker, Coe, Wright, Russell, Noble, Folkard, Beavan, Gibbs, Glover, Burnett, and Sharp.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Glover as candidate. The ceremony of passing having been announced, Bro. Noble answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Walker, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Noble as candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree, and closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wood, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Bro. Wood returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary announced that the installation ceremony would be worked on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, also on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, and the Fifteen Sections at the Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, Mire, Chancery-lane, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 7 p.m. The lodge was then closed.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. J. Call Weddell, W.M. 1837, W.M.; A. Bovey, S.W.; C. Powling, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M. 299, Preceptor; C. Hind, Hon. Sec.; C. Hind, S.D.; W. Greig, W.M. 299, J.D.; C. C. Potter, W.M. 1343, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; H. H. McNaui, P.M. 299; P. Jones, P.M. 1837; G. C. Baker, J. Rickett, R. S. Howitt, and T. Jenkins.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Jones offered himself as candidate, the questions were put and answered, and he was entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Jones candidate. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when the Preceptor proposed, and Bro. Potter seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to the W.M., Bro. J. C. Weddell, for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony for the first time—carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. It was proposed by Bro. McNaui, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Jenkins, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. The S.W. returned thanks. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult., when there were present among others Comps. Alfred Tisley, M.E.Z.; H. Clemow, H.; Christian, acting J.; Jenkins, S.E.; G. Manners, C.C., P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.Z.; Farthing, P.S.; C. Moore, J. Beddingfield, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the year ensuing took place. Among those elected were Comps. H. Clemow, M.E.Z.; F. Farrington, H.; W. E. Farrington, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; Farthing, S.N.; Woodbridge, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Comp. G. Manners, Treas., vice Ex-Comp. J. H. Dodson, P.Z., whose resignation through ill-health was deeply regretted.

A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to the M.E.Z., the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The long routine of toasts received full justice.

WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Comps. Forss, M.E.Z.; T. T. Phillips, P.Z., acting H.; Patrick, J.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., S.E.; Van Ralte, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z. (Hon. Member); and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Hamilton, 917, and it proving to be unanimous, he was impressively exalted as a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z. in a manner that left little to be desired.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were given from the chair, briefly, but pertinently.

A very enjoyable evening was passed, thanks to the instrumental and vocal abilities of some of the companions. Bro. Davis and Mr. Forss, jun., being particularly good in their efforts to entertain.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Chapter (No. 249).—The annual installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Among those present were Comps. J. C. Robinson, M.E.Z.; Charles Fothergill, H.; George S.

Willings, J.; Alexander Cotter, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., Treas.; E. Carter, S.E.; A. Bucknall, P.S.; J. Ashworth, A.S.; W. Hudson, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; T. Littleby, R. Shacklady, Richard Edwards, Peter Robbi, John Proctor, R. G. Bradley, J. E. Bircher, John Whalley, Robert Hamer, Thomas Mason, Samuel Fraser, H. F. Neale, Peter Evans, William Fish, and E. B. Ironside. The visitors included Comps. A. D. Hesketh, P.Z. 1357; John Molloy, 594; John Humphreys, Z. 823; Isaac Turner, 594; John Hayes, P.Z. 594, P.P.G.S.B.; A. H. Hallwood, 673; William M'Lachlan, 241; W. Coates, 230; Walter E. Erwin, P.Z. 1393, P.P.G.R.; A. Kirkpatrick, P.S. 1502; W. Addis, 1356; and Hugh Williams, P.G.S.B. The retiring M.E.Z. concluded a successful and harmonious term of office by exalting Bro. Thomas Bush, of the Mariners' Lodge, and Bro. Thomas Pritchard, of the Lodge of Emulation. The duty of installing Master was then undertaken by Comp. G. S. Willings, P.Z., and the fine ceremony was rendered in that masterly and impressive manner for which Comp. Willings is famous. The officers invested were as follows: Comps. Charles Fothergill, I.P.Z.; Arthur Bucknall, Z.; James Ashworth, H.; Alexander Cotter, J.; Samuel Fraser, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Wm. Fish, S.E.; R. G. Bradley, S.N.; Edward Carter, P.S.; H. T. Neal, A.S.; Robert Hamer and Robert Shacklady, Stewards. A cordial vote of thanks having been presented to Comp. Willings, the Treasurer's report was then submitted and passed, when the companions adjourned to a dinner most satisfactorily catered for by Comp. J. Casey, the House Steward.

