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The step announced by GRAND SCRIBE E. at the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., was a fitting pendant to the proceedings in the Royal Albert Hall at the Jubilee Convention of Masons on the 13th June last, when H.R.H. the M.W. GRAND MASTER conferred brevet rank in Grand Lodge on a large number of distinguished brethren. The Royal Arch being a recognised part of constitutional Freemasonry, it was natural that members of Royal Arch chapters should have their part in the Jubilee honours: and as at the regular annual elections of Grand Officers in the Supreme Grand Chapter the appointments are made from the Craft Grand Officers, provided—of course, they are duly qualified, according to the Regulations—the Royal Arch "Honours" list, so far as it goes, is a repetition of that which appeared in our account of the Craft proceedings in the Royal Albert Hall, as aforementioned.

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The muster of the brethren at the annual meeting at Exeter on the 2nd instant of the Provincial G. Lodge of Devonshire, was larger than usual, there being quite 600 present to welcome their Prov. G. Master, Viscount EBRINGTON, M.P., and assist in the transaction of the business of the P.G. Lodge. The Prov. G. Officers, both present and past, were in great force, and the lodges were well and ably represented, while the announcement made sometime since that Bro. Viscount EBRINGTON had very kindly consented to preside at the 90th Anniversary Festival, to be held in June of next year, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, seems to have had the effect of inspiring all present with an unwonted amount of enthusiasm. This is a duty which Lord EBRINGTON has not had an opportunity of discharging before since his appointment as P.G.M., and our Devon friends, therefore, having had no chance of exhibiting their zeal in this particular branch of Masonic duty—though of course they have figured many times and creditably in the lists of Returns—are naturally desirous of performing their part on the occasion in a manner which—to use the words of Bro. the Rev. WILLIAM WHITLEY, the London representative of the province, shall be "worthy of Devon and of the year of the P.G. MASTER'S presidency." A very good start in this direction was made by the Committee of Petitions, which takes charge of the business of the province, and having carefully examined into whatever is brought under its notice, recommends to Provincial Grand Lodge the course which it considers best to pursue in each case or set of circumstances. There were four petitions submitted to the Committee, and when they had made up their minds what sum to grant in each case and what to recommend Provincial Grand Lodge to grant in addition, there remained to the credit of the Charity Fund at their disposal a balance of about £110, of which they recommended that 100 guineas (£105) should be voted to the Boys' School towards its Festival subscription next year. We trust the private lodges and individual brethren will follow this excellent example, and that Devon with its 50 lodges and over 2600 members will acquit itself in a manner worthy of so ancient and so strong a province. In almost all other respects, the meeting passed off satisfactorily. The TREASURER'S report of the financial condition of affairs was very gratifying, but the Committee of Petitions in their report spoke somewhat severely of the indifference shown by some of the Devon lodges to the requirements of our Charitable Institutions; but no doubt the circumstance we have already alluded to of the PROV. GRAND MASTER having undertaken to preside at the next Boys' School Festival will bring these more prominently under their notice, and induce them to be more generous, as well as more frequent, than they have been heretofore in their contributions in their behalf. On the other hand, it was reported that there were only four annuitants on the FORTESCUE Annuity Fund, which, however, was capable of supporting some six or seven, so that when the Devon brethren have this before them, their comparative indifference to the needs of the Central Charities is easier of explanation. In all other respects the meeting was a success, and probably no one more sincerely regretted than Bro. Lord EBRINGTON that his Parliamentary duties rendered it necessary he should return to London immediately after Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and so deprived the banquet, which brought the day to a close, of his kindly presence.

OUR readers will hear with regret, and especially those resident in Malta, that Bro. WILLIAM KINGSTON, District Grand Master of Malta, died on Thursday morning. Bro. KINGSTON had come over to this country about a month since in order to recruit his health, but the change of scene and climate did not have the desired effect. Our respected brother has passed away, and for some time to come his presence in lodge and D.G. Lodge will be seriously missed. The deceased had held his important office since 1869, and during that long term of years, Freemasonry under his guidance had a very successful life. It could scarcely have been otherwise, for Bro. KINGSTON was one of the most genial of men, and whatever he attempted or had a hand in assisting or promoting was pretty certain to move on flourishingly. We offer our sincere sympathy to the widow, the friends, and the fellow Masons of Bro. KINGSTON, who, we are convinced, will long preserve the pleasant memories which are associated with his career, both as a private individual and as a member of the Masonic Fraternity. We will add, for the information of those who may wish to pay their respect to the memory of a worthy Mason, that the funeral will take place at Norwood Cemetery to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 4 p.m.

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It strikes us that Masonic Knight Templary needs only a little encouragement to activity in order to play its part in the world of Masonry more conspicuously, and in a manner worthier of its ancient fame as an early offshoot of our modern society. If Provincial Priors and subordinate Preceptories met more frequently, or, perhaps we ought more properly to say, if we heard more frequently of their meeting, the Order of Knights Templar might be able to show itself as a progressive body. However, we are occasionally favoured with a glimpse of Templar life, and on Thursday, the 4th inst. there appears to have been a more than usually successful gathering of the Fratres—or Sir Knights as they are more commonly spoken of—at Stonehouse. Certainly the occasion, which was that of the induction of Frater the Rev. T. W. Lemon M.A., into the office of Provincial Prior of Devonshire, justified the interest that was shown and the strong muster that was present. Frater the Rev. Lemon is one of our ablest, most energetic, and most popular brethren. He takes kindly to every thing Masonic, and what he does he does well. We are far from being surprised, therefore, at the successful meeting of Prov. Priory on the occasion, and we congratulate Frater Lemon very heartily on his appointment to so distinguished an office in the Order of the Temple. We trust he will long enjoy the new honour conferred upon him and have many opportunities for promoting the welfare of Templary in his province.

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According to the returns compiled by Bro. JOSIAH DRUMMOND, Past G. M. of Maine, there are 55 grand lodges in North America, with less than 605,408 members, the strongest grand lodge being that of New York, which has 71,977 subscribing members, and the weakest that of British Columbia which has only 333. Next in order to New York is the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with 40,203 members, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania occupying the third place with 37,343 members, and that of Ohio the fourth with 32,022. Michigan, Massachusetts, and Missouri form a compact group of pretty nearly equal strength, Michigan having 28,470 members, Massachusetts 28,163 members, and Missouri 26,571 members. The four following have upwards of 20,000 each, namely: Indiana, 22,548 members; Iowa, 21,816; Maine, 20,218; and Texas, 20,117; Canada being close up with a total of 19,256. There are also nine other grand lodges which can boast of a membership exceeding 10,000, namely: Connecticut, 15,029; Kansas, 14,638; California, 14,441; Tennessee, 14,345; Kentucky, 13,410; Wisconsin, 12,922; New Jersey, 12,660; Georgia, 11,258; and Arkansas, 10,496. Of the remaining 34 grand lodges there are nine with upwards of 5,000 members; 17 with upwards of 1000 members; and eight with less than 1000 members, two of these being in British territory, and the other six in the United States. Of the whole body of Grand Lodges 48 are in the United States, with an aggregate membership of 576,224, and the remaining seven in British North America, namely, Grand Lodge of Canada with 19,256 members; Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, 2,922 members; Grand Lodge of Quebec, 2,876 members; Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, 1,881 members; Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 1,568 members; Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, 448 members; and Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 333 members; giving an aggregate for the seven independent Grand Lodges in British territory of 29,284 members. Considering that only about one half of these Grand Lodges were in existence half-a-century ago, though there were a few scattered lodges in the territories of some of them, which have since formed themselves into independent Grand Lodges, and that at the time the war of American Independence broke out there were probably only within half as many Masons scattered over the face of the whole North American Continent as there are now under the Grand Lodge of Canada, these figures show an enormous development such as perhaps can be paralleled by no other Society in the world.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Exeter. The business commenced with a meeting of the Committee of Petitions at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-street, at noon. Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee, presided. There were also present Bros. the Rev. W. Whittley, P.G.D. of England, and P.P.S.G.W., the London Representative of the Committee; J. Brewer, Prov. G. Sec.; J. B. Gover, P.P.A.G.D.C., the Hon. Sec. of the Committee; D. Cross, Prov. G. Treas.; and the following representatives of the lodges:—

Bros. John Stocker, P.P.G.T., 39; R. Pengelley, P.P.A.G.D.C., 70; M. Emdon, Prov. J.G.D., 105; W. L. Cocks, 106; S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W., 112; H. J. Trethewey, 159; Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G. Chap., 189; H. Welch, P.P.G.P., 202; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C., 223; R. Cawsey, P.P.J.G.D., 230; T. W. Atherton, 248; Major G. C. Davie, P.P.J.G.W., 251; G. Merrifield, P.P.G.S. of Wks., 282; J. S. Kersteman, P.P.G.R., 303; W. Taylor, 328; Rev. F. King, P.P.G. Chap., 421; H. D. Thomas, P.P.S.G.D., 444; H. F. Ascott, 489; A. P. Reece, 494; G. Alexander, 666; G. C. Searle, 710; J. S. Swann, P.P.G.S.B., 647; C. Watson, 954; H. Cole, P.P.S.G.D., 1091; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of Wks., 1099; T. Ford, P.G. Sec., 1125; W. Vicary, P.P.G.R., 1138; G. Evans, P.P.S.G.D., 1181; W. Powell, P.P.G. Stwd., 1205; A. J. Watts, 1212; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B., 1247; E. T. Fulford, P.P.G.T., 1254; S. B. Harvey, 1255; W. E. Warren, P.P.G.O., 1358; John Lane, 1402; G. B. Avant, 1443; J. G. Kevern, 1550; R. Hambly, 1885; and James Griffin, P.P.J.G.D., 2025.

The SECRETARY reported that the number of votes received from the province had been 817 boys', 230 girls', 566 men's, and 600 widows' votes, an increase over last year of 39 boys' votes and 56 widows' votes, and a decrease of 208 girls' and 22 men's votes. The total number of votes was 2213, a decrease of 135 votes; but there was a loss of about 230 girls' votes from there having been no election in April, all the candidates being entered. The real voting power of the province was 3100 votes; of these the committee got about 2400. The balance (say 700) were lost in various ways, many brethren disposing of their own votes outside the county, whilst many other votes were lost through the want of interest or attention. Five lodges—328, Torquay; 494, Axminster; 1138, Newton Abbot; 1332, Crediton; and 1486, Kingsbridge—and one chapter—444, Starcross—had not sent in their votes.

The London Representative, the Rev. WILLIAM WHITTELY, reported that when he entered on the work the province owed 4435 votes. In October, 1886, there were 649 votes repaid. In February last the claim of Bro. Matier was met by the payment of £21 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in lieu of 365 votes. In April last, owing to the Committee of the Girls' Institution making as many vacancies as there were candidates, no girls' votes were issued. This was a great loss to Devon, inasmuch as there were no votes to help to liquidate the debt. For the election of boys in the same month, 400 votes were received from the province and 70 from other sources, so that 470 votes were then repaid. At the election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May last there were received from the province 1161 votes, viz., 562 mens' and 597 widows'. From other sources 45 votes, so that 1206 votes were repaid, making a total of 2690 votes repaid, leaving a balance against Devon of 1745. The thanks of the committee were due to the lodges, chapters, and subscribers for their ready response to the appeal made for their votes by the London representative in March last, when a circular letter was sent to every known subscriber in the province. The number of votes received in April and May last was exceedingly gratifying, and if that concentration of strength in behalf of the province were continued, Devon would be greatly benefited. Their representative took that opportunity of announcing his intention to act as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the next annual Festival in 1888, on which occasion the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Viscount Ebrington, had kindly consented to preside. Their representative ventured to believe that the Prov. G.L., the lodges, and the brethren of the province would entrust him with a list worthy of Devon and of the year of the P.G. Master's presidency, and thus secure to the province greatly increased voting power.

There were four petitions for relief. The first three petitioners were a brother from Lodge 489, residing at Appledore, aged 49, who had been four years a Mason; a widow aged 38, who resided at Newton Abbot, and whose husband was a member of Lodge 1443, and had been 12 years a Mason; a widow aged 45, who resided at Devonport, and whose husband was a member of Lodge 1212, and had been a Mason 18 years. In each of these cases £5 was voted to the applicant, and a further sum of £5 each recommended to be given by the Provincial Grand Lodge. The fourth case was that of a brother aged 57, a member of Lodge 39, who had been 10 years a Mason, and resided at Exeter. Ten pounds was recommended to be granted to him. After deducting these grants about £110 balance remained. Of this it was recommended that 100 guineas should be given to the Boys' School, as shown in the Committee's report, and it was suggested to recommend that five guineas should be given to Bro. Blanchard, Prov. G. Tyler, to enable him, by a change of scene, to recruit his health. This closed the business of the Committee, and the brethren adjourned to the Rougemont Hotel.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1.30 by Bro. W. C. Rogers, D.P.G.M. The attendance was very large, not fewer than 600 brethren being present. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M., arrived about two p.m., coming straight from his Parliamentary duties, to which he was obliged to return directly the lodge business was over, and thus could not attend the banquet.

Among those brethren present were—

Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England; Rev. W. Whittley, P.P.S.G.W., who officiated as Prov. S.G.W.; A. Brickwood Hutchings, P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. King, P.G.W. of Wilts and Prov. G. Chaplain of Devon; the whole of the brethren present at the Committee of Petitions and the following Prov. G. Officers: Bros. W. Derry, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Bodley, 39, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Parkhouse, 1125, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. W. Langley Pope, 1138, P.P.G. Chap.; W. H. Webb, 1486, P.J.G.D.; F. Hooper, 1212, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Bartlett, 710, P.P.A.G.D.C.; D. Box, 156, P.P.G. Reg.; C. H. Cooper, 105, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; T. Freeman, 106, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Oram, 421, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. P. Heath, 39, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Discombe, 1443, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Bishop Stark, 106, P.P.G.O.; Major J. Shanks, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Goodall, 1550, P.P.G.O.; W. L. Friend, 1443, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. B. Price, 202, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Constable, 797, P.P.G.O.; H. L. Brewster, 39, P.P.G.R.; F. R. Tomes, 282, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Dodge, 1402, P.P.G.T.; J. P. Phillips, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Hifley, 223, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Owen, 1138, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Roberts, P.M. 372, 39; W. Ollis, 189, P.S.G.D.; W. Pidsley, 2254, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. J. Standury, P.M. 1099; J. Lynn, 230; P.P.G. S.B.; J. Moysey, 223, P.P.S.G.D.; H. W. Hooper, 444, P.P.G.R.; W. F. Quicke, 39, P.P.G.O.; H. F. Willey, 1284, P.P.J.G.D.; J. U. Valentine, 303, P.G.D.C.; J. C. Yelland, 39, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Hine, 372, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Lake, 1135, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Bennett-Maye, 710, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Vicary, 1138, P.P.G.R.; H. Ford, 1181, P.P.J.G.W.; S. G. Loveless, 494, P.P.J.G.D.; C. J. Harland, 328,

P.P.J.G.D.; Rev. R. Swansborough, 1181, P.P.G.C.; J. R. Chanter, 251, P.P.J.G.D.; G. R. Barrett, 2025, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Cawsey, 230, P.P.S.G.D.; E. T. Fulford, 1254, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Jones, 112, P.P.J.G.W.; and J. W. Cornish, 223, P.P.G.T.

The Committee's report included also the recommendations which it had resolved upon at its previous meeting, and which were unanimously adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Secretary reported that there were 2638 members in the province against 2604 the previous year, an increase of 34. The Treasurer's report was very satisfactory, and gave the balance as previously stated to the Committee of Petitions.