The toast of "The Newly-installed Chiefs" was heartily received, and

Comp. Charles Fothergill, in response, thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him, and assured them that he would endeavour to maintain the high position of the Mariners' Chapter. He then proposed "The Health of the retiring M.E.Z.," and, on behalf of the members, asked Comp. J. C. Robinson to accept a P.Z.'s jewel as a token of their appreciation of his services. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool.

Comp. Robinson expressed the pleasure it gave him to receive such a handsome mark of the esteem in which he was held by the chapter.

The musical arrangements were most satisfactorily carried out by Comps. Erwin, Bradley, Ironsides, Neale, and Hudson.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Chapter (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above snug and select chapter took place on Wednesday, the 18th ult., at the Three Crowns Hotel, when in due form and ancient rites Comps. R. J. Warren were installed as Z.; J. Aillud, as H.; and C. Jolly as J. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. Hill, S.N.; H. Brayshaw, S.E.; C. Wood, Treas. and Wine Stwd.; C. H. Canning, P.S.; C. T. Lewis, 1st Asst. S.; J. Savage, 2nd Asst. S.; J. Ives, Janitor. Comp. A. Penfold, I.P.Z., P.Z. 913, 13, and P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent, performed the ceremony of installation—the variety, length, and impressiveness of which none but the installed can have any idea of—in a most eloquent manner, his subsequent delivery of the addresses being most effective and affecting, and on concluding he was thanked and congratulated on all sides. The first duty of the new M.E.Z. was to present Comp. Penfold, in the name of the chapter, with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, of the value of ten guineas nett, to mark the appreciation of the able and courteous manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during the past 12 months, and also for valuable services to the chapter at its foundation and consecration.

Comp. Penfold having briefly returned thanks, the chapter was closed, and the companions partook of one of those elegantly appointed banquets for which the esteemed host, Comp. E. West, P.Z., and Treas. 13, is worthily celebrated.

The formal toasts of "The Queen and R.A. Masonry," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "Grand Z. of the Order," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Grand H.," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Grand J.," and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been given in appropriate terms by the M.E.Z., were heartily drunk by the companions.

Comp. Penfold then rose to propose the toast of "The Three First Principals—Z., H., and J." He said it was the province of the I.P.Z. to propose that toast which certainly was the most important one of the evening. He did not intend to dwell upon the merits of the toasted, because they were already known to the companions. Comp. Warren had said that when he was in the chair of the Craft he had a good banquet and a good year of office. Now they, that night, had had a good banquet, he trusted it would be a good augury for Comp. Warren's year of office, and that he might have a good one, and some excellent candidates to exalt. He felt sure that he would make an excellent 1st Principal, and be well supported by his Assistant Principals, who had proved themselves good and hard-working Masons; he therefore asked them to drink the toast with all the heartiness it deserved.

Comp. Warren, who is certainly more a man of deeds than words, thanked Comp. Penfold for the kind expressions he had used in proposing the toast; they were far beyond his merits, but he would try to fill the chair he occupied to their satisfaction, and to the credit of the chapter.

Comps. Aillud and Jolly also returned thanks.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer, Comp. Penfold, and the Past Principals," which was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The M.E.Z., in putting it, said he was exceedingly proud to know that during the first year of the chapter's existence they had doubled their numbers and were out of debt, and that state was entirely owing to the kindness and exertions of Comp. Penfold. It was a lesson he should try and learn, and so, if possible, emulate the deeds of his esteemed predecessor. It seemed to him, as the beautiful ceremonies were performed by Comp. Penfold, as if the words flowed on and on without a hitch, and he wondered where the words all came from. It put him in mind of a funeral he once saw at Ilford Cemetery, when, to his astonishment he saw some eight or nine full-grown men and women get out of one mourning coach; he thought they were never going to stop, and wondered how the coach could hold them; and so it was with Comp. Penfold—his words flowed so easily, and he was so perfect in his ritual, that he, Comp. Warren, was afraid his working would fall

lightly after Comp. Penfold's. He would say no more, but asked them to drink the toast with honours.

Comp. Penfold, in response, said the M.E.Z. had given a combined toast, and he was glad of it, because it saved time. As far as the Past Principals were concerned they must expect in a new chapter to find a paucity of them. In the present instance there were only Comp. West and himself, so that it devolved upon him to respond for that portion of the toast. As time rolled on, no doubt many or all of them would arrive at the position. A chapter, like a tree, must have time to grow, and take root before it puts forth many branches. So far as Comp. West and himself were concerned, he could assure them that they would do all that laid in their power for the success of the chapter, and perform any service that might be required of them. With reference to the installation, it was a great pleasure to him to install his successor. It was not the first, second, or third time he had performed the ceremony, because he took an interest in it and liked the work. Any one could do it if he threw his heart into the work, and it was the love and affection he felt for Masonry that made the work to him a real labour of love and pleasure. The work was no doubt hard to learn, it was like looking at a hill looming in the distance; it seemed a tremendous task to mount it, but if they went at it with a good heart they found the difficulties were not so great as the anticipation of them, and so they would find the work of the chapter if they started with a full determination to learn and do it. He concluded by heartily thanking them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid much applause.

Comp. West briefly responded, and spoke highly of the manner in which Comp. Penfold had installed the Principals.

Comp. H. Mason, P.Z. 913, and H. 214, responded for "The Visitors," and said that of the many lodges and chapters he had visited, he had never enjoyed himself more than he had that evening. He congratulated the chapter upon its doubling its numbers and being out of debt the first year of its existence, and he wished it every success from the bottom of his heart. He had heard Comp. Penfold, who was a P.Z. of his (Comp. Mason's) mother chapter, perform the ceremony of installation many times, but had never heard him do it better than upon the present occasion. At Romford their working was a fac simile of Comp. Penfold's, and he trusted, nay, felt sure, that they should meet with the same success as the Henley Chapter had.

Comp. G. Frost, 913, also responded.

Comps. Canning and Wood responded for "The Officers," and the latter, in so doing, gave a most interesting account of his experience of American and Canadian Masonry during a recent visit to those countries. He said he thought that if any of the companions were going there his experience might be of service to them. Certain chapters at Quebec refused to admit him at any price. At Toronto he went to a Craft lodge, and, after being practically put through the three Degrees by a Past Master and one of the brethren, he was admitted. The lodge was a fine one; the Master sat with his hat on, his chair being raised on three steps, the S.W.'s on two, and the J.W.'s on one. The working was the same as in England, but took longer, as they gave the lectures and worked the tracing boards. When the lodge was opened in each Degree the Deacons tested the brethren by asking in a whisper for the word. On the occasion of his visit two brethren had forgotten the word in one of the Degrees, and had to stand out in the body of the lodge and give an explanation; one was vouched for, but the other had to retire. He was well received in the Craft both at Canada and at America. At Chicago the aprons are made of calico, and taken indiscriminately out of a box as they are wanted. Jewels are seldom seen, many of the brethren wondering what they were for, and why he wore his. The only unpleasantness he experienced was at Quebec, where the companions of a chapter refused him admittance. He tendered his certificate and offered himself for examination, but they would not admit him. They said they did not doubt him being a R.A. Mason for a moment; but, owing to some difference with the Grand Chapter of England, they could not and would not admit him. Altogether he was well received, and enjoyed himself much. His only reason for recounting his experience was that the companions might not be surprised should they go to Canada, and attempt to get admission into a chapter there and get refused.

Comp. Penfold thanked Comp. Wood for his very interesting speech, and felt that it was most important that it should be recorded in the Masonic Press. He could not understand such a body as the Grand Lodge of Quebec or its Grand Chapter refusing admission to a brother or companion. If a brother Mason came from Quebec to them they would admit him into their lodges, and they felt that they had a certain right to enter any lodge in the world if they could prove they were true and not spurious Masons. They would not say to such a brother—"No; we will not admit you;" they would more likely say—"Come and tell us your experience, and how you work yourselves, and like our working." He believed that they had a moral, if not a legal, right to enter any lodge, and was surprised and sorry to hear that an English Mason had been refused brotherhood with Masons of a colony of the British Empire.

Comp. Curtis—who had been exalted at an emergency meeting—was toasted; and then the Janitor's toast brought a most enjoyable gathering to a close.

By the death of the Rev. Frederick, 13th Baron Saye and Sele, Archdeacon of Hereford, whose funeral took place at the Cathedral, Hereford, on Tuesday, Bro. the Hon. John F. T. W. Fiennes, who was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1851, becomes Lord Saye and Sele, and will in due course take his seat in the House of Lords.

We heard with sincere regret some few days since of the death of Mrs. Eastes, wife of Bro. J. S. Eastes, the worthy and much respected Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Kent, and we are satisfied the Craft generally will extend their sympathy towards a brother, in the time of so heavy a bereavement, who has always himself been foremost in offering a kindly or sympathetic word to those who needed it.