The Committee of Petitions reported that the number of votes received this year had been satisfactory although five lodges and one chapter had not sent in their votes. The Committee called attention to the fact that many lodges in the province forgot the existence of the great Charities. The disproportion between the annual amount drawn from them (nearly £1200) and the amount subscribed to them (less than £400) was not creditable to Devon. In accordance with the by-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Committee recommended that 100 guineas, the balance of the funds available, should be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Henry Stocker was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bros. W. A. Gregory, 1254, and E. T. Fulford were elected the Auditors.

The brethren then adjourned, and proceeded in procession in full regalia, with band and banners, to attend Divine service at the Cathedral. About 600 members took part in the procession, which was the largest ever seen in the province, with the exception of the one on the occasion of the Prince of Wales's opening of the Plymouth Guildhall. The nave of the Cathedral was crowded.

The preacher was Bro. the Rev. T. KING, vicar of Southmolton. Mr. Wood played the National Anthem on the organ at the close of the service, and an inspiring voluntary while the brethren marched out of the Cathedral. The band headed the procession back to the Rougemont Hotel, the route being lined with spectators.

At the hotel the motion by Bro. LYNN, 230—"That at every annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge the W.M. of each lodge shall report to the Provincial Grand Lodge the number of members in his lodge, the number initiated during the year, the number of votes to Masonic Charities held by the lodge and its members, and the amount voted from the lodge funds to the different Charities during the year"—was negatived.

Bro. JOHN STOCKER pointed out that at present there were only four annuitants on the Fortescue Fund, whilst its annual income was sufficient to maintain six, if not seven. He gave notice that if there was not an increase of annuitants during the year he should move at the next annual meeting that the matter be enquired into.

The Prov. Grand Master invested the following officers:—

Bro. W. G. Rogers, 112	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" The Hon. R. M. W. Dawson, 2189	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Brewer, 251	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. F. King, 1181	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. R. R. Tyacke, 189	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. Stocker, 39	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. S. Whidborne, 1443	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major G. C. Davie, 251	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. Andrew, 124	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. Ford, jun., 1125	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Y. Avery	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. Woodgates-Tucker, 847	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. Hambly, 1855	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. Jerman, 39	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" B. B. S. Richards, 282	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" E. Bishop, 106	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Capt. Every, 666	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" H. Mortimore, 159	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Wakeham, 328	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. Pike, 230	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Bovey, 797	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Lose, jun.	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. C. Lewarne, 223	...	...	
" G. C. Searle, 248	...	...	
" C. Watson, 954	...	...	
" W. J. Stanbury, 1099	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" L. E. Bearne, 1138	...	...	
" A. T. Blamey, 1402	...	...	
" P. L. Blanchard	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

In the evening over 120 of the brethren dined together in the new banquet room at the Rougemont Hotel, the D.P.G.M. presiding. Bro. T. W. Hussey proved, as usual, an admirable caterer. The usual toasting followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

## THE ANGLO-AMERICAN BANQUET IN YORK.

Resuming the thread of our report of the reception of the American Pilgrims in York, which broke off at the banquet in the Guildhall, presided over by the Lord Mayor, we proceed to give the speeches on the occasion.

The LORD MAYOR proposed the successive toasts of "The Queen," and "The President of the United States," both of which were most enthusiastically received, the Quartette giving "God Save the Queen," and "Hail Columbia."

The LORD MAYOR said: I feel it a high honour to be here, and I am sure that our American brethren will join heartily in the toast I am about to propose. This year Englishmen have had the pleasure of celebrating the 50th year of her Majesty's reign—(applause)—and the feeling of rejoicing has been re-echoed from distant lands. I am quite sure that the United States will be as true as any other country. (Applause.) There have been many signs of union between the two countries—the old and the new—and it will be uppermost in the minds of some of our good and generous warm-hearted Knight Templars from America who will remember the telegrams which have passed between the President of the United States and her Majesty the Queen—(loud applause)—on great and important occasions. I am pleased to see the Union Jack of old England and the star-spangled banner placed together in this hall. (Loud Applause.) I feel that the interests of the two countries are identical, and I am sure you will join with me with perfect enthusiasm in wishing prosperity and long life to our gracious Queen. (Applause.)

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, The LORD MAYOR rose and said: Brethren, I have now to ask you to fill your glasses to the brim and respond to the toast I have the honour to propose. It is that of the President of the United States. (Loud applause.) Whilst sitting in this hall our American brethren must still regard with pride the President of their great country. (Applause.) It is pleasing to remember that it is 100 years since the great constitution of America took its hold, and since that time it has made strides which are eminently

characteristic. It is also a singular coincidence that the present President of the United States was born in 1837, the year in which her Majesty commenced her reign—(applause)—and our brethren from that part of the world know full well that his actions have always been marked by devoted and noble purpose. (Applause.) Believe me, I have a great admiration for your American President, and although the two countries are governed in a different manner, I believe they have the same purpose, and that is, the amelioration of the condition of the human race, and the bringing of peace and good will upon earth. (Loud applause.) I give you the President of the United States.

The toast having been duly honoured, the Quartette sang "Hail Columbia."

Bro. the DEAN OF YORK gave the toast of "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Temple in England and the Great Priory." He said: My Lord Mayor, Ladies and Brethren, it is recorded of the wise Dr. Johnson that on one occasion a gentleman in his presence remarked that he was conscious of, he hoped, and thankful for, all his blessings; on which the wise man said to him, "Why, are you conscious of your ignorance?" To which he said he thought that he was. "Then," said the doctor, "Sir, you may be thankful for that; it is a very great blessing indeed." (Laughter.) Well, I feel in rising to propose this toast that, although a Freemason, I am bound to confess I am conscious of my ignorance, for I have to propose the health of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Temple in England, and the Great Priory. (Loud Applause.) And I honestly confess that I am a stranger to the secrets and mysteries referred to in these words "The Temple in England and the Great Priory." But however ignorant I may be of the Masonic value of these words, at all events I know the value of the Prince of Wales, and can do that which every Englishman can do, and that is to commend his good health to the hearty acceptance of every gathering of Englishmen, wherever they may be. (Applause.) Certainly the Prince of Wales seems to be ubiquitous. He seems to be in all places, and to combine in himself every conceivable office. Only this morning I saw in the paper that he had been appointed honorary admiral; and therefore I am not surprised to find that he also has the office of Grand Master of the Temple in England. But there is this about the Prince of Wales,—and I am quite sure that every one here present will allow that it is the language of truth and not the language of flattery—that every association is glad to have him identified with it for his own personal sake, as well as for the sake of the position which he holds. (Hear, hear.) The Prince of Wales has that remarkable faculty, which is not given to everybody, and that is of thoroughly throwing himself into everything that interests other people to such an extent as to persuade them that the thing which interests them is the very thing which interests him. (Hear, hear.) A little while ago we had the pleasure of receiving him here in York, and I think he left here with the golden opinions of everybody. (Hear, hear.) He visited many places. He went to the agricultural show: he carefully went round through all the different species of stock exhibited there; every sort of machinery. He attended two or three bazaars which were held for charitable purposes; he came to the Minster, and I had the privilege of showing him the parts of the beautiful structure; he went to the Library, where Canon Raine showed him all the missals and valuable books, and everybody seemed to gather just the same opinion, and that was that his own particular interest was that which the Prince seemed to care the most about. That is a very great faculty—the power of throwing himself so cordially into all the interests of the English people, which makes him so appreciated, and so acceptable to us all. Therefore, I am quite sure that the brethren of the Temple in England and the Great Priory rejoice to have him, not merely because he happens to be the Prince of Wales, but because they know that in having him as Grand Master they have at the head of their Society one whose heart is thoroughly with them, and who takes a deep interest in all that appertains to the welfare of the Order. (Applause.) Very similarly I confess my ignorance, and therefore I am not going to say what the particular merit of the Order of the Templars amongst Freemasons may be. Neither am I going to indulge in any great speculations in things which are too high for me. (Laughter.) But I know what Templars were in days gone by. They were one of the most powerful and, I believe, one of the most noble of all ancient Orders. (Applause.) They flourished in times when the world was very different to what it is now—when it was full of disturbance from end to end, and when it was needful that men with true hearts, and strong hands, and firm faith should rise up to be a support and a help to their brethren. And such were the Knight Templars of old. In the Temple Church, in London; in the Round Church, Northampton; and in many other churches in England, are seen the remnants of their handy-work, and many of us love to look upon the effigies which rest upon the tombs of those whom we know by their posture have been members of this ancient Order. But the Knight Templars, as you know, came to an end, and were extinguished; and what was the reason? The reason why they were extinguished was their great prosperity and their great power. When communities rose in those days, which obtained great power and influence—which seemed to threaten the weaker around them—then, of course, the effort was to put them down, and the easiest way to put them down was to bring some accusation against them which would make them hateful in the eyes of their brethren, and accomplish their downfall. So it was in the history of the Knight Templars, who suffered from the most savage and most unfounded calumnies ever heaped upon any body of men. That great Order of Knight Templars, whose dignity, and whose bravery, and whose faith, and whose courage, shone out like a bright lode star, in those dark days were extinguished by worthless men, who had no other aim than that which was selfish, and wanted themselves to be enriched by the spoil. I can only believe that the knight templars have the same high aim in these days as the knight templars of old. I am quite sure as a loyal Freemason, that the Craft will allow nothing to be associated with it in any of its branches which is lacking in integrity of principle or honesty of purpose—(applause)—and I feel quite sure that in the happy days in which we live, the knight templars of the nineteenth century need not look forward to any such terrible fate as that which befel their predecessors. These are better days, at least, in that respect. Great changes have come, and communities which are doing their best to promote the welfare of their brethren, are more likely on the whole to receive the respect and regard rather than the jealousy and enmity of those around them. I think I am not wrong in forecasting that the Order of the Knight Templars of England is an Order which has before it the highest aims, and is actuated by the truest and best of motives; and, therefore, while as a Freemason I rejoice to find myself associated with the brethren of the advanced Order of the Craft, I also rejoice as an Englishman to think that the heir apparent to the Queen should also be himself associated with the community. (Applause.) It is a great pleasure to me to be here to-night, and to feel that the strands of Freemasonry are more numerous than those which are contained in our insular community; I feel that in this great Society of Freemasons we link together in one common brotherhood men of every nationality and race, and that we reknit together in the tie of one communion and fellowship those who many years ago seemed as it were, estranged from their own mother country. We meet them here to-night, no doubt, as not commanding the same authority as we do in England; but yet I am sure they are one with us in all the ancient associations and traditions of the past—remembering that we are men of one common blood—(applause)—of one common stock, and that, though we may be divided for a little while by that narrow streak which seems to us on this side of it so wide, and yet to those on the other side so narrow—(laughter)—yet, that we are still united together by those ties of friendship, regard, and affection which knit together Freemasons in all parts of the world, and which draw together the great Anglo-Saxon race. (Applause.) I have great pleasure in proposing the toast of "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Temple of England and the Great Priory," and couple with it the name of Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. Prior of West Yorkshire. (Applause.)

Bro. T. W. TEW, in response, said it has fallen to my lot this evening to have the honour of attempting to respond for his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Temple of England, and of the Great Priory. It is very difficult indeed to supply any remarks after the very elegant and eloquent manner in which the very Rev. the Dean of York has proposed this toast, but I may say that throughout the length and breadth of the county of York, the very Rev. the Dean is truly loved, esteemed, and respected; and nothing gives the Craft, in any one of its branches and departments, greater pleasure and satisfaction than to have him come amongst us, and take part in our gatherings and festivities. (Applause.) Responding to this toast this evening, I am quite sure that we are all very much obliged to the Dean for coming here and taking charge of this very important toast. I for one much regret that the Prior of North and East Yorkshire, Lord Lonsborough, who has just received so well merited a distinction at the hands of our Gracious Sovereign the Queen, and is now the Earl of Lonsborough—(applause)—is unable to respond to this toast, and that it has fallen into such comparatively feeble hands as mine. But let me say that ever since his Royal Highness has been so gracious as to place himself at the head of the Order of the Temple in England it has, like the various other branches of Freemasonry, thriven and prospered immensely; and I cannot but think that so long as every

one of us in these various branches of the Craft is true to the three grand principles of loyalty, philanthropy, and patriotism, that every one of those Orders will prosper in this country. (Applause.) But the prosperity of those Orders in England, so far as Knight Templary is concerned, is not felt in so great an extent as in the United States of America. I had the honour of being here not many years ago—in this very hall—when we received the commandery from Chicago, and I rejoice to be present at this latest reception. So far as the Province of West Yorkshire is concerned, with which province I am intimately connected, the Order of the Temple has prospered immensely, and during the short time I have had the honour of administering the affairs of the Temple of the West Riding, every one of our preceptories has been resuscitated, and is now in a very prosperous condition. It affords us very great pleasure to-night to have the honour, my Lord Mayor, of meeting under your presidency and joining with the knights of York in giving éclat to this meeting. And I am quite sure that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, if made aware of the enthusiasm of this meeting towards him as our Grand Master, would be gratified with these feelings and sentiments of loyalty and attachment to him as heir to the throne. I thank you very much for the noble and generous manner in which you have received this toast, and thank you for the hearty manner in which you have responded to the health of the Prince of Wales, and I hope that in every one of our homes the sentiments will spring up and bear fruit in sincerity and truth—"God bless the Prince of Wales." (Loud applause.)

The quartette sang a verse of "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. J. W. WOODALL, Sub-Prior of N. and E. Yorkshire, gave the toast of "Charles Roome, G.M. of the Temple in the United States and the Grand Encampment." He said: I can assure you that it is with feelings of very great pleasure that I rise on this occasion to propose to you the toast which I have in my hands, although I feel I shall not be able to do it justice. I believe that I am the only Freemason in Yorkshire in this room who has had the pleasure of being present at a gathering of our brethren of the United States, and more particularly in that great city of Philadelphia, from which many of our brethren hail. (Applause.) I am sure you will allow me to say just for one moment how glad we are to find that the same principle which actuates us in this country is so largely developed in the United States, and that every brother stands by brother, and tries to do the best he can there just as we have been trying to do in this country for many years past. If in troublous times we should hang out a signal for a pilot, I have no doubt an answer would be given from the United States of America. (Applause.) The toast I have to propose to you is "The Health of Bro. Charles Roome, the Grand Master of the Temple in the United States, and the Grand Encampment." (Applause.) Many of you, no doubt, will have read of the great development of the Templar Order in the United States, and I trust that many of you will be able before you leave the world to make yourselves acquainted with the organisations that exist there, and see how admirably the usages and traditions of the old Society have been revived and shaped to the exigencies of a new community. I trust we shall always be able, in this country, to hold out the right hand of fellowship, and to wish them God speed in their undertaking, feeling sure that they are working for the best interests of their own country, and in so doing for the best interests of the world. I am directed to couple with this toast the name of one who has filled the throne of the Order with very great ability—the Hon. J. H. Hopkins. I feel sure you will all give him a hearty reception. (Applause.)

CHOIR—"Star Spangled Banner."

Bro. J. H. HOPKINS, Past Grand Master, and especial representative from the present Grand Master, said—I have very great pleasure in responding to the toast of the Grand Master's Health. Standing at the head of sixty thousand knights of the Temple, selected because of his exalted character, his eminent ability, and his great zeal for the Order, and supported by the loyalty and love of the vast array who follow his banner—he certainly occupies a proud and enviable position, and deserves any honour that can be paid him. (Hear, hear.) And yet he will be especially grateful to know of the distinguished courtesy shown him by the brotherhood of Templars here; and in his name I thank you for the most graceful and eloquent manner in which you have proposed the toast, and all the knights, and brethren, and ladies present for their most cordial greeting. I take this occasion to thank you all most profoundly for your most generous hospitality and kind consideration shown to your guests. Although our homes are separated by thousands of miles, and although we never looked in each others eyes before, we have not been received as strangers. Even these walls seem to smile round a welcome for us, and instead of barred and defended gates we find the portals thrown wide open, and your hearts wider open still. (Applause.) It is true, as has been said, that we have the same lineage, and the same language, and the same literature. We have a common inheritance of glorious memories. We have the same aspirations and the same hopes; but more than that, as the Very Rev. the Dean has said, we have the common tie of Brotherhood, which is wide as the world—(hear, hear)—and is universal as humanity. (Applause.) Zealous Mahomedans willingly toil in the dreary desert for the acquisition of fancied blessings to be derived at the tomb of their prophet; devout Roman Catholics perform wearisome pilgrimages to kneel before the throne of some favourite saint; and so these American Templars, without any of that superstition, but with all the same enthusiasm, leave their homes, and cross the stormy sea to visit this ancient and historic city, where almost a thousand years ago Freemasonry found a home, which has been sheltered through all the intervening centuries, through all the vicissitudes of Government, through all rises and decays of many dynasties. And, remembering this historic fact, and sitting, as it were, under the shadow of the ivy covered memory of York, the mother to our Freemasonry—(loud applause)—through the mists of time we are enabled to see the origin and grafting of the Order of the Temple upon the sturdy trunk of the Craft. We know that the union has been honoured through ages. Amidst these crowding memories we can almost expect to hear the martial tread of those olden knights along the corridors of time, and to see their stately forms marshalled for another crusade, or ready for a gallant fight. We cannot but honour the stern and rugged virtues of those knights, who, finding no geniality in the society of their day, separated themselves from the world, and its temptations and vanities, and devoted their lives to the unselfish service of their fellow men, and to the devout, though quiet, worship of their God. Their postures and prayers, their penances and exercises, their inexorable statutes and rigorous discipline, made all these firm zealots of religion and heroes of mankind. (Applause.) And that spirit lives yet ennobled and brightened by the higher and purer civilisation of our day. Remembering the one rule of the statutes of St. Bernard which denied a Knight of the Temple the luxury of a smile from any fair friend or even relative, and seeing that our board to-night is enlightened by the bright eyes and the grace and beauty around this table—(loud applause)—who would turn back the hands upon the dial of time? Your Poet Laureate has expressed a thought which, I am sure, we all feel to-night, that it is better to have the peaceful and refined enjoyment of one such night as this than a whole field of slaughtered Saracens or even a hard-fought tournament. (Applause.) But let us not forget that these are but the light draperies which conceal somewhat, but do not weaken the plated armour of the knight. In the name of the Grand Master of the United States of America, I bring you Knights of the Temple of England the loving homage of a far distant, but filial, child. (Applause.) We will return and give the fraternal blessings to our Grand Master, cheered by the tender regard you have shown to him through us. (Loud applause.)

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD said I think this is the third time I have had the honour of rising to propose "The Health of the American Knight Templars" who have visited York. I do so with great pleasure on this occasion, because we are visited by brethren who were here several years ago—such brethren as our Bros. Meyer, Sutter, Packer, Matthews, and others of the Order of the Temple, whose acquaintance and friendship we made with the greatest pleasure so many years ago, and who have now returned once more to renew the fraternal grip in the ancient city of York. (Applause.) Our Bro. Hopkins has made allusion to the connection of ancient Freemasonry and Templary with this city. Well, that connection is very ancient, and very close, and very interesting. You doubtless all know that it is supposed the first Grand Lodge ever held in the world was held in York. Traditionally it was held in the year 928, when Athelstan granted a charter to the Masons who met here. Traditionally we hear of various meetings at different times through the several reigns of kings and queens, and when we come to the reign of Elizabeth we are told that then a suspicion rested upon the Freemasons of York of seditious proceedings, and that her Majesty sent down from London Sir Thos. Sackville to prosecute the Masons of York and to close peremporarily the Grand Lodge then being held. Sir Thomas came down, and being a Mason himself, took the officers who accompanied him to the Grand Lodge in York, had them initiated, when they were treated so well that the officers reported immediately to her Majesty that the Masons in York were a most estimable body of men, and there was nothing to fear from them. (Laughter and applause.) And we Masons of the Victorian era are anxious to win for ourselves the same character for good behaviour, good cheer, and good fellowship as our brethren of the sixteenth century. With

regard to Templary, one of the most touching episodes in the history of the suppression of the Temple is to be found in the kindly protection thrown around the remnants of that body in Yorkshire by Archbishop Greenfield in York, who, when, as you know, tyranny and greed had persecuted and tormented those unfortunate brethren of the Order of the Temple, declined positively to put them to the torture or to the "question" as it was politely called, but pensioned off all the knights brought before him at the Castle of York in various monasteries for the rest of their lives. Therefore we have in York a very ancient connection with the Order of the Temple, and I think we have one of the earliest minutes of modern templary that is known to exist. We have a minute book more than 100 years old which records a meeting of Knight Templars in York, and we find that this was not the first meeting but a combination of a series of gatherings of the Order. In York the Order appears not to have flourished very much in that period, for within 30 or 40 years the members ceased to meet, and the warrant which they then held from the Grand Encampment of England was purchased by some brethren of Hull, and may now be seen by any Templars who are curious in such matters. We have had some brethren here to-day who work under that warrant and every Knight Templar will find it well worth making a pilgrimage as far as Hull, to see the little bit of parchment which, I believe, is the only warrant of the kind in existence in England. Well, brethren, we greet with the warmest feelings of fraternal regard the brethren who are here to-day from the United States. They know what our feelings are towards them. We have exhibited it in various ways, and I have been in friendly correspondence with a member of Knights whom I see before me at the table, and whose friendship I prize exceedingly. There is one privilege yet left to me in my Masonic life, and that is to pay a visit to the United States. (Applause.) If time and circumstances permit, I should like to go over and meet them on their own ground. I have met them and shaken hands with them in England, and I want very much to see them in their magnificent Temple, whose picture hangs in our Masonic Hall in York. I need hardly say anything further, because, really, the object of our meeting to-night is to welcome our American guests, and I therefore will give you the good health, long life, prosperity, and happiness of our American guests, and I especially name the Mary Commandery. (Hear, hear, and applause)—and Bro. Charles E. Meyer.

Choir—"Ancient Ebor." (Solo part by Bro Walter Blenkin.)

Bro. CHAS. E. MEYER, in responding, said the Mary Commandery was very much like the Ebor Preceptory, for since the time of its inception its aim had been to take the first place in Templary, not only in America, but in the world. Through 17 years they had striven and they had done what they could to advance the Order of the Temple all over the world. On several occasions they had had what might be called national anniversaries, and in 1869, among the invitations sent out was one to the St. John's Commandery, which claimed to be the oldest commandery in the United States. They also sent invitations to the different preceptories and commanderies in the world, and amongst those represented was one working under the English Constitution, from the extreme southern portion of the world. They had a representative there from the Cape of Good Hope, and on other occasions they had present the Mayor of Scarborough (Bro. Woodall), Bro. MacIver (Bristol), and Bro. Pallister. From that gentleman they heard of English Templary, and they determined in 1878 to visit the home of Freemasonry. They were then received and highly honoured, and they were only too willing to come again. (Hear, hear.) The Mary Commandery, organised in 1869, had taken a foremost position, and they were represented to-night by the jurisdiction of New York and the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. The Mary Commandery alone numbered more than the Great Priory of England and Wales and its dependencies. He hoped in the near future to extend a welcome hand and hearty greeting to the knights from England. (Applause.) During their sojourn in York they had received more than the courtesy and kindness they received on a former visit, and he believed there had been gathered together in York the largest muster of Knight Templars that had taken place. (Hear, hear.) The American brothers present appreciated very highly the courtesy extended to them, and desired to mark in some slight degree their appreciation of that courtesy, that that might be a red letter day in the history of the preceptory. He desired to present to the Ancient Ebor Preceptory an Eminent Commandery's jewel of the Mary Commandery, with a hope that it would be worn by the Preceptor of the preceptory in honour of the event which had brought them together. (Applause.)

The jewel having been pinned upon the breast of Bro. W. H. Cowper, E.P., by the Lady Mayoress, amid the plaudits of the brethren.

Bro. BEATTY, P.C. 27 (New York), proposed "The Health and Prosperity of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory." In doing so, he said he had been lost in wonder at the size and beauty of their rooms, in love in reciprocation of the love received from his brethren, and in praise because he had heard nothing but praise from his brethren visiting them. (Hear, hear.) He coupled with the toast the name of the Eminent Preceptor, Bro. W. H. Cowper. (Applause.)

Choir—"Hail, smiling morn."

Bro. COWPER, in replying on behalf of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, said that they were delighted to have been honoured upon that occasion by the visit of their American companions. Knights, as had been said, of their creed, race, religion, and thought; knights having the same aspirations in art, literature, and science; knights who had obliterated from their vocabulary, as far as human energy was concerned, the word "impossible"; knights whose energy should be a household word to everyone who wanted to typify manhood as preaching what a man ought to follow out in almost everything to which he put his hand. Amongst those who were there he had made many personal friendships, and he sincerely hoped that that would not be their last meeting—(applause)—in York. That day it had been proved to him that the bond of friendship had been fully exemplified by the re-union of Knight Templars they had had in that ancient city. He thanked the proposer of the toast for the very kindly remarks he had made in connection with the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, and trusted that that meeting would long live in the memory of each. (Applause.) He had omitted to thank Bro. C. E. Meyer for the most handsome and valuable jewel which he had presented to the preceptory. (Applause.) He trusted that it would bring up pleasurable recollections in days to come to the knights of the preceptory. (Loud applause.)

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND proposed the toast of "The English Visiting Fratres of the Order." He expressed his pride in seeing so many English brother knights present to meet the knights from over the water, and said that it showed that they not only had some interest in the Order, but that they desired to extend the right hand of fellowship to those who had come so far to honour old York by their presence. No greater compliment could be paid to their visitors than to surround them with those earnest in the work of Templary, because it showed them that they did not come to a mere empty show. He was especially pleased to find that the Province of West Yorkshire had turned out in such numbers to support the Province of the North and East Yorkshire, and he also noticed with pleasure the presence of brethren from the Provinces of Durham and Northumberland. He assured them that the day had been a red-letter day in Knight Templary in York. A great deal of the success of the proceedings had, he said, been due to Bro. Whytehead—(applause)—and he could not miss that opportunity of alluding to his perseverance and love for his work. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. C. J. Banister and the Rev. F. W. Lemon.

Bro. C. J. BANISTER (Prior of Northumberland and Durham), in replying, expressed a hope that the English visiting knights would remember the excellent instruction contained in the remarks of Bro. Hopkins. He hoped also that they might be spared to meet each other again, not only in York, but in other parts of the country.

Bro. Rev. F. W. LEMON (Prior of Devonshire) also responded. These re-unions, he said, brought about the co-operation which should exist between brethren of all Orders of Masonry, and he hoped they would take place from time to time.

Bro. W. B. WILLIAMSON (Worcester) remarked that he had had the pleasure of visiting the States, and he knew that there was no city which the Americans were prouder of than Philadelphia. He asked them to drink "Success to the city of Philadelphia," and to give a warm and cordial greeting to those brethren and fratres who had come from that interesting and important part of the States. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Sutter.

Choir—"O'er the Airs."

Bro. D. SUTTER, P.C. Mary, 36, responded to the toast, and in doing so, said that during his life the city of Philadelphia had increased from 300,000 to a million population, and he believed it now stood second to none on the face of the earth for its manufactures. He thought there was no city on the earth which had the advantages of the city of Philadelphia and its surroundings. They had coal, iron, and zinc; and what they had not there they went to England and elsewhere for. He could not say how delighted he had been to hear the song of their poet, and there was one verse made him feel very glad. He referred to this—

Greet them with grip fraternal,  
Greet them with mystic sign,  
And spread for them the banquet,  
And pour for them the wine.  
And show to these our brethren  
O'er old Atlantic's roar,  
They come not here as strangers,  
They stand on native shore.

He might reply, they stood on no foreign shore when they reached England, and he impressed upon them that Philadelphia was a city of brotherly love. (Applause.)

Bro. W. H. COWPER, E.P. 101, Preceptory, proposed the toast of "Bro. T. B. Whytehead, the organiser of the gathering"—(loud applause)—to whom he said they owed that magnificent and happy day. Bro. Whytehead had worked with heart and soul in achieving what he might call a grand success. They who knew him knew that when he put his hand to a thing there was no turning back, they knew that when he took a matter in hand it would be a success, and therefore he was proud to have the privilege of asking them to drink to the health of one to whom they owed many of their privileges of Masonry to the city of York, and certainly the privilege of meeting there that evening. (Applause.)

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD having responded,

Bro. E. PERRY, P.C. Chasseur 53, rose to propose the next toast, which he said he did with feelings of mingled pleasure and diffidence. As Philadelphians they felt in the language of St. Paul before Agrippa, that "They were citizens of no mean city." They were members of a commonwealth founded by William Penn, who was honoured with the friendship of the Duke of York, afterwards James II., and who founded their great commonwealth upon the great Masonic principles "fraternity and brotherly love." And yet when they visited their mother country, and viewed that old civilization—though but a year or two ago they celebrated the second anniversary of the founding of their city—and in their isolation imagined themselves growing into stately old age, here amid other surroundings they felt as though they were yet as but a child in arms. As they looked at the stately cathedral, they remembered that those walls were erected, and that it stood there in all its noble proportions while yet America was undiscovered by white man—while it was yet an unborn dream in the imagination of the wildest visionary among speculative students. As they roamed through those buildings and passed between those dumb walls and by those mute statues which had looked down upon events of generations as they had followed in succession and passed into events of history, their minds were awed, and they felt as though they were in the presence of something to which they ought to pay homage. The ruins of the abbeys and monasteries spoke to them while they were no longer in active usefulness with an eloquence no tongue could utter and imparted to them a lesson which he trusted they would never forget. As they looked upon those remains of the past and saw the estimation in which they were held and the reverence that was paid to them, he asked himself what was there in their country to which men looked with feelings of such respect as these, and he thought of a shrine in his native city of Philadelphia. He thought of the silent appeal of liberty which more than 100 years ago proclaimed the independence of their country to the strained ears of a listening world, and they were reminded that the spirit which animated their forefathers was the spirit which they inherited, from their English ancestors—(applause)—that God inspired hatred of oppression, love of justice, determination to maintain the right which distinguished the sons of England all over the globe. (Hear, hear. We feel that we are one with you, that your triumphs are our triumphs, that we can rejoice in your glory, and sorrow at your sorrows. We have enjoyed our pilgrimage. We have had a pleasant time in this city of York, and this afternoon as we attended the service in the Cathedral and hearkened to those almost angelic voices as they sung the worship of the Most High, we felt that to the cup of pleasure which it is given mortals to enjoy in their journey through life, our sojourn in York had contributed many sparkling drops. (Hear, hear.) And now I propose "the city of York and the Heath of the Lord Mayor." (Applause.) What shall I say that can add to the lustre that gathers round our frater who sits at the head of this board? Is it needful that I should say anything of one whose virtues have been so eminently recognised by his fellow citizens—(Applause)—and upon whom a gracious honour has recently been bestowed by the Queen? (Loud applause.)

The LORD MAYOR OF YORK having responded in suitable terms,

The BISHOP OF IOWA proposed "The Health of the Lady Mayoress and the Ladies," to which Bro. W. F. SMITHSON (Leeds) responded.

Sing—"The Carrier Dove."