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INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, Z.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, H.; W. C. Williams, P.S. 733, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890, S.N.; C. R. Wickens, P.S. 704, P.S.; Dr. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.Z. 90, P.P.G.T. Devon; P. J. Davies, and W. H. Chalfont.

The chapter was opened in ancient form, and a Board of Installed Principals was formed, and the ceremony of installation of Third Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Dehane. The Board was closed, and the companions admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Davies being candidate. The offices for the ensuing two weeks were elected in rotation—Comp. Dehane M.E.Z. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes, for the admirable manner in which Comp. Dehane had rehearsed the ceremony of installation, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at Northampton House, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. T. C. Edmonds, M.E.Z.; W. Radcliffe, H.; F. Brasted, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; N. Salmon, S.N.; and R. M. Jones, P.S.

The chapter has adjourned to the third Thursday in September next.

Mark Masonry.

SIR FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 181).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 18th ult., when there were present among others Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; C. H. Köhler, S.W.; Bailey, J.W.; Porter, M.O.; Simmonds, S.O.; Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., Sec.; Davis, J.D.; J. T. Briggs, I.P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Meacock, 1512, but through unavoidable circumstances he was prevented from attending. Upon the motion of Bro. Walls, seconded by Bro. Briggs, the sum of five guineas was voted to the list. Bro. Briggs, as Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. Fisher, P.M.; Thomas, J.O.; and Von Joel, I.G.; and others.

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

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Keystone Lodge (No. 178).—The regular quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The W.M., Bro. F. S. Hancock, occupied the chair, and there were present, as visitors, Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; R. B. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; and G. Allen, S.W. 139. The routine business having been gone through, and three candidates balloted for and approved, the W.M. reported that the Wiltshire Anchor Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, in connection with that lodge, had been duly consecrated that afternoon, and that, in consequence, they had the pleasure of welcoming among them some distinguished visitors who had come to Devizes for the purpose of such consecration. He then asked Bro. Matier if he would favour him by taking the chair and performing the ceremony of advancement. Bro. Matier having assented, Bros. the Rev. W. Humphrys, F. Sloper, and W. F. Gaby (the candidates previously balloted for) were most ably advanced by him to the Degree of M.M.M. Bro. Hancock, W.M., having resumed the chair, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Matier. Bro. Nott, P.M., seconded, and it was carried by acclamation. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to supper at the Bear Hotel.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., Bro. George Rylie, W.M., P.G.D.C., in the chair. Among those present were Bros. T. Brakenridge, P.G.I.G., S.W.; Rev. James Anderson, P.G. Chaplain, J.W.; W. J. Tyson, P.G. Org., M.O.; T. Rowlings, S.O.; D. Atkinson, J.O.; George Dalrymple, P.A.G. D.C. Eng., Treas.; W. H. Bewlay, Reg. and Sec.; Dr. Muir, S.D.; W. D. Metcalf, I.G.; Thomas Richardson, Tyler; E. Tyson, P.M., P.G. Std. Eng.; W. Bewlay, P.M., P.G.M.O.; J. Bowes, T. F. Braithwaite, H. Burns, L. Taylor, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Bros. Taylor and Cook. Both were accepted as candidates, and they were advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M. Twenty guineas was voted to head Bro. Rylie's Stewards' list on behalf of the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund. A candidate was proposed, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL (No. 1).—This old and distinguished council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. Captain Anderson, T.I.M.; Alfred Williams, P.D.M.; Thomas Cubitt, D.M.; T. C. Walls, R.P.P.G.D.M., Recorder; Bryant, 3rd Marshal; E. Storr, J.S.; Shirley, M.A., Sentinel; Thomas Poore, P.T.I.M.; the Rev. S. Moses, M.A.; Nelson Prower, M.A.; T. Clark, S. Parkhouse, R. Berridge, E. A. Harris, J. Shilcock, W. W. Codd, L. Steele, J. Brittain, H. Harris, J. Pakes, W. A. Scurrah, Francis, D. P. Cama, G. Gregory, Fountaine, Hollington, Perkins, Hay, Catterson, Mills, O.S.; and many others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. F. E. Pocock, M.D. 1642, R.A. 211, Mark; J. N. Frye, 1642, R.A. 211, Mark; and W. Tomson, 1523, R.A. 170, Mark; who had been duly balloted for were admitted, received and greeted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., by Bro. T. Poore, in his usual admirable manner. Bro. Walls then installed Bro. T. Cubitt, as T.I.M., who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Graveley, D.M.; F. Davison, Treasurer; T. C. Walls, Recorder; The Rev. W. Maude, Chaplain; The Rev. W. Lemon, Chaplain; Loveland, P.C.W.; Major Dunbar, C. of Gds.; H. J. Lardner, C.C.; Spice, 1st M.; Bryant, 2nd M.; C. H. Driver, 3rd M.; E. Storr, S.S.; Powell, J.S.; Shirley, Warder; W. Glynes, Sentinel; and Mills, O.S. Upon the motion of Bro. Walls, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund,

per Bro. T. Clark. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. Poore for his services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, Major Lambert, Captain Williamson, J.P.; The Rev. W. Lemon, M.A.; The Rev. W. Mande, M.A.; Loveland, Graveley, Major Dunbar, F. Davison, and many others.