The DEAN OF YORK proposed the concluding toast "Freemasonry all over the World." As a Freemason of 40 years standing he said he was indebted to the Craft for a great many very pleasant friendships and of many high privileges, but of all the advantages he had derived from it he did not know there was any he should prize more highly than that which he had enjoyed that night. The meeting reminded them that the great Brotherhood of Freemasonry was a great reality, that it had no limits except the world itself, and that it was still in this century doing what it did in times past, drawing all men together in the bonds of true and hearty friendship and Brotherhood. (Applause.)

The proceedings then terminated, the guests being received by the Lady Mayoress in the Mansion House, where coffee was served.

## DEVONSHIRE MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The Masonic Knights Templar of the Province of Devonshire held the annual meeting of their Prov. Priory on Thursday, 11th inst., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, under the banner of the Loyal Brunswick Preceptory, Frater J. H. Keats, E.P. The principal business was to install the V.E. Provincial Prior Designate, E. Sir Knight, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°. There was a large attendance of Fratres, including Lt.-Col. A. W. Adair, M.A., Past Prov. G.M., G. Superintendent of Somersetshire, P.G. Mark J. Warden of England, P. Great Constable of England and Wales, and one of the nine members of the Supreme Council of the 33°; Lt.-Col. William Long, G.S.E. of Somersetshire; Rev. J. Chanter, rector of Parracombe, North Devon, P.G.M. Trinity in Unity Preceptory; Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G. Prel.; Rev. W. Whittley, P.P., Holy Cross; Major G. C. Davie, P.P., Trinity in Unity; John Brewer, Prov. G. Chev.; George Whittley, Prov. G.V. Chev.; William Derry, Marsh. Holy Cross; F. B. Westlake, P.P.G.T.; John Lane, Marsh. Royal Sussex; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.V. Chap.; G. S. Stode-Lowe, C.L. Holy Cross; W. Trevena, P.G. Sub. Marsh.; H. Stocker, P.G. Almoner; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G. 1st Ex.; G. R. Barrett, 2nd Captain, Royal Veterans; J. H. Keats, E.P. Loyal Brunswick; P. B. Clemens, P.P. Royal Sussex; J. B. Gover, Exp. Royal Veterans; J. Griffin, R. Pengelly, P.P. Holy Cross; W. F. Westcott, E.P. Holy Cross; D. Cross, Reg. Loyal Brunswick; R. Lavers, P.P. Holy Cross; James Gidley, Guard; and W. H. Phillips.

The V.E.P. Prov. Prior, Lieut.-Col. A. W. Adair, who opened the Provincial Priory, presided, and conducted the installations. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Fratres L. P. Metham, Past P.G. Prior (who from age and ill-health was unable to attend, which he regretted and expressed warm wishes for Frater Lemon's prosperity in the office of Provincial Prior); W. Vicary, Sub-Prior; J. Stocker, Treas.; and T. S. Bayly, P.P.G.T.

The ceremony of the installation commenced with the ACTING REGISTRAR calling the muster roll of the preceptories of the province, the whole of which were found to be represented. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Priory held at Exeter in April, 1885, were read and confirmed.

The DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES then announced that the Prov. Grand Prior nominate was without, and claimed admission to be installed into the charge of his province. The Installing Officer directed the admission of Frater T. W. Lemon, who passed under the arch of steel, preceded by Sword Bearer and followed by his Standard Bearer, carrying his banner furled.

The patent of appointment of the new Provincial Prior, under the hand and seal of the Earl of Lathom, the Grand Prior of England and Wales, was then produced and read by Frater JOHN BREWER, acting Registrar.

In reply to an inquiry from the installing officer, Sir Knight T. W. LEMON announced his willingness to accept the office, and then under the usual ceremonies took the obligation. The arch of steel was then again formed by the fratres, under which the newly obligated Provincial Prior, with his banner unfurled, was conducted to the east by the D.C., and there invested and placed on the seat of office by the Installing officer. Frater G. R. Barrett, acting as P.G. Herald, then proclaimed the installation of the new Prior, who received the usual salute of welcome from the fratres. The Treasurer's report was next read, and it was stated would show a balance in hand of about £20 when audited. The Treasurer, Frater John Stocker, was re-elected. The Prior then invested the following fratres as his officers—

Frater John Brewer	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. J. F. Chanter	...	...	Prelate.
" Henry Stocker	...	...	Chancellor.
" Major George C. Davie	...	...	Constable.
" F. B. Westlake	...	...	Marshal.
" John Stocker	...	...	Treasurer.
" J. Lane	...	...	Registrar.
" James Griffin	...	...	Vice-Chancellor.
" C. S. Willshire	...	...	Sub-Marshal.
" Rev. J. T. Warner	...	...	Almoner and Chap.
" J. H. Keats	...	...	Warden of Regalia.
" W. Derry	...	...	Herald.
" R. Pengelly,	...	...	1st St. Br.
" J. D. Cobeldick	...	...	2nd St. Br.
" T. W. Coffin	...	...	Priors B.B.
" R. Lavers	...	...	D.C.
" S. B. Colston	...	...	A.D.C.
" F. B. Gray	...	...	Chamberlain.
" W. F. Westcott	...	...	C.G.
" H. J. Edwards, Mus. Doc.	...	...	Organist.
" G. S. Strode-Lowe	...	...	S.B.
" James Gidley	...	...	Equerry.

Fratres E. Aitken-Davies, J. B. Gover, R. Pengelly, were elected the Board of General Purposes.

Fifteen guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum to be placed on the list of the newly-installed Prov. Prior. A letter of condolence was directed to be sent to the widow of the late Prior Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. Tanner Davy, expressing also the regret of the fratres at the loss of his valuable services, and their high appreciation of his merits. A vote of thanks was also tendered to Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. Adair for his kindness in coming from Somersetshire to instal Sir Knight Lemon as the Prov. Prior of Devonshire.

Sir Knight Col. ADAIR, in acknowledging the compliment, said it had afforded him much pleasure in making the journey, and the fratres should remember that although he lived in Somerset it was on the borders of Devonshire, and he had been for 23 years one of their county Magistrates.

The Prov. G. PRIOR then presented to the Royal Brunswick Encampment a copy of the picture representing "The reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, by the Grand Conclave of Knights Templars, May 13th, 1870." It was handsomely framed, and bore the following inscription on its panels: "Presented to the Loyal Brunswick Encampment, No. 24, by the V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31<sup>o</sup>, on his installation as Very Eminent Prov. Grand Prior of Devonshire, August 4th, 1887."

The presentation was accepted and suitably acknowledged by Frater J. H. KEATS, the E.P. of the encampment.

In the evening the fratres dined together at Bro. Routley's, Farley Hotel. The V.E.P.G. Prior presided.

### COL. MACLEOD MOORE'S "ALLOCUTION," 1887.

Our veteran chief of the Canadian Knight Templars has again favoured the Craft with another of his interesting addresses on the history of Knight Templary, and to our mind, the last is one of the best we have had the privilege of receiving and perusing. His references to the Jubilee of the "Most constitutional reign the world ever saw," that of our "Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, the patron of our Templar Order," are such as might well be expected from such a devoted loyalist as Col. Moore. He much deplores the difficulty between England and Canada Masonically, in consequence of the issue of a warrant by the latter body for Melbourne, Victoria. His view of the subject, however, was not taken by the Great Priory of Canada, the members resolving to continue the charter in spite of the claim made by Col. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior of England. This is much to be regretted in every way, but into the matter we decline to enter under present circumstances. What concerns us is the Colonel's "Historical Dissertation on Templar Rituals and their Masonic Connection," which is the chief feature of this year's allocution. His object is "to show true Templary is purely Christian, and in no way a part of universal Masonry." This has been our contention for many years, and it is very satisfactory to see the belief so ably justified by the Great Prior of Canada, who by many of us, is looked upon as the best informed Knight Templar in the world. He speaks most favourably of "one of the most exhaustive and reliable histories by R. F. Gould, Barrister-at-Law, London, England, ever published on Free-Masonry," and declares it to be "a perfect mine of information not to be found in any other work on the subject." This, we believe, is the simple truth, and it is refreshing to find so old a Masonic student as Col. Moore, so ready to acknowledge the pre-eminence of the Masonic historian, a position now generally assigned to Bro. Gould.

The Colonel considers that Masonic Templary originated from the "High Grade" system, soon after speculative Freemasonry was imported from England to the Continent of Europe about 1740. We are told that "To the indelible literary labours of our Illustrious Brother [General Pike] is due the remodelling and placing the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite above all other High Degree Rites, and preserving the true meaning of ancient Masonic symbolism." Col. Moore also states that "it was not until about 1780—although known in Great Britain some twenty or thirty years earlier, that Templary secured any official recognition

in connection with the Royal Arch degree." The earliest date *re* Knight Templar in England is 1779, at York, the "Baldwyn," Bristol, following from 1780. In America, however, the records begin as early as 1769, which is certainly curious, to say the least. The formation "of the Grand Conclave Knight Templar in 1791 is next considered, its re-founding in 1804-7, and its reconstruction in 1873." British Templary continues to the present day closely allied to the Craft, although eminently Christian—none being admitted but members of the Masonic body, and such only as profess themselves Trinitarian Christians." The Great Prior, moreover, affirms that "the degrees of Templary are *not* and *never* were intended to represent a military organization, but to perpetuate the religious principles upon which the ancient order was founded. . . . We do *not* now pretend to believe that the Degrees of the Temple and Malta are in *direct* descent or a perpetuation of the ancient chivalric orders, but merely as an adaptation to Freemasonry."

There is much more in the remarkable Address we should like to quote, but must forbear. Many of the paragraphs deal with American Knight Templary, which is no favourite of the Great Prior's, and other portions of the Allocation have reference more especially to Canada, as might be expected; but, however intended as to application, the whole is "good and true," from the beginning to the end, and invaluable as the matured convictions of one of the most learned and zealous Freemasons the modern Templars have ever had enrolled under their banners.

## THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

FROM ITS ORIGIN, 1788, TO ITS CENTENARY, 1888.

### CHAPTER II,

#### IN SOMERS PLACE EAST.

It will probably have been noticed by those who have carefully followed us in our narrative that the Chevalier Ruspini and his friends left no stone unturned in order to ensure the permanent success of the Free Mason School for Girls. They laboured not merely to meet a transient necessity, but for all time. The enthusiasm with which they entered upon their scheme was always tempered by a sound discretion. They left as little as possible to mere Chance. Their measures, both financial and administrative, were taken deliberately and in strict accordance with the truest principles of economy. They husbanded their resources; but when the occasion called for the outlay of moneys, there was nothing niggardly in their expenditure. They compiled their code of regulations when as yet there was nothing to regulate, and organised their governing Committees when the Institution to be governed was still in embryo. They were a little hasty in their first choice of a School house, but it is hardly possible they could have foreseen that any serious objection to the choice would have been raised by their Royal Patroness, whose good opinion and support they were naturally so anxious to secure. But with this exception, the measures they adopted met with the general approval of the Patroness and their supporters, and it is not surprising therefore that, the foundations of the Institution having been well and truly laid, the Institution itself, when once it had been inaugurated, should have gone on its way prosperously and with every likelihood of being permanent.

At the Quarterly Court held on the 8th January, 1789, the Treasurer was able to announce that in obedience to the resolution which we quoted towards the close of the previous chapter, the children had been conducted to the School in Somers Place East and there delivered into the charge of the Matron, and from that date forward the government of the Institution appears to have been characterised by such a degree of order and regularity as is ordinarily to be met with only in the case of those which have been established for several years. On the 15th January, the General Committee approved of the Interior Regulations, which we append in full, and which will be found to contain the minutest and most precise directions for the conduct of the household. These Regulations, together with a statement of the Finances and the Minutes of the Committee's proceedings, were in due course submitted to the Duchess of Cumberland, and as a subsequent entry records, "Her Royal Highness was pleased to receive" them "most graciously."

#### RULES FOR THE DOMESTIC GOVERNMENT

OF THE

#### ROYAL CUMBERLAND FREE MASON SCHOOL.

- 1st.—That two or more of the Committee do examine the Bills for such Goods as the Matron shall certify she has received into her care, see if the Provisions are good in their kind, hear and redress complaints, and examine from time to time whether the Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the well-governing the House and School be duly observed, and that they lay their Proceedings before the Committee for their confirmation.
- 2nd.—That there be a General Visitation of the Children Half-yearly.
- 3rd.—That the Committee or Members thereof on their occasional Visitations do examine the Children apart from the Officers and Servants of the House to know if they have any cause of complaint, if so, that they do immediately enquire into and redress the same and report their Proceedings to the next Meeting.
- 4th.—That no Goods be received without a Bill of Parcels, that the Matron examine the Goodness and Price of the Provisions, and compare the Quantity

with the Bills of Parcels, that she return all bad articles and make her report thereof to the Committee.

- 5th.—That the Matron have the general inspection and care of the House, and see that the Children rise, go to bed, and have their Meals at the appointed Times, and be taught, instructed, and employed according to the Rules of the Charity or as the Committee shall from time to time direct, and if the Servants and Children do not pay due obedience to all the Rules, she shall make complaint thereof in writing to the Committee, otherwise the fault shall be imputed to herself.
- 6th.—That the Matron order the Quantity of all Provisions, see them weighed and measured when brought in and properly taken care of, that the Food be well dressed and distributed to the Children, and that no Bread be eaten under a day old.
- 7th.—That the Matron lay a State of each Girl's Qualifications and Improvements before the Committee every three Months at least, or oftener as the Committee may direct, and a general Slate to be brought before the Half-yearly Visitation.
- 8th.—That a particular or indent of necessaries for the Children such as Clothes, Linen, or other apparel, as well as all household Goods wanted and all repairs and alterations, be laid before the Committee for their approbation and directions previous to their being had.
- 9th.—That all Goods Stored and Clothing be under the care of the Matron, and that she deliver out the Candles, Soaps, &c., and see that there be no Waste.
- 10th.—That every Child have a clean Shift twice a week, and the Beds be clean Sheeted once a Month at least.
- 11th.—That an Inventory be taken of the Linen to be washed, and when clean compared therewith, and that no Linen be washed or hung up to dry in any of the Bed Rooms, and that all the Linen be marked before it is delivered out for use.
- 12th.—That no Linen, Apparel, or other Articles be taken from the Stock delivered to the Matron till the same be produced to and examined by the Committee, and their order obtained.
- 13th.—That when the Children's Clothing wants mending the Matron do forthwith cause the same to be done by the Children as far as they are capable.
- 14th.—That the Matron lay before the Committee once a fortnight an account of all the Materials sent in for the employment of the Children, with the Names of those who send them the work done at the time, when sent and when finished, and the sum thereby earned, also of such work as they have done for themselves, that the Committee may see the Children are trained up to Industry, and be enabled to lay before the Quarterly Court a general account of the quantity and produce of the work that the same may be paid to the Treasurer.
- 15th.—That the Matron do lay an Accompt before the Committee of such Children as are particularly attentive to their duty that they may be rewarded, and of such as are idle that they may be admonished or punished as the Committee shall see fit. Every Girl who shall tell a Wilful Lye or be guilty of swearing, cursing, or theft shall be fed with Bread and Water at the discretion of the Matron, not exceeding two days without the express Order of the Committee, and the Offence and Punishment shall be recorded in a Black Book to be kept for their Inspection, and if any of the Children continue refractory or misbehave themselves after being admonished or punished that they be for ever discharged the house.
- 16th.—That the Children be called up by ring of Bell every Morning (Sundays, Good Fridays, Christmas Day and Lady Day being the Anniversary excepted) at six from Lady Day to Michaelmas, and at eight from that time to Lady Day.
- 17th.—That the Children have their Faces and Hands washed every Morning, their Hair combed, their Shoes cleaned and changed, and their persons, particularly their Heads and Feet, kept clean.
- 18th.—That the Prayers used in the Church of England be read by the Matron in the School Room to the Children and Servants every Morning on their coming into School, and every Evening before leaving School, and that all the Children say the Lord's Prayer kneeling in the Dormitory immediately before they go to bed.
- 19th.—That the Children (in Winter) breakfast at Nine, Dine at One, and sup at Seven, and go to Bed an hour after Supper; that the Matron be always present at their Meals, and that She take the utmost care that there be no waste, and that the Candles are put out when the Children are in Bed, that the outer Doors be locked every Night at Nine and the Keys in her Care.
- 20th.—That the Matron attend the Children to Church every Sunday Morning and Afternoon, and on Good Friday, Christmas Day, and the Anniversary, that they learn the Collect for the Day, and such as are capable to read a portion of Scripture every Sunday Evening in the presence of the Officers, Servants, and all the Children, and those who cannot attend their duty at Church have a portion of Scripture read to them, and on every Friday the Children be taught the Catechism.
- 21st.—That the Children be allowed an Hour after Dinner for play, and leave off School every Evening at five.
- 22nd.—That the Matron shall order a Child, or Children, to assist the Servants in domestic Business for their instruction therein, and that such as are capable be employ'd in rotation.
- 23rd.—That the Kitchen Stuff be taken care of, and sent to the Tallow Chandler in part of his Bill.
- 24th.—That the Beer be worked off and bunged up before it be admitted into the House.
- 25th.—That no Officer or Servant of the House take any present from the Parents, Relations, or Friends of the Children, or from any Tradesman serving the House, on pain of being dismissed.
- 26th.—That in case of any infectious disorder, the person be forthwith removed if thought necessary by the faculty.
- 27th.—That no strumous children be admitted.
- 28th.—That Children not having had the smallpox be inoculated previous to their admission by the Surgeons of the Charity.
- 29th.—That the Orders of the Faculty relative to sick Children be punctually obeyed.
- 30th.—That there be no neglect or disobedience to the Rules and Orders for the internal Conduct of this Charity on pain of dismission.
- 31st.—That an Inventory of the Goods, Fixtures, Furniture, &c., be taken and enter'd in a Book to be kept for that purpose to be open at all times for the examination of the Committee.
- 32nd.—That the Secretary do quarterly adjust the House Accompts and lay the same before the Committee for their inspection.

33rd.—That every Girl who shall have behaved well shall on her departure from the House have — Gowns, — Petticoats, — Aprons, — Shoes, — Stockings, — Shifts, — Caps, — Tuscan Hats, a Bible, Common Prayer Book, and Whole Duty of Man.

A DIET TABLE FOR THE CHILDREN.

DAYS.	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.
Sunday.	Rice Milk.	Roast Beef, Vegetables, Bread & Beer.	Bread & Butter & Beer
Monday.	Water Gruel.	Suet Puddings & Beer.	Bread Cheese & Beer.
Tuesday.	Milk Porridge.	Boil'd Mutton, Vegetables, Bread & Beer.	Broth & Bread.
Wednesday.	Rice Milk.	Suet Puddings, or East Dumplings, Potatoes, Bread & Beer.	Bread & Butter & Beer
Thursday.	Water Gruel.	Boil'd Beef, Vegetables, Bread & Beer.	Broth & Bread.
Friday.	Milk Porridge.	Rice Pudding & Beer.	Bread Cheese & Beer.
Saturday.	Rice Milk.	Boiled Beef, Vegetables, Bread & Beer.	Broth & Bread.

That the Quantity of Meat to be provided for each Child be Two Pounds and a half per week, and not to exceed Seven Pounds each per Week for the Matron and grown Servants.

It must be conceded that if this code of "Interior Regulations" erred at all, it was on the side of over minuteness of detail, many of the rules, such as that relating to the children's underlinen and the sheeting of the beds, dealing with matters which, in ordinary circumstances, are left to the discretion of the chief resident officer—in this case, the Matron. However, the Committee had had no experience of household economy as applied to a School, and it was better they should be over-elaborate in their code than over-careless. Neither does the "Diet Table" strike one as being imposing; but the medical faculty was well represented on the Committee, and if they accepted it, or more likely still, had the chief hand in framing it, we must assume that it was sufficient, both as regards quality and quantity. People were not quite so fastidious in those days, and the plainest of plain good food was served even in Schools of older and higher standing.

Other regulations of a more general character were framed about this time. Thus on the 29th January, on the motion of Bro. Broderip, it was arranged that for the purpose of visiting and supervising the School, the Committee should "select themselves into Classes of Eight in a Class to take the Business Monthly in Rotation," but this was "not to interfere with any other Gentleman's attendance who may please to render his assistance." On the 12th February a resolution was passed to the effect: "That from henceforth the Executor of any Person paying into the hands of the Treasurer or Collector of this Institution the sum of One Hundred Pounds shall be a Governor for Life. And that when Two Persons are appointed Executors, and Two Hundred Pounds or upwards shall be given for the purposes of this Charity, then that such Executors be Governors for Life." At the same meeting a Resolution about visiting was passed—"That neither the Parents or relations of any of the Children be permitted to visit the School any Day in the Week (except Thursday, the Children's half-holiday, between the hours of Two and Four o'Clock from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and between the hours of Four and Six from Lady Day to Michaelmas) without an Order from the Committee, and that such Parents or Relatives do not on any account enter into altercation with the Matron relative to any complaint which they may think proper to make, but that such Parents or Relatives do from time to time communicate such complaints in writing addressed to the Committee, and left with the Secretary." It seems hardly credible that such a regulation—so far as the latter part is concerned—should have been thought necessary, yet we have its justification at the very next meeting, when we read that the Matron was "called in and examined respecting Charlotte Richardson, who had been taken away from the School by her Parents; when She informed the Committee that her Father had been very troublesome, and had insulted and abused her, and afterwards the Mother came, and notwithstanding the Child declared she was perfectly satisfied they had taken her away." The Committee very properly dismissed Charlotte Richardson, and shortly afterwards elected another Girl in her stead. They had also to reprimand Mary Bagley—who had been received as an Assistant Servant—for absenting herself from the School for two days, the excuse being that her father was ill and she had gone home—without leave—to nurse him.\*

At the March Committee Meeting, one of the General Rules—that relating to the Framing of New Laws—having been found somewhat of a restraint on the proceedings of the General Court, was so far altered "that in future, although it may be proper that New Rules or material alterations should in general originate in a Committee, Yet it shall be deemed regular that any Motion may be made at a General Meeting or Quarterly Court for a new Regulation or for the alteration of any old one as shall from time to time be thought expedient; with this distinction, that such Resolutions as originate in a Committee being confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting or Quarterly Court shall be considered as absolute, and that such as originate at a General Meeting or Quarterly Court cannot be confirmed until they have received the Sanction of a subsequent General Meeting or Quarterly Court." It was also resolved by the Quarterly Court of the 4th April, that the Committee's recommendation of the 12th March, for the appointment of an Audit Committee should be acted upon, and "Messrs. Robinson, Broderip, Hull, Chas. Carpenter, Kane, Callendar, and Spicer" were appointed such a Committee "to Audit Accompts in General," the majority to form a quorum; the Treasurer and Collector to attend as requested; and the Committee to report at each Quarterly Court.

(To be continued).

\* This girl was afterwards dismissed for a repetition of the offence.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., Trustee and Vice-Patron, presided, and there were present Bros. S. Richardson, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., A. Williams, F. Adlard, H. Webb, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Burgess, Richard Eve, G. Treas., W. Maple, and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the Quarterly Court on 9th July, and of the House Committee (special and ordinary) read, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Two petitions were presented, of which one was accepted and the name ordered to be placed on the list of Candidates for election in April next, and the other was deferred.

Six applications from ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained—one conditionally on the verification of the statements made in its support—and the proceedings then concluded with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. THE REV. W. C. HARRIS, P.P.G.C. DURHAM.

On Friday night, the 29th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, South Shields, an influential meeting of brethren was held for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. the Rev. W. C. Harris, Chaplain to St. Hilda and Hadrian Lodges, P.P.G.C. Durham, on the occasion of his leaving South Shields. Bro. JOHN HEPPPELL, W.M. of the Hadrian Lodge, presided, and in a few appropriate and feeling remarks, asked the rev. brother to accept an illuminated address, and a beautifully-fitted and silver-mounted travelling bag, on behalf of the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the two lodges.

Bro. HALL, W.M. of the St. Hilda Lodge, and Bro. R. HUDSON, Prov. G. Sec., supplemented the remarks of the Chairman, and expressed regret that they were about to lose the services of Bro. Harris.

Bro. HARRIS suitably responded, and gave an interesting address on Freemasonry.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, and the proceedings concluded.

The following is a copy of the address: "To the Rev. William Charles Harris, L.Th., Chaplain to St. Hilda and Hadrian Lodges of Freemasons, South Shields, Past Prov. Grand Chap. Durham.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—We, Past Masters, Officers, Brethren of St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, and Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970, are desirous of conveying to you our sincere appreciation of the thoughtful and able manner in which you have discharged the duties of Chaplain to these lodges during the past four years, thereby gaining the respect and esteem of the whole of the brethren. We also desire to express our regret at the loss the Craft in this town will sustain by your removal to another sphere of pastoral labour.

"The good wishes of the brethren accompany you, with the hope that the blessings of "The Great Architect of the Universe" will rest upon you in all your new undertakings.

"Signed on behalf of the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the above mentioned Lodges, this 22nd day of July, 1887.

"JOHN A. HALL, W.M. St. Hilda Lodge.  
"ARTHUR E. COWLING, P.M., Sec., St. Hilda Lodge.  
"JOHN HEPPPELL, W.M. Hadrian Lodge.  
"THOS. D. MARSHALL, Sec. Hadrian Lodge."

### SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE COVENT GARDEN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1614.

The second annual summer festival in connection with this popular lodge of instruction took place on Thursday, the 22nd ult., under the most favourable circumstances, both as regards the weather and the arrangements. Most of the party met at the Charing Cross Railway Station at 12.30, and were conducted by Bro. G. Reynolds, the energetic Secretary, to saloon carriages attached to the 12.45 train for Gravesend, which Mr. Grimstead, the courteous and attentive station master, had provided for the party. At Cannon-street and London Bridge more friends joined the party. After a very pleasant run to Gravesend the brethren and their friends were met by two brakes, provided by Mr. W. R. Green, and the merry party, after having refreshed themselves at the Clarendon Hotel, started on a trip to Cobham, through the beautiful park, and back to Gravesend by way of Shorne, Chalk, and Milton. On arriving at the Clarendon the party sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. J. B. Mella, the manager to Bro. R. Pratti, the proprietor of the hotel, under the presidency of Bro. T. A. Dickson, W.M. of the mother lodge, supported by Bro. Harry W. Kedgley, the I.P.M. There were also present Bros. W. Corby and Mrs. Corby, Bro. A. Bullen and Mrs. Bullen, Bro. C. Grassi and Mrs. Grassi, Bro. G. Reynolds and Mrs. G. Reynolds, Bro. W. Hancock and his son, Mr. Linford, Bro. W. Honeyball, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Ladds, Mr. Holford, Bro. W. J. Hand, Mr. W. C. Keating, Bro. S. Hewitt, Bro. G. W. Price, Mr. J. Hallman, Bro. J. Pratti, Bro. J. Higgins, Bro. A. Neil, Bro. J. Mella, Bro. A. Cogliati, Mr. Paulton, and other friends.

After justice had been done to the good things placed on the table, Bro. T. A. DICKSON said that he hoped the speeches would be brief, as they had amongst them that evening musical brethren, who he knew would delight them. In proposing "The Health of the Queen," the worthy President said it was a usual and pleasant toast. All knew her good qualities, and were delighted she had such a happy jubilee. He next proceeded to the toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales," which was drunk most heartily.

In proposing the toast of "Success to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction Summer Festival, 1887," Bro. T. A. DICKSON said he must add also success to the lodge of instruction. That day they had had a most pleasant outing, and one not to be forgotten. The ride was not too long in the train. The trip

in the brakes through the country was most enjoyable, and the banquet all that one could wish for, and he trusted that for many years they would be able to meet and drink the toast with the same degree of brotherly and friendly feeling, and with a larger number of brethren, ladies and friends present. He wished the lodge of instruction every success and that its Secretary would be blessed with health to carry on his duties in the same indefatigable manner as he had always done. The lodge of instruction was well established and in good quarters at the Criterion, and doing good work with its excellent Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith, whom he was sorry was not with them, but he saw many faces round the table who were constant attendants on Thursday evening's when they met, and he would call upon Bro. W. Hancock to respond.

Bro. WALTER HANCOCK said it afforded him considerable gratification to respond to the toast, and he assured the brethren that there was no lodge of instruction he attended, and he belonged to nearly fifty, where he was so happy as at the Covent Garden. The zeal and hard work of both the Preceptor and the Secretary tended to make the lodge of instruction a great success. Bro. W. C. Smith as Preceptor was most zealous, and Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, kind and courteous with a cheerful face, looked well after his children with all the carefulness of a parent. At all the meetings that he had attended the ritual was well taught with earnest working. To-day all had spent a most happy and pleasant time. Everything had been in their favour. The little rain that had fallen had refreshed the country they had passed through, and he might say they had had refreshment in every way, and the idea of the excursion and its arrangements he knew had met with the approval of all present, and he wished success to all future festivals.

Bro. G. REYNOLDS next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and said it was a great pleasure to have them amongst them to support the brethren in their summer outing. To the ladies and the non-Masons the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction give them a hearty welcome, and he hoped all had enjoyed themselves, and that it had been proved to them that Masons were not selfish, but thought of the ladies and friends at least once in the year. This was only the second summer festival in connection with the lodge of instruction, and the number present exceeded that of last year by ten, and he hoped each year's meetings would show increase of brethren and friends even in greater proportion. To-day's trip had been quite different from the previous one, which was by water. They had left Charing-cross in reasonable time, and not had to rush early away from business; had a pleasant ride through a portion of the Garden of England, for there was no prettier spot in England than that which they had been driven through, and a capital dinner in a room where there was a splendid view of the Thames with the finest shipping in the world passing to and fro. He only hoped that at their next outing more visitors would be present, and he could assure them he would do all in his power to make the outing as successful as the present one.

Mr. HOLFORD in returning thanks for "The Visitors," assured the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves in every way. They had seen nature spread out in all its glory in their beautiful drive. The whole company had shown every good feeling of friendship towards one another, and had made the day a happy one not to be forgotten.

Bro. H. W. KEDGLEY, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The President, Bro. J. A. Dickson, W.M.," and said it afforded him great pleasure to do so, as he had known their President for many years, and it did him good to see his kind and genial face at the head of the table, and quite repaid the journey from London to support him, for unfortunately he was unable to join the party in the ride to Cobham. As to the present gathering, it was one of a most cheerful kind, and he hoped before Bro. Dickson left the chair of the Covent Garden Lodge he should see him presiding over the supper table in connection with a ball, and he knew their W.M. would welcome the ladies in a manner second to none. He would ask all present to drink the President's health in a bumper, coupling with it Mrs. Dickson and Son.

The PRESIDENT, in replying, thanked the Vice-President for his kind remarks, and said that anything he could do for the welfare of the Covent Garden Lodge or Lodge of Instruction, he would do it to the best of his ability. He felt great pleasure in being amongst them that day, and to preside over such a happy party, and to see so many brethren and friends with smiling faces around the table, and he also thanked them for the kind and hearty manner in which his health had been drunk with that of Mrs. Dickson and Son, and he hoped to be amongst them on future occasions. It was now his duty to propose "The Health of the Stewards," who had carried out their duties so satisfactorily, and he would call upon Bros. C. Grassi and Wm. Honeyball to reply.