The council having been closed in the Degree of Select Masters, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the annual festival was held. This very interesting Order is now making great progress not only in the Metropolis, but elsewhere, thanks to the energy of the executive, headed by Bro. Matier, Grand Recorder.



Mrs. Bernard Beere in her first venture in the dual capacity of manageress and actress has triumphed. On Monday, the 16th ult., this clever lady opened the Opera Comique with an adaptation, by Mr. T. C. Grove, of Mr. T. C. Phillips's novel—"As in a Looking Glass." This novel has the singular distinction of being published in journals in France, Germany, and Italy at the present time, so great is its popularity. In England it has become just as well known. The first performance took place in the presence of the Grand Master and the new Junior Grand Warden (Lord Wolseley). If any doubts were entertained of the wisdom of placing Mr. Phillips's story on the stage, they must have been set at rest after Mrs. Beere's splendid acting. On all sides nothing but the highest praise has been given of her playing, and it must be to the actress rather than to author or adaptor that this not altogether nice story has become popular. Already, we understand, that booking is going on to the end of the season. Lena Despard is a woman of fashion, who has had two husbands, and clever enough to make the world believe that she divorced Mr. Despard instead of him being the petitioner, and she has got the case kept out of the newspapers. Her past is a sort of blank to her acquaintances. She is closely connected in her schemes with a black-leg, a Captain Fortinbras, whose chambers in the Albany are the scene of the conspiracies of these two adventurers. Mrs. Despard manages to get invitations to country houses, and mix with nobles and respectable society generally. In London she keeps her carriage and lives in good style. During one of her visits to a country family she meets with a rich young Scotch laird, Mr. Balfour, who is engaged to be married to a Miss Vyse. Lena resolves upon breaking off this love engagement by her personal charms, and marrying Mr. Balfour herself, as the only thing which can save her from want. She confides this to Jack Fortinbras, who promises his help in the villainy, for he owes Balfour a grudge, and sees a way to levy blackmail also on the foolish youth. Mr. Balfour and Mrs. Despard have known each other in days gone by in London; she seeks an interview with Miss Vyse, and pours into her ears a story of treachery regarding her fiancé, and by showing Miss Vyse a letter—undated—which he had written to her (Mrs. Despard) years ago, she contrives to arouse Miss Vyse's jealousy, and the young lady is caught in the trap, and breaks off the engagement. This, it will be seen, is very weak, for what woman would believe such a thing of the man she loves on such proofs and without hearing his defence. Lena meets Mr. Balfour at Monte Carlo. He has just read in a society paper the announcement of Mr. Vyse's betrothal to an officer in the Guards; partly out of spite and partly from the fascination Mrs. Despard has over him, he asks her to be his wife. But having won that trick all is not plain before her yet. Jack follows her and must have his share of the spoil, present and future—the present being the money she has won at the gaming tables, and the future Mr. Balfour's income. She submits to the former, but to the latter, no! Mrs. Despard, the affianced bride of Mr. Balfour, is a very different woman from Lena, the adventuress. Love conquers; she trapped the man for selfish and vicious ends, but when she finds he is fond of her, her hard heart softens, and she loves him. Mrs. Despard tells Jack he shall not injure her future husband. She is temporarily relieved of him by the arrival of Dromiroff, the head of the Russian police, but what he is doing at Monte Carlo we are not told, nor do we learn why Fortinbras fears him and takes himself off. The marriage takes place at Balfour Castle, but on the very wedding day Captain Fortinbras re-appears to get money. Lena has none to give him. Then she must get it from her husband or he will expose her. She will not do the former, and just as Jack is going to do the latter she herself confesses all to Balfour, her past life, and the treachery she used to break off his engagement with Miss Vyse, but implores his forgiveness for her baseness, on the grounds that since he declared his love to her she has come to love him and to lead a better life. The play closes by her taking poison and dying a painful death. It is Mrs. Bernard Beere's acting which pulls the play through. It is impossible to have the least sympathy with the chief character, for, however much her nature may change for the better, she shows no wish to make restitution for the wrongs she has done, the cruelty she has enacted, the deceit she has practised. Her lamentation is more that of asking for pity, being close pressed, than of forgiveness. It would be a similar case for a person to build and endow a hospital with wealth acquired by life-long theft. The doctrine that one can do evil that good may come must never be tolerated. The audience must not be led away to sympathise with Lena when the doom overtakes her which she richly deserves, but one cannot fail to admire Mrs. Beere's clever handling of a very difficult task. It is by far away the best thing she has ever done, and that is saying a great deal. Mrs. Beere is one of the finest of our emotional actresses, and we think comes the nearest to the great Sarah Bernhardt. Bro. Marius, as the Russian police agent, has a good part, and is very clever and effective in it. Bro. H. Standing plays the gentleman villain in such a way as to get well hissed, the best compliment he can have of the appreciation of his audience. Mr. Balfour makes himself appear far too young to be wedding a woman who has had two husbands, but acts with sincerity. Miss Williamson looks pretty, but has some rather risky lines to say. Miss Eva Sothorn has so little to do that one regrets that the part of Miss Vyse could not be made more prominent. The mounting of the piece is, of course, excellent under Bro. Marius' experienced direction.