Bros. GRASSI and HONEYBALL said, as Stewards it afforded them great pleasure to have been of assistance to the Summer Festival, and each had done all they could towards making the outing a success.

Bro. W. J. HAND said a most pleasant duty had fallen upon him, and that was to drink "The Health of the Ladies," which he felt sure, all the gentlemen present would do with heartiness. No meeting of that kind was complete without ladies, and without them they would be nowhere. They somehow or the other had a happy way of making all go merrily. They added a charm wherever they were, both at home and abroad, and a good lady at home was the success of a man. He was sorry there were not more present to adorn their banqueting table; but no doubt on the next occasion there would be a larger number when their friends heard what a delightful day they had had.

Bro. HARRIS, in replying for the ladies, thanked Bro. W. J. Hand for his kind and sensible remarks. The ladies appreciated much all that had been said of them and the hearty manner in which their health had been drunk. The banquet would have been a miserable one without them. They were the chief joys of life, and everything good in life they had to thank them for, and perhaps some day, and he hoped soon, that it would fall to some other fellow to respond for them in the same spirit as he had done.

Bro. H. W. KEDGLEY next proposed "The Health of Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary," and, in doing so, said he knew all present would agree with him in saying that he had worked hard to make the lodge of instruction a success

A proof of it being appreciated was that it was so well attended. That day they had been most successful in carrying out all arrangements connected with the summer outing, and felt sure that all present were delighted. Bro. W. HONEYBALL said he hoped the brethren would allow him to add to the toast, the healths of Mrs. Reynolds and Bro. G. H. Reynolds.

Bro. G. REYNOLDS thanked all for their kindness towards himself and Mrs. Reynolds and Bro. G. H. Reynolds. He hoped to be spared many years to carry out his duties, no matter whatever they were, to the satisfaction of all. He could assure the brethren that in his wife he had a good assistant, who was always willing to help him in any way that she could, and endeavoured to exercise a truly Masonic spirit. He would convey to Bro. G. H. Reynolds their kind wishes for his health, and he felt sure many brethren present would unite with him in wishing to see him become W.M. at some future date. Before breaking up he must ask the brethren to drink the health of Bro. J. B. Mella (the manager to Bro. Pratti), and Mrs. Mella, for the excellent manner in which the banquet had been served.

The company were much charmed with the musical performance of Bro. Larti on the mandoline, also the singing and pianoforte playing of Mr. O'Neil, Bro. Grassi, Mr. Holford, and others.

The party was conveyed back to London by the last train in the carriages they came down in, and at parting at Charing Cross Station all expressed themselves much delighted with the day's entertainment.

### MASONIC CHARITY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The action taken by the A ra Lodge, 348 (I.C.), for the establishment of a Jubilee Benevolent Fund may be of some interest as being the first practical effort in the colony designed and effected to celebrate the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty, and promote the cause of Masonic Charity. At the regular monthly meeting of the lodge there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, including Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M. After the ordinary lodge business, the principal business was the consideration of the notice of motion standing in the name of the W.M.: "That a Committee be appointed by this lodge to confer with Committees appointed by other lodges, to consider the best mode of Masonically celebrating the Jubilee reign of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria."

Bro. KIDD asked leave of the brethren to amend the motion to read as follows, pointing out that he had sent a copy of the alteration to each member, that they might be aware of its importance. Agreed to unanimously. The motion, as altered read as follows: "1. That the lodge celebrate the Jubilee year of the reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria by the formation of a fund to be called 'The Ara Jubilee Widow and Orphan Fund.' The fund to be devoted to the support of the children of indigent Masons, or their widows and orphans. Members of the lodge, or their widows and orphans, to have preferential claims at all times. 2. That the Property Committee be the managers of the fund, but all matters in connection with the disbursement of the funds to be first brought before the lodge (unless in cases of emergency), and by vote of the members sent to the committee to report, or otherwise as directed. 3. That an account to be opened at the Bank of New Zealand, to be called the 'Ara Jubilee Widow and Orphan Fund Account.' The Chairman and Secretary of the Property Committee to operate on the same. All monies received from the rent of the Masonic Hotel property to be placed in the bank to the credit of the said fund's account (accept when the ordinary revenue of the lodge falls below the expenditure; then the said Committee shall be empowered by a vote of the lodge to hand over a sum not exceeding £50 in any one year, in order to meet current liabilities.) 4. That the amount standing to the credit of the lodge in the name of the Parnell Orphan Home Trustees be a part of the above fund, and be managed as above stated, and at least once in every six months a report in writing shall be brought before the lodge detailing the amount of receipts and expenditure, and the number and condition of those persons benefited. 5. That the Committee be asked to meet as soon after the passing of this notice of motion as shall be convenient, and prepare rules for the permanent working of the fund, the mode of making application, and other matters that may seem to them needful, and report same to the lodge at its next meeting." The W.M. pointed out that, as the lodge had leased the hotel site for a long term, it offered an opportunity to the brethren to fittingly celebrate the Jubilee reign of her Majesty by inaugurating a fund that they would be proud of for all time, and that Lodge Ara would be the first to commemorate the event of this year in a manner dear to all loyal Masons—viz., Charity, and especially to those who could not help themselves. A considerable discussion took place among the brethren, no one being averse to the motion, but some considered that it should be delayed till next meeting, or sent to a committee to report. On its being put to the lodge, it was carried by a very large majority. A notice of motion by the W.M. re altering by-law No. 12 referring to election of house committee, was then given; also that the celebration of the installation be by an "At-Home."—From *New Zealand Herald (Auckland)*.

The Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, will be closed until the first Wednesday in September.

H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor honoured Mr. Bassano with sittings for photographs at his studio in Old Bond-street on Monday morning. Some very successful negatives were taken of his Royal Highness.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 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.]

SENIORITY OF MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to your correspondent of last week, I will give the mode I have adopted during nearly 22 years' Secretaryship of a lodge. When more than one candidate has been proposed, I have invariably placed in the summonses the names of the candidates in the same order as they were proposed, and then they would then be balloted for accordingly. But in placing them in the Lodge Register, I adopted a similar course as in registering the birth of twins, and entered them in the priority of initiation. It frequently happens that the first proposed cannot be the first initiated, and I took it for granted that the initiation and not the ballot made the seniority of membership.

In the case of a joining member, he being already a Mason, I considered the successful ballot made him *at once* a member, and accordingly placed him in the lodge register before the first initiated candidate that evening. I do not know of any rule bearing on this subject, and it may be that as I was a P.M. before I was Secretary, this mode was never discussed in our lodge. I have heard this course has not always been adopted in neighbouring lodges, the W.M. deciding who should be the first initiated. As the *Freemason* newspaper was not in existence when I was first appointed, when I desired a doubtful point explained, I used to consult the then Grand Secretary upon the matter.—Yours fraternally,  
AUGUST 9th. A 25 YEARS P.M.

THE RECENT BANQUET OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I desire to thank Bro. W. J. Hughan for the incidental kind testimony he bears to the recent Masonic entertainment offered to a number of Pennsylvanian brethren visiting the Anglo-American Lodge in London. One of their number, Bro. Charles E. Meyer, writes to me from Paris on the same subject—"Our people never cease from speaking of this visit, and of the many genial brethren they met there. If I may be permitted, I would congratulate you on the entire success of the reception, both in the lodge-room and at the banquet-table. The whole detail was so arranged that the master hand was recognised on every side, and reflected great credit on the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Secretary, officers, and brethren of the Anglo-American Lodge." It is very gratifying to receive these evidences of an *entente cordiale* with American brethren whose Grand Lodge was originally created under English Jurisdiction, and with whose ancestors we were at war a century ago.—Yours fraternally,

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THE "RED BOOK" OF THE "ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES."

Another edition of this most useful compilation is now issued, corrected to 30th June, 1887, of the rules, regulations, and list of members. The last was published to 30th June, 1886, so that the well known "Red Book" is a most welcome annual. The main features are the same in each number, allowing for the changes and additions to the roll of members. The "designations" of the several Degrees from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 33<sup>rd</sup> will be found useful for those who wisely particularize their names, &c., from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>, when conferring the Rose Croix Degree. It is to be regretted that these preliminary Degrees are so little heeded in working Rose Croix chapters. The prefixes are duly noted, those which concern chapters generally being that Rose Croix brethren are styled "Excellent and Perfect" (not "Princes," as one hears so frequently), all other members above that degree being "Illustrious," save those of the "Supreme Council." This applies even to the 33<sup>rd</sup>, unless one of the "very illustrious" nine. The laws are most explicit, and should be carefully consulted by the officers of chapters especially. There are now 81 of the 31<sup>st</sup> and 45 of the 32<sup>nd</sup>. The new 32<sup>nd</sup> members are Bros. Col. Harding, F.R.G.S., Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., William Russell, G. J. McKay, and Dr. Ninnis, R.N. Also two residing out of England, and Bro. C. F. Matier, *Honorary*. The new 31<sup>st</sup> members are Bros. R. Clutton, G. Taylor, E. Ashworth, E. Letchworth, Capt. S. G. Homfray, Col. W.

Newton, E. C. Patchitt, G. K. Patten, Brig Surg. A. S. K. Prescott, and H. Ward. Also R.W. Bros. Sir H. J. Burford Hancock, Dist. G.M. of Gibraltar. Considerable additions have been made to the roll of members of the 30<sup>th</sup>. Six new chapters have been granted since the issue of the last manual, the last being numbered 107. Prosperity, Unity, and Charity prevail amongst the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, and we are glad to see the Supreme Council is always ready to recognize merit and ability by promoting zealous brethren. The "Supreme Council" remains as before, but to the rank of Inspector General 33<sup>rd</sup>, Bro. I. C. Parkinson has been raised, for the South-Western District, and Mayor George Lambert 33<sup>rd</sup> unattached. We respectfully suggest the desirability of publishing the audited statement of the accounts in future numbers of the "Red Book," so as to prove how strong is the financial position of the rite in England.

THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM, by MARCUS N. ADLER, Esq., M.A., 1887.

This paper, read before the Jews' College Literary Society on January 8th, 1887, is well worth perusal, and as the remarks are also given by the Chairman on the occasion (Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G.) the interest is well sustained throughout. Mr. Adler's praise of the efforts of the Palestine Exploration Society, and his warm appreciation of the labours of Sir Charles Warren and other explorers are pleasing features of the paper, which deserves a wide circulation.



Craft Masonry.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, last Saturday. There were present Bros. W. O. Goldsmith, W.M.; J. C. Duckworth, S.W.; Dr. Griffiths, J.W.; Thos. Minstrell, P.M.; Harry Bussey, P.M.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; Herbert Wright, S.D.; W. T. Perkins, J.D.; R. A. Hancock, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D. of C.; C. Basil Cooke, Asst. D. of C.; W. Potts, W. S. Seabrook, George Welsh, F. Saunders, Jas. Adair, C. K. Moore, Peter Bruce, J. C. Manning, John Allan, Chas. Lock, T. M. Rendle, H. James, W. E. Pitt, R. S. Masson, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M. raised Bro. Pitt to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., working the ceremony in a most impressive manner. At the request of the W.M. who has not yet fully recovered his strength, Bro. Thomas, P.M. passed Bro. Masson. Mr. William H. Ashenden having been unanimously elected was then initiated by the W.M.

Subsequently it was resolved "That the best thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby cordially accorded, to Bro. Sir Thomas Lucas, Bart., for the courteous and hospitable reception extended by him and his family to the members of the lodge and their friends on the occasion of their visit to Ashted Park on July 9th;" "That the thanks of the lodge be tendered to the directors and to Chas. Scotter, Esq., the General Manager of the South-Western Railway Company for the admirable facilities provided for the members of the lodge and other Masonic friends on the occasion of their annual picnic on July 9th." Bro. Sir Thomas Lucas, on the motion of the W.M., was elected an honorary member of the lodge.

There being no further business the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren partook of some slight refreshment.

The Worshipful Master proposed in appropriate terms "The Health of the Initiate," who briefly acknowledged the cordial reception by the brethren.

Bro. Bussey next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whom they were all very pleased to see improving in health and again able to preside over the lodge.

Bro. Goldsmith, W.M., in responding, said that the anxious solicitude the brethren had shown for him during his recent illness had really assisted his recovery, and he should never forget the kindness the brethren one and all had extended to him during that period of weakness and prostration.

"The Healths of Bros. Albery, Wright, and Perkins," the three active members of the Picnic Committee, were also drunk, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—A meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday evening, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Wm. Brown, W.M.; W. B. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; J. Lamb, J.D.; P. Pearson, Assist. Stwd.; J. Hall, Tyler; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; F. W. Halliwell, F. H. Vaughan, J. Smith, E. Wilkinson, T. Milner, H. Chapman, G. G. Pook, and W. Sharp. Visitors: Bros. H. Scott, 236; Major MacGachen, P.M. 1991; and G. Manton, 1991. Mr. S. Scott, an accepted candidate, was initiated, and Bro. T. Milner was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. Millington, P.M., giving the traditional history in the Third Degree. Bro. Whythead presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan, copies of "Hospitallaria," a collection of Masonic songs with music by Gandry, 1795, and a number of other works; also a copy of the "Transactions of the York College of Rosicrucians," on behalf of the college. Bro. G. Simpson, P.M., presented a framed photograph of him self in Masonic clothing, to be added to the portrait gallery of the lodge, and Bro. Whythead presented copies of Monnier's Essay on the connection of the Freemasons with the French Revolution (1801) and "Laurie's History of Freemasonry" (1804), the latter containing an autograph letter to Laurie from Thory, the author of "Acta Laborum," both volumes being emblematically bound; also a copy of Bro. Tweddell's "Masonic Sonnets." Votes of thanks were passed, and after the close of the lodge, the brethren met in concord and amity, and smoked the pipe of peace.

HERNE BAY.—Ethelbert Lodge (No. 2099).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Beach-street, on Tuesday. The following members were present: Bros. E. Ayre, W.M.; E. C. Fenoulhet, S.W.; H. C. Jones, J.W.; F. A. Pullen, Treas.; F. Rothschild, Sec.; J. S. White, S.D.; E. A. C. Larkin, J.D.; C. Salari, I.G.; C. W. Welby, Stwd.; W. T. England, Tyler; W. T. Benton, P.M. 521; F. H. Wilbre, C. Hill, I. J. Adams, E. Lee, W. J. Flower, W. Hutton, W. Holness, E. T. J. Adams, J. P. Fenoulhet, W. J. Hellyar, A. S. Ingleton, G. Farley, H. Turner, and J. Ellam.

The following visitors were also present: Bros. W. H. Perryman, Grand Pursuivant, 3; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S., P.G.S.B.; G. Barton, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. H. Blamiers, I.P.M. 1449; F. Hill, S.W. 1563; E. Cockersell, W.M. 1449; T. Beckett, J.D. 1449; G. Sewell, P.M. 1457; H. J. Capon, P.M. 1900; R. Blake, P.M. 972, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. S. Reeves, P.M. 1915, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. W. Porter, S.D. 1715; S. R. Lovett, J.D. 3; G. Wallace, P.M. 907; Stapleton Payn, P.M. 133; Thos. Goode, P.M. 1288; and W. Ashenden, W.M. 31.

After the opening of the lodge, Bro. J. Ellam was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. C. Fenoulhet, was ably and impressively performed by Bro. F. Rothschild, Bro. F. A. Pullen being Director of Ceremonies. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, viz.: Bros. H. C. Jones, S.W.; J. S. White, J.W.; E. A. C. Larkin, S.D.; C. Salari, J.D.; C. W. Welby, I.G.; T. E. Dilnot and E. Lee, Stwd.; and G. Griggs, Tyler. A banquet at the Pier Pavilion closed the proceedings.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Vatsky, W.M.; Faulkner, S.W.; Borrett, J.W.; S. R. Speight, P.M., Sec.; Wallman, J.D.; Penrose, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Dandridge, Lister, Whatton, and Sandeman.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dandridge personating the candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. A. M. Sandeman, 1597, was elected a member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Faulkner was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, W.M.; J. R. Allman, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; Jos. Bailey, J.D.; J. H. Baxter, I.G.; E. F. Ferris, Stwd.; F. E. Vowler, P.M. 1603; C. Brietbart, W.M. 1228; Dr. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30<sup>th</sup> (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; Jas. Sims, P.M. 834; J. Davies, J. C. Conway, and A. G. Boswell.

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. J. Davies being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers to be in rotation. Letter from Bro. Beicham was read, thanking the brethren for their condolence and sympathy. Communication from Bro. Capt. Nicola was read. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, 9th inst., when there were present Bros. S. Renaut, W.M.; W. W. Block, S.W.; J. Osmond, J.W.; W. Roots, acting Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; W. Wiggiesworth, S.D.; T. Ladds, I.G.; Cooper, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cooper having answered the usual questions was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, with Bro. Cooper as candidate, who answered the usual questions, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cooper 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, when it proposed by Bro. Roots, acting Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1769).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Dresden, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; W. C. Williams, J.W.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; Neville, J.D.; P. J. Davies, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Fayers, Craggs, and Sims.

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. Cochrane being candidate. The Preceptor and the brethren worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. C. Woods was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Dresden for the very able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge, 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, W., on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Corby, W.M.; G. F. Swan, S.W.; E. Arbutt, J.W.; A. Bullen, S.D.; E. Nice, J.D.; H. Matthews, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. S. Henry, W. Hancock, and G. H. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. J. S. Henry having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. G. F. Swan be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the W.M. informed the brethren that their worthy Preceptor would be absent from the lodge for three weeks. He was going to Buxton, hoping the waters of that celebrated place would restore him to health, as he had been suffering for some time from a severe attack of sciatica, and he felt sure all the brethren wished him God speed, and that he would return to his duties in increased strength. Bro. G. F. Swan endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of the W.M.; whereupon Bro. W. C. Smith returned the brethren his sincere thanks for their kind wishes, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; C. Coombs, S.W.; Cotton, J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M.; Sec.; Child, P.M.; S.D.; Ridgley, J.D.; Higginson, I.G.; A. Cavers, W.S.; John Davies, Preceptor; Spiegel, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Furdue, P.M.; Craggs, Hagan, Jennings, Dresden, Larer, Benton, C. R. Cross, Woods, L. Cox, Woodard, Brietbart, and Stroud.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Benton answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woodard candidate. Bro. Coombs was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; Cotton, J.W.; J. Sims, acting Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; E. Aslet, S.D.; C. Hopkins, J.D.; C. Woodard, I.G.; Mellers, and Stanley.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stanley offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony, and also gave the ancient charge. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture then worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. H. Wood was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. Esling, W.M.; J. Wright, S.W.; Lissimore, J.W.; Folkard, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; Walker, I.G.; J. R. Johnson, Preceptor; W. W. Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Dr. Walker, Wyld, Taft, and Gibbs.

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 the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Gibbs being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Gibbs as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, with Bro. Dr. Walker as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. Wyld, 72, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wright, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Wright returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

### Royal Arch.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Sims, S.N. 834, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, H.; J. Childs, P.Z. 538, J.; H. E. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; M. Spiegel, 834, S.N.; J. Davies, 733, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, 890, S.N. 1507, 1st A.S.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; J. Smith, 890; and F. Craggs, 834 (visitor).

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Smith being candidate. Comp. Craggs, upon the ballot proving unanimous, was elected a member. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously carried to Comps. Sims, Chalfont, and J. Davies for the very able and correct manner in which they had rehearsed the duties of their respective offices for the first time, which compliment was suitably acknowledged by each. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**WORKINGTON.**—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).

—The annual installation for the W.M. of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. J. Eden, P.G. R. of M., was installed by Bro. J. C. Thompson, P.S.G.O., P.M., assisted by Bro. J. Paterson, P.M., P.M.G.O., and the following were invested as officers: Bros. J. Jenkinson, S.W.; G. H. S. Smith, J.W.; J. Dickinson, M.O.; G. H. Anyou, S.O.; A. Ashmore, J.O.; J. Paterson, Treas.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Carlyle, R. of M.; J. Fletcher, Sec.; G. B. Mackay, S.D.; R. Brown, J.D.; J. Howison, D.C.; G. F. Saunders, I.G.; J. Burford and R. Graves, Stewards; and W. Whitehead, Tyler.

The following members and visitors were also in attendance, viz.: Bros. J. J. Coverdale, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec.; T. Atkinson, P.M. 213, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Brakenridge, S.W. 213, P.P.G.I.G.; and others.

With other general business and "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Green Dragon Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and with toast and song a most agreeable evening was spent.

### Royal Order of Scotland.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LONDON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of London was held at 33, Golden-square, on Saturday, the 16th ult., W. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke presided, and was attended by his Prov. Grand Officers, Bros. Frank Richardson, G. Sec.; Col. Somerville Burney, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, G. Marshal; Col. G. Haldane, G.D. Marshal; K. R. Murchison, G. Swd. Br.; J. E. Le Feuvre, G. Std. Br.; H. Lovegrove, G.G.; and J. Read, G. Org. Two candidates were admitted, the beautiful ceremony being well rendered. The Prov. G. Officers for the year were invested, and later in the day the brethren met at the Trafalgar, at Greenwich, where a choice banquet was provided.

On the 15th June last, Bro. Williams, M.W. G.M. of Ohio, dedicated a new Masonic Hall at Hamilton, Ohio. The attendance of the brethren was very numerous, and the oration by the Rev. Dr. Van Cleve, G. Chap., was worthy of the occasion.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. HENRI BUE, P.G.S.B.

Our readers may remember that at the recent meeting in the Albert Hall Bro. Bue was amongst the fortunate few who received Past Grand rank, and on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., a few of his more immediate friends met at Snow Hill Buildings for the purpose of presenting him with his Grand Lodge clothing. This was subscribed for principally by members of the Eastes and Sir Thomas White Lodges (to both of which Bro. Bue belongs), as a mark of their esteem.

Bro. SUDLOW, in making the presentation, said: Bro. Bue—We have met here to offer you collectively, as we have already done individually, our very hearty congratulations on the high appointment which has been given you, and at the same time to ask your acceptance at our hands of your Grand Lodge clothing. We all know the very eminent services you have rendered to Freemasonry, and we are glad indeed that those services have been appreciated and rewarded. Directly your friends heard of the appointment they thought that the pleasure it must have given you would be enhanced if they should associate themselves in some way in it, and this box with its contents is the outcome of that thought. I hope, Bro. Bue, in the name of all your friends, you will wear this clothing in Grand Lodge for many years to come, and that it will not only serve to mark the high position in the Craft to which you have attained, but will also serve to remind you of the high esteem in which you are held by all your Masonic friends.

Bro. BUE replied in the following terms: Bro. Sudlow and brethren—I really can hardly find adequate expressions to tell you how very thoroughly I appreciate your handsome present, and above all the exceedingly fraternal and friendly feeling which has prompted you to give me this very handsome token of what you kindly said was your respect, and I trust your affection. I value that very deeply indeed, and to the very last when I am too old to wear these, I shall still remember that I have some very kind and very affectionate friends, and I thoroughly appreciate their affection. I cannot thank Bro. Sudlow too much for the initiative he has taken, and the trouble he has been put to in this matter. Among many others I have one great fault which has often been annoying to me. The more thoroughly I feel anything the less eloquent I am in expressing my feelings. You all know, and you all believe, without any further words from me, how very deeply I feel the kindness you have shown me, and how thoroughly I appreciate your present and your kind and friendly feeling. Bro. Sudlow, I thank you very much indeed, and, brethren, I assure you this is a very proud moment in my life.

### BRO. SADLER'S NEW WORK.

The Editor of the *Freemason* has asked me to say a few words as to the progress of Bro. Sadler's "Masonic Facts and Fictions," now in the press. The painstaking author has sent me the sheets which have been printed, so it is possible now for one to judge of the character and extent of the new work, which is arousing such interest and pleasurable expectation. The prospectus or circular announcing the publication, is answerable for much of the anxiety felt as to the main features of Bro. Sadler's Book, as our Brother has therein explicitly stated that the terms "Seceders," or "Schismatics," ascribed to the "Athol Masons," it will be his "endeavour to show have, in this instance been misapplied." We have always looked upon the "Athol Masons" as "Seceders," so that Bro. Sadler's expressed intention to prove them otherwise was not a little startling, and has induced several of us to await the production of the evidence with no little interest and impatience. On that point I say nothing more, but will promise to keep an "open" mind on the subject, if facts are forthcoming that are in favour of the aforesaid declaration. Having such facilities for Masonic investigation, and being so familiar with the valuable Records preserved in the Grand Lodge, Bro. Sadler is especially competent to write a History of the "Seceders"—*beg pardon*—the "Athol Masons," and moreover being such a diligent and accurate student, we may be assured that the forthcoming work will be based on the actual minutes of the rival Grand Lodges, and a careful comparison of their laws and customs.

In the pages before me, it is pleasant to note so many extracts from the Records, *verbatim et literatim*, during a period about which so little is known, and doubtless these excerpts will be utilized as the volume progresses. Any way, they are most useful and suggestive. Chapter I. is introductory, and reviews the general question, so as to prepare the minds of ordinary Masonic readers to adequately value and rightly appreciate the labours of our early historians. This is so done as not to raise one's opinion of Dr. Anderson's accuracy, though it is but fair to state that he is not considered to have taken part in the inauguration of the premier Grand Lodge, so was obliged to depend upon the testimony of others. I believe with Bro. Sadler in the existence of more lodges in London, A.D. 1717 than the four recorded by Anderson, and "Masonic Facts and Fictions" will be of great utility in confirming the fact that there were several lodges at work immediately before and after the new organization, some of which were pleased to join the Grand Lodge as its prosperity became assured.

Chapter II. deals with "the written records of the First Grand Lodge." Many of these have been reproduced by Bro. Gould in his invaluable History, but several of importance are given in *extenso* by Bro. Sadler, and occupy so much space that the remainder of the three sheets of 16 pp. each are devoted to them, and the important points involved in their consideration and comparison. A right understanding of the question discussed by the old lodges and Grand Lodge prior to the "Secession" (or whatever else it may be termed) is necessary to fit us for an examination of the records of the "Athol Masons," and to estimate the real character and object of the "Schism" of 1751. This Bro. Sadler is doing, and as each sheet is issued from the Press, the more it is evident that whether he proves the regularity of the "Athol Masons" or not, there will be no lack of material to assist his readers in arriving at a conclusion in accordance with the evidence.

The illustrations will form a most attractive feature of the work, and, to my mind, will alone be worth the trifling sum asked for the whole volume. Facsimiles of the signa-

tures of Morgan, Dermott, and Turner, the first and second Grand Secretaries, and the first Grand Master of the "Ancients," also of MacLean, Preston, and Shirreff, are all given on one plate. Another represents a drawing by Laurence Dermott in the Grand Chapter Register, and is, to say the least, a curious production by that genius of the "Ancients." Another is the reproduction of a drawing in the same MS. volume, which must be seen to be appreciated. The fourth illustration of the series is devoted to the seals of various Grand Bodies, and will be highly valued by those who have not copies of such most suggestive relics.

Last, but not least in my estimation, is a fine facsimile of the latter portion of the precious "Grand Lodge MS." (eleven by five inches), purchased in 1839 from Miss Seddall, granddaughter of Thomas Duncroley, for the Library and Museum of Grand Lodge. It is a copy of the "Old Charges," apparently of the year 1583, and the text is a most important version. I hope Bro. Sadler will give the roll in full.

I am glad to hear that the subscription list is rapidly filling in, and as the names of the subscribers will be printed with the work, it is very desirable that those who intend to subscribe should lose no time in doing so. There are no lack of names from abroad, and it is to be hoped that not even one student in this country will be found absent when the "Roll of Honour" is published. Bro. Sadler deserves most hearty support, for he is always ready to oblige enquirers from all parts, consistent with the discharge of his many duties, and there is scarcely a brother of late years who has done ought in the way of Masonic "Book-making," that has not been indebted to him for some of the facts duly made known.

The report is that the list of subscribers is nearly complete and that a second edition will not be issued, so evidently the work will be at a premium soon after publication.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CANADA.

At the annual meeting of Knights Templar of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, on the 12th July, at Brockville, Ontario, the Great Priory passed a resolution not to recall the warrant issued by them to establish a Preceptory of the Order in Melbourne, Australia, demanded by the National Great Priory of England, as an unjustifiable invasion of the jurisdiction of the Great Priory of England, who claims authority over all the colonies of the empire, until such time as independent national orders are formed.

When this decision was announced the Supreme Grand Master, Col. Macleod Moore, rose and said: Although not unprepared for your decision, which was to some extent foreshadowed by your refusal to accept the more moderate course suggested to you at the special meeting of Great Priory in February last, I must deplore such action as will probably entail non-intercourse with England (as perhaps but one of its lesser evils), followed, as it will be, by disunion and other vital consequences naturally resulting from a violent rupture with the parent body—feeling very acutely that the knowledge that my own too ready trustfulness was the immediate cause of this unhappy complication, I have carefully refrained in my Allocation from any attempt to bias or influence your body, remaining as far as possible neutral, as with my often avowed sentiments and feelings, I could not in this matter be with you, I would not be against you. My bounden duty to the Templars of Canada, with and for whom I have worked for the long period of 33 years, and the high status of the Order which is so dear to me, demanded of me such restraint as should in no degree imperil its possible future, and I made the honour and dignity of the Great Priory of Canada the most important consideration, but I still hope that an amicable arrangement is possible, with patience on our side and concession on that of the Great Priory of England, which has acted upon erroneous premises. The assertion that the Great Priory of Canada is simply a local body is an entirely mistaken one, and may in a degree explain the imperious action taken by the Great Priory of England. As your presiding officer, I never relaxed my efforts until Canada became an independent sovereign body, the peer of all the Great Templar bodies, co-equal with England and Ireland in the "Convent General," and owning no superior but H.R.H. the Grand Master. And if the concurrent jurisdiction *always* admitted in the Colonies by the Masonic body of England, for the purpose of enabling brethren from Scotland and Ireland to place themselves under their several nationalities, be conceded, until such time as a supreme body of the colony is established, this painful difficulty can be adjusted and harmony restored with no loss of dignity on the part of the Great Priory of England or that of Canada. I fully understand the feelings of the Canadian Templars, who, though profoundly loyal, do not partake of the sentiment which accompanies personal attachment to England and her institutions; but I feel deeply that internal disruption is to be strenuously avoided, and to break up the unity of Great Priory or change the Templar system we have inherited from the mother country would be to entirely destroy the fruits of my long and devoted labours, and some at least of your number can estimate the pain and regret, with which I regard such a possible result, and, brother knights, the fealty to his Royal Highness, which I have so often pressed upon you, is with me an abiding sentiment to be preserved with jealous care at whatever sacrifice of personal privileges. The high office which I hold with so much pride and pleasure has its obligations, which I have ever striven to discharge faithfully and in the highest interests of the noble Order, which, be assured, will suffer no deterioration so long as the insignia of the Supreme Grand Master remains in my hands.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* records the death of Bro. Aaron Goodrich, of St. Paul, Minnesota, who was the first Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and first territorial judge of what is now the State, or Commonwealth, of the same name. The deceased, who had attended the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge, was universally respected, and his funeral, which was accompanied by Masonic rites, was very numerously attended, three Past Grand Masters being among those present, while the oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Griswold, P.G.M.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Treasurer and Patron, P.G. Std. Br., was in the chair, and there were present Bros. J. E. Dawson, James Brett, P.G.P.; E. West, C. H. Webb, Hugh Cotter, W. Belchamber, L. Stean, Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; A. Forsyth, Charles Kempton, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; C. H. Driver, J. A. Farnfield, P.A. G.D.C.; F. Adlard, W. Hilton, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; and John Mason (acting Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the ACTING SECRETARY reported the deaths of two male annuitants, and the Warden's report for the past month was read.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for their present of tea and sugar to the Old People at Croydon on the 28th ult., and to the Savage Club for the attendance and assistance of some of its members on the occasion of the summer entertainment on the day just mentioned; and the usual resolution as to the Chairman signing cheques having been voted, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Edgar Bowyer for presiding.