The presentation to Bro. Frederick Binckes will be made at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the Crystal Palace, on the 14th inst.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 5th inst.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School will be held at Freemasons' Hall, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

The Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School will meet at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 5th inst., in order to make the final arrangements for the celebration.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the annual meeting held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday the 26th ult., in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Collingwood Court, near Bagshot. Subscriptions and donations amounting to £1650, and including £210 from his lordship, were announced in the course of the evening.

The Supreme Council will consecrate the Shadwell Clerke Chapter, Rose Croix, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Monday next, at 3.30 for 4 o'clock. Four approved candidates will be perfected prior to the consecration. Dinner at the Holborn Restaurant at 6 p.m., qualified brethren are invited to the ceremony.

The Samuel Morley Wing of the Deaconesses Institution and Hospital, Tottenham, was opened on Saturday last by the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were accompanied on their visit to the Institution by their three daughters, the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud. The Honorable Artillery Company furnished an escort of their light cavalry and guard of honour. The royal party were loudly cheered both on their arrival and departure.

SOUVENIRS OF HER MAJESTY.—In the drawing room of Lady Seton hangs a pen-and-ink drawing by her Majesty the Queen, done in the year 1840, and signed with the initials "V.R." and the date. This little drawing, which represents two Dutch peasant-girls, was given to Sir Henry Seton by the Queen. If you are an amateur of Royal souvenirs, Lady Seton will show you also what is probably the earliest autograph letter of the Queen extant. Her Majesty must have been still in socks when she indited this little note, for it is in large printed, not written, characters, and consists of the following artless lines:—"How do you do, my dear Sir Henry?—Your little friend, Victoria."—From "London Drawing-Rooms and their Châtelaines" in *The Lady's World* for June.

Her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, and H.R.H. Princess Christian, have been graciously pleased to accept copies of "The Jubilee Souvenir" illustrated, which is edited by Mr. George Ralling, and published by Simpkin, Marshall, and Co. The Right Hon. Viscount Oxenbridge, The Right Hon. Lady Henry Somerset, and other members of the nobility and aristocracy have expressed themselves favourably towards the little work, which we have already described as an excellent shillingworth. Lady Somerset says it is a "charming publication."

At the meeting of the Common Council, on the 26th ult., the Town Clerk (Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton) read the letters received from the Marquis of Salisbury, in which his lordship announced that the Queen had been pleased to commemorate her recent visit to the City by conferring the honour of a baronetcy on Bro. the Lord Mayor and Alderman Sir R. Carden, and of knighthood on the Sheriffs (Bros. Alderman Isaacs and Lieut.-Col. Kirby). The announcement was received with loud cheers, and the Court congratulated the Lord Mayor, Alderman Carden, and the Sheriffs on the honour conferred upon them.

Among the latest and best of the numerous securities against burglars which the firm of Chubb and Son have invented for the benefit of the public, are their well-known "Push and Pull Locks," which, like all really good inventions, possess the inestimable advantage of being both simple and serviceable. Of the value of the patent there can be no doubt. It has been the subject of an action at law, and people do not generally quarrel over patents that a worthless. Moreover, it has been decided that the patent right is vested in Messrs. Chubb and Son, whose fame alone is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of their "Push and Pull Locks."