THE CHINE LODGE BUILDING FUND.

We have more than once lent our aid to promote the success of the efforts which are being made by Bro. A. Greenham, W.M. Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, in aid of the Building Fund in course of being raised, and we are pleased to find that a considerable amount of success has attended these efforts, the last being on the 27th ult., when Miss Genevieve Ward and Mr. W. H. Vernon took the leading parts in a performance of "Forget-me-Not" at the Literary Institute, Shanklin, the other characters being kindly undertaken by sundry amateurs—gentlemen and ladies—whose acting was very praiseworthy. The Hall was closely packed, yet the arrangements for the accommodation of the public were such that the audience were able to enjoy fully the splendid performance provided for them. The result we are glad to announce as being very gratifying, it being announced that after payment of all expenses there will be a net profit amounting to about £45 to hand over to the Treasurer of the Chine Lodge Building Fund. We congratulate Bro. Greenham on his efforts, which, thanks to Miss Ward and Mr. Vernon, on this occasion at all events, have been free from anything like disappointment, induced by the weather, as happened to the Masonic Exhibition of last year, or other cause. We trust the Chine Lodge will soon be without anxiety on the score of the hall they built themselves a little while ago, and if there are many more successful entertainments like this of Miss Ward's, there is a fair prospect of our hope been realised.



To-morrow night (Saturday) the Gaiety re-opens with a new play under Bro. Chas. Warner's direction, with Mrs. Brown Potter, Mr. Willard, and Mr. Kyrle Bellow in the cast. Mr. Duck also re-opens the Criterion with "Our Boys."

The Brothers Gatti have met with another unqualified success in the production of Messrs. Pettitt and Grundy's drama at the Adelphi, "The Bells of Haslemere" does not differ from the ordinary Adelphi drama, for the authors and lessees know well how to gauge their audience, and what type of play suits them. It is for this reason that the writers of the new drama have not gone off the beaten track but have relied on old traditions on which to build their drama. It would be interesting to those who like to know, to ascertain what part of the drama is by Bro. Pettitt and what by Mr. Grundy. We can trace plenty of Bro. Pettitt in "The Bells of Haslemere," but where are Mr. Grundy's sarcasm and hard hitting that he gave us in "The Glass of Fashion," "The Silver Shield," &c. Frank Beresford is the squire of Haslemere, who, on the day he comes of age, and expecting to have the estates handed over by the trustee, is informed by that person that they were heavily mortgaged by his father, and that one of the mortgagees has foreclosed. Frank thus, when he hoped to succeed his father and to have made the miller's daughter his wife, is driven from the family home. Silkstone, the mortgagee comes to him and offers to allow him to remain in possession on condition that Beresford will introduce him into country society. Beresford takes a dislike to the man at first, but gives him a blow when Silkstone reviles Frank's dead father's name. Enmity has begun between them. Frank goes to America to seek his fortune in the employ of Captain Vere, a planter, who is another villain, and who is possessed of the secret that Silkstone is a married man, and who has deserted his wife. Whilst Beresford is away the new squire tries to ingratiate himself with the people of Haslemere, but to no purpose. He endeavours to win the affections of Evelyn Brookfield, who repels his advances and informs him that she is engaged to Mr. Beresford, and none other will she marry. The planter's daughter Norah is smitten with Beresford, but he explains to her that he has a sweetheart in England and must get back to her with all speed for he has just received a letter from her urging his immediate return. The adventurer in whose employ he is gives him forged bills to pay for the goods they are shipping, and he is nearly lynched when Norah comes to his rescue and makes Captain Salem, who is in love with her, promise to aid him in escaping before she consents to become Mrs. Salem. In tramping through a swamp he comes across a wounded man who seems to be dying, and who turns out to be Vere. This individual informs Beresford that Silkstone forged the deeds of mortgage and that he is husband of Mary Northcote. Leaving him for dead Frank is rescued by a steamer down the Mississippi gets back to England, confronts Silkstone, who, when he sees his devilry is going to be exposed, is about to flee, but Thorndyke, the fraudulent trustee, wants his

share of the plunder, and on not getting it shoots Silkstone dead. Beresford takes his place as squire and marries Evelyn, and as in all plays, virtue triumphs over vice. Bro. Terris has never surpassed the fine acting he gives us as the young squire, and is called repeatedly during the evening before the audience, not merely because he plays the part of the hero, but on account of the splendid rendering of the character. Mr. Cartwright is Captain Vere. He is always cool and cynical, and is hissed well, sufficient evidence of his effective action. Bro. Berridge is Silkstone. He also gives all due weight to his lines. Mr. E. W. Garden and Miss Clara Jecks have the comic side to themselves. As the blacksmith, who is continually turning up at the proper moment to the help of Beresford. Mr. Garden fairly brings down the gallery with his amusing sayings. He is efficiently helped by that clever actress Miss Jecks. Miss Helen Forsyth as Norah, is bewitching as usual, and Miss Millward as Evelyn Brookfield, though she has not a part which demands much power does her share right well and looks charming in dresses which appear to us to be out of keeping with the Miller's daughter of Haslemere. The staging is done, regardless of cost, and to Messrs. Bruce, Smith, Telbin, and Perkins, not a little of the success must be due. The most interesting of the scenes are those representing "Beresford in America," "The Plantation," "Cane Brake," and "Mississippi Swamp." The dog days have made no difference at the Adelphi, for the theatre, commodious as it is with the extensive alterations which have recently been made is crammed every night, and we should say "The Bells of Haslemere" is as likely to be playing this time next year as this day next month. Messrs. A. and J. Gatti, and Messrs. Pettitt and Grundy must be reaping a fortune. They, the actors, and scene painters, and manager, are to be heartily congratulated. By the way, we are sorry to learn that Bro. Pettitt is suffering from an affection of the chest, and hope a change will be beneficial now the drama is able to go on without him.

If we were asked—as we were—our opinion of "Devil Caresfoot" which was played on Saturday, at the Strand, we would answer as we did then "It is just the sort of play which it is very difficult to say whether the public will take to or not." We fear the tragic element is too strong and too much (for it is nearly all through the play) to make it very popular. The adapters, who seem rather crude, if they could get experienced assistance, might make "Devil Caresfoot" more like the book from which it is taken, Mr. Rider Haggard's "Dawn." As everyone is just now reading this young author's "King Solomon's Mines," "Dawn," and "Allan Quatermaine," so every one might rush to see a play from them if well constructed. We think it very unlikely that a man who has lived the life of a roué, and who has one leg in the grave, and as the nurse Pigott put it "the other ought to be in" would be so keen on marrying a young girl, and to effect that would be willing to convey a hundred and fifty thousand pounds of estate to her father. A wretched man like that would be much more likely to demand money to be handed to him. Devil Caresfoot though a repulsive story is an interesting and powerful one, perhaps too thrilling, for the comedy element splendidly played by Miss Lottie Venne and Mr. Eric Lewis is too meagre to take one's thoughts from the deep tragedy. Miss Janet Achurch must be warmly praised by her splendid and feeling acting of the part of Angela, who is willing to be sacrificed to save her father, and yet who fervently loves Arthur Beaumont, a young man of equal fervour. Several of the love scenes between these two are magnificently played, not overdone. Miss Achurch is we suppose (not knowing her on the stage) somewhat of a recruit. If so, she has a brilliant future before her as an emotional, pathetic actress, possessed of fine features, and certainly with talent she will make a name, but she requires training and her voice at times is pitched in an unpleasant tone. Mr. Charington as "Devil Caresfoot," renders his repulsive part very effectively, without making himself repulsive. Mr. Fuller Mellish plays the character of Frank Beaumont, Angela's lover, in a manly way. A splendid bit of character acting is given by dear old Mrs. John Carter as an Irish nurse. "Devil Caresfoot" was originally produced at a matinee about six weeks since, and was so much commended that it has been decided to place it before the public. The whole of the original cast appear at the Strand, and we do not see at any rate during the dog days why it should not be well attended. Most of the theatres are closed which must make it better for the few that are open. If any of our readers like a real tragic play, they cannot do better than visit the Strand. At the close of the performance all the company were called before the curtain, Miss Achurch and Mr. Charrington being specially applauded. The adapters Messrs. Chambers and Little, and the author, Mr. Rider Haggard, were also called for, the former appearing on the stage and the latter bowing from a box.

The Prince of Wales will be the guest, during the Doncaster week of Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., at his seat, Brantingham Thorp.

Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who is President of the National Artillery Association, and the Countess are staying at Shoeburyness, where the annual meeting of the Association for the Queen's and other prize competitions is now in progress.

Bros. Viscount Ebrington, M.P.; Sir W. Crossman, M.P.; J. More, M.P.; Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P.; T. Sutherland, M.P.; and Story Maskelyne, M.P., were among the guests at the dinner given at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 5th inst., to Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.

At the recent examinations for Royal Naval Cadetships, June, 1887, Stubbington House took the first, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and other principal places. At the final passing off the Britannia Naval Cadet School Ship, commanded by Capt. F. G. D. Bedford, C.B., a Stubbington boy also took first place, gaining several prizes. The batch to pass off in November next has been headed throughout by a Stubbington boy. At the examination held at Haileybury, in June last, one of Mr. Foster's boys took no less than five first prizes. At the entrance examination for Harrow, a Stubbington boy was second on the list, and all the candidates sent up for the Army preliminary during the year have been successful, and according to the appendix of the book report of the Committee on education of executive officers, more than one third of the successful candidates are from Stubbington.



The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire is appointed to be held at Swanage, on Thursday next, the 18th inst.

Bro. the Maharajah and Maharanee of Kuch-Behar has left the Grosvenor Hotel, for Urmstead, Eastbourne, where their Highnesses will make a somewhat prolonged stay.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Town Clerk of London, has submitted his eleventh annual report as to the condition of the records of the Corporation in his custody, to the Library Committee.

The second annual meeting of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, will be held at Toronto, Canada, on the 28th September next.

Bro. Sir E. B. and Lady Ermytrude Malet, who have been staying for some time as the guests of the Duke of Bradford, have been for some few days past at Brighton. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon is at Highclere Castle, and Bro. Earl Granville has been at Walmer Castle.

We learn from the *Keystone* that Bro. Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, left New York for Liverpool on board the *Aurania* for a two months' excursion abroad. In his absence Bro. Conrad B. Day, P.G.M., will be his "locum tenens."

On Friday, the 5th inst., the Queen was pleased to confer the honour of knighthood upon a number of gentlemen, among them being Bro. Joseph Terry, Lord Mayor of York, Bro. H. Bullard, Mayor of Norwich, and Bros. Alderman Isaacs and Lieut.-Col. Kirby, Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

The oldest existing lodge warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of Montreal belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 3, Baltimore. It bears date the 16th September, 1788, and the lodge it was issued to having been warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania 28th June, 1770. The lodge became No. 3 on the roll of Maryland, and in 1800 adopted the name of Washington.

The Duke of Connaught, who has been staying since his return from the continent at Buckingham Palace, visited Bagshot on Tuesday, and on Wednesday went to Osborne to take leave of the Queen previous to his departure for India. On Tuesday, Bro. the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany left town for Scotland, Bro. Lord Henniker being one of the suite in attendance on his Imperial Highness.

Miss Long, sister of Bro. Walter H. Long, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, was married at Rood Ashton, Wilts, on Saturday last, to Mr. Hugh F. Clutterbuck. Among the wedding guests were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Cork, Bro. Lord and Lady Methuen, Bro. Sir G. and Lady Goldney, Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Miss Fowler, and others.

Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained her Majesty's Ministers at a banquet at the Mansion House on Wednesday, when amongst the principal guests, in addition to the Prime Minister, were Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bros. Earl Percy and the Earl of Kintore, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Onslow, Bros. Lord W. Gordon-Lennox and Lord Elcho, M.P., Bro. Lord and Lady Arthur Hill, Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage, Bro. the Right Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., Bro. Sir Jas. Ferguson, Bart., M.P., and Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P., Bro. Sir W. and Lady Emily Hart-Dyke, Bro. Col. King-Harman, M.P., Sir E. Clarke, M.P., Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Sir C. Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Col. Walrond, M.P., Lyssen Amherst, M.P., Puleston, M.P., Sir A. W. Woods, Baron H. De Worms, M.P., and others.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* gives a few particulars of the Masonic career of Bro. the Rev. Robert Piggot, D.D., Past G. Chap. of Pennsylvania, who recently departed this life at the advanced age of 90 years. The deceased is said to have been the oldest Templar Mason in the United States, having been installed a knight in the St. John's Commandery, No. 4, Philadelphia, in 1826. He was also the oldest episcopal clergyman, having been ordained in 1823. He took all his degrees in Masonry in Pennsylvania, and was for several years during the period of the Anti-Masonic excitement in the State, Grand Chaplain of that jurisdiction. Some seven years ago, at the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of Christ Church (Episcopalian), Danville, Pennsylvania, Bro. Piggot preached the sermon on the occasion, and it is remarkable that he had performed the same office 50 years before at the same ceremony in behalf of the first church in the same city. He had been a member of Maryland Commandery K.T. No. 1, Baltimore, since 1848, and by his special request the commandery attended his funeral, and at the conclusion of the religious funeral ceremony performed the Templar rites over his remains.

HOW TO UTILISE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.—The Secretary of the "Children's Scrap Book Missions" will be glad to receive any cards that friends can send. Since the first appeal over 65,000 cards have been made into 8500 scrap books, card albums, and framed cards, and distributed to the poor and sick children of London and elsewhere. For particulars send stamped envelope to the Secretary, 26, Tunstall-road, Brixton-road, London, S.W.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable Facts.—Intense heat augments the annoyances of skin disease and encourages the development of febrile disorders; therefore they should, as they can be, removed by these detergent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, pains and spasms of the bowels, Holloway's unguent well rubbed over the affected part immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and inflammation, checks the threatening diarrhoea, and averts incipient cholera. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friend when any pestilence rages, or when from unknown causes eruptions, boils, abscesses, or ulcerations point out the presence of taints or impurities within the system, and call for instant and effective curative medicines.—[Advrt.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, August 20, 1887.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13.

- Lodge 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.

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, AUGUST 15.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, 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.
Wilmington, 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, AUGUST 16.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
2191, Anglo-American, Criterion, Piccadilly.

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 Hds., 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 Edgcombe, 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.
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, AUGUST 17.

- Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 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.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
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.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria 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., London Bridge, at 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18.

- Prov. Grand Lodge of Dorset, De Moulham Institute, Swanage.
House Committee Girls' School at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hot. Aldgate.
1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot. - Waltham-cross Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts, 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, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-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, 8 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 Wolsley, 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, AUGUST 19.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane. 73.0.
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.
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.
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, AUGUST 20.

- Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.

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