Our attention has been called to the very general but erroneous belief which prevails among brethren that, because the head of Craft Masonry in a province or district abroad is designated Provincial or District Grand Master, therefore the head of R.A. Masonry in a province or district is a Provincial or District Grand Superintendent. The proper title as given in the R.A. Regulations is "Grand Superintendent," followed by the name of the province or district he presides over, as in the case of Lord Leigh, Grand Superintendent of Warwickshire, or the Hon. H. T. Prinsep, Grand Superintendent of Bengal.

On Thursday, the 19th ult., the brethren of the Lodge of Brotherly Lodge, with visiting brethren from several neighbouring lodges, assembled in the lodge room, Three Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, to hear a lecture by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Egypt, &c., entitled "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry—a retrospect of five centuries." The lecturer, who is well known to Freemasons from the zeal with which he has pursued the study of Masonic history, was cordially received, and, in the course of an interesting address, traced the existence of Masonic lodges in England to the latter half of the 14th century, and presumptively to a much earlier period, quoting from ancient documents, in which the institution was even then described as old. At the close of the lecture, questions were invited from such of the brethren as were desirous of elucidating any points of obscurity, and these were treated with careful and courteous attention by the lecturer, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded at the close. The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent repast, provided by the esteemed landlord, Bro. Sharland.

THE HOTEL VICTORIA.

There is no doubt that London is rapidly making good the deficiencies in hotel accommodation, which for years has been the subject of complaint among visitors. Till quite recently the London hotel, with a few honourable exceptions, was a place above all others to be avoided. The tariff of charges was outrageously high, the rooms—both bed and sitting—were dingy and stuffy, and the general aspect largely funereal. But the old order of things has given place to a new, in which brightness and cheerfulness are combined with comfort, and a man may be as much at home in his hotel as in his own house.

The latest addition of our best metropolitan hotels is the magnificent pile of building in the Northumberland-avenue, which has been just opened to the public as the Hotel Victoria. It stands immediately opposite the Constitutional Club, has a frontage of 300 feet, and rises to a height of 122 feet, there being, besides the basement, no less than nine floors. The entrance is beneath a noble arch leading into a vestibule, from which rises the grand staircase, while, by means of corridors running from the right and left, the visitors obtain access to the principal apartments. Passing by the left hand corridor you come first to some private dining rooms looking out on the avenue, and then successively to the reception room, the boudoir, and drawing room, all most exquisitely furnished and upholstered, the three forming a splendid suite of rooms upwards of 100 feet in length. The Salle à Manger is probably the finest room in the hotel, being upwards of 100 feet long by 65 feet wide, and being easily capable of accommodating 300 guests. Passing through the Coffee room which is both large and commodious, and by a passage having cloak rooms and lavatories on either side, the banqueting hall is reached, and thence by the main corridor again into the Smoking room; and in addition there are other private sitting rooms, with library and reading room, and some single bedrooms for visitors. The upper floors which contain separate bedrooms and sitting rooms as well as conveniently arranged suites of apartments offer sleeping accommodation for about 700 guests, many of the principal and state bedrooms being beautifully furnished and appointed. In fact, from top-floor to basement the Hotel Victoria is the model of what such a house should be, and with its artistic decorations by Mr. R. M. Boekbinder, its handsome furniture from Messrs. Maple and Co., of Tottenham Court-road, and its admirable sanitary arrangements is unsurpassed by any other of our metropolitan hotels.

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

No excuse is needed for mention in these columns of the work of a Society which offers so many advantages to the thrifty and independent as the General Life and Fire Assurance Company. Founded in the year of the accession to the Crown of the Queen, it is consequently celebrating its jubilee in the present year. It must have been with no ordinary feeling of satisfaction that the Chairman, Sir Andrew Lusk, announced at the recent annual meeting that the assets of the Company had attained the long wished for amount of a million. From the report of the Directors and the appended accounts, which fully detail the particulars of the transactions of the period under review, it would appear that a prosperous career of 50 years augurs well for its future. By providing the machinery for saving and accumulating small sums of money companies of this description, and in an eminent degree the General Assurance Company, confer an incalculable boon upon those who avail themselves of the opportunity, and take out a life or endowment policy. Very careful selection of the lives assured seems to be a special feature, and secures the noteworthy result of a mortality which falls considerably below that on which the tables of premiums are based. The remark of Sir Andrew that "the same liberality in dealing with genuine claims which had always been specially an object with the Board and the Fire Committee would continue to distinguish the Company" cannot fail to have the desired result—the acquisition of the best class of risks in the fire department. All the investments have been made in Great Britain, and are readily convertible. Through personal inspection of the securities at the bankers the auditors have satisfied themselves of the bona fides of the balance sheet. With the falling rate of interest which has of late become so marked, the average of £47s. 6d. which has been obtained on investments, all of the first class, is an instance of the sagacity displayed in the management of the Institution. In their Chairman the Company no doubt is exceptionally fortunate in having the benefit of his long experience and great business ability. The genial and courteous way in which his annual address is delivered must have almost as great an influence over his auditory as the sound common sense which has always distinguished his public life. By the death of the late Secretary, Mr. George Scott Freeman, the Directors lost an able and hard-working officer, whose efforts largely conducted to the present prosperity of the Company. Bro. Henry Ward, however, who has been 31 years in the service, is likely to prove a worthy successor, if his record as manager of the Fire Department can be taken as any guide. Much regret was expressed at the meeting at the absence, in consequence of temporary indisposition, of the Right Hon. C. P. Villiers, M.P., who for the whole 50 years of its existence had sat at the Board and aided so much in the establishment of the Society on its present sound footing. Thorough financial stability, liberal conditions of insurance, and, above all, liberal treatment by intelligent managers, are the requirements of the life and fire insurer of the present day. The Company whose success we have had much pleasure in noting would appear to offer these advantages, and to deserve well at the hands of its clients, the public, and the Craft.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

GARDENER.—On the 31st ult., at High-street, Egham, the wife of William Henry Gardener, W.M. Montague Guest Lodge, 1900, of a daughter, stillborn.

DEATH.

PRICE.—On Tuesday, the 24th ult., Mary Ann, the wife of Bro. Captain Henry Ernest Price. Interred at Norwood Cemetery on Saturday, the 28th ult., at 12.45.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, June 11, 1887.

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, JUNE 4.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, King's Head Hotel, Harrow, at 3.
General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1494, Felix, Mitre Hall, Hampton Court.
" 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.
" 2148, Walsingham, M.H., Wilmington, Kent.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.

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.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.
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. [S.E., 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill,

MONDAY, JUNE 6.

Lodge 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
Chap. 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., West Kensington.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq.,
Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 7.30.
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.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion,
Piccadilly, W., 8.
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, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st.,
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.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans, Waltham Cross.
" 2190, Savage Club, 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 Blds., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
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.
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 6.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington
Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington. 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,
E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8.

General Committee Benevolent Institution at 4.
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, William-st., Woolwich.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Red Lion, Leyton-
stone.
" 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
" 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper
Norwood.

" 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.
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Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.

Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
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.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Ham-
mersmith, 7.30.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londeshorough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro'. 7.30.
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.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Vic-
toria Park, at 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,
Poplar. 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., Loadon Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt
Park.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
Rose Croix, 97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
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, at 8.
Creton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's
Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
well, 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.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, S to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st.,
City, E.C., 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-road, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-
rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-
rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

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Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane. 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
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.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
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, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8
Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.
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.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-
sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

SATURDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot., London
Bridge.
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot.,
Kew Bridge.
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
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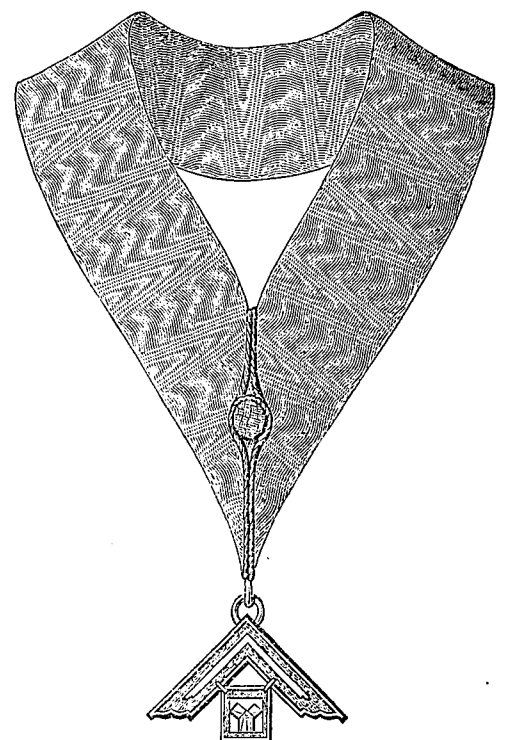
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