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THE statement of account, showing the income and expenditure of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for the quarter to the 23rd July last, is in all respects satisfactory. The receipts amounted to £1103 10s. 10d., the principal items being £295 5s. 6d. for the registration of 909 intrants; £35 for 140 certificates; £247 7s. 6d. for 1050 diplomas of various kinds; £90 19s. 4d. for constitution and laws; £306 8s. for rents; £31 10s. for charters; and £49 11s. 6d. for interest on loans by Benevolent Fund. The expenditure, which amounted to £843 12s. 8d., included for salaries £249 3s. 6d.; for printing constitution and laws, &c., £268 13s.; for printing diplomas, £38 14s.; and for Benevolent Fund, £83 10s.: the balance, "being excess of income over expenditure," was £259 18s. 2d. The three new lodges for which charters were granted are severally numbered 744, 745, and 746. We learn further from the printed proceedings during the said quarter that the loyal address presented by our Scottish brethren to the QUEEN on the occasion of her Jubilee had been laid before her, and that "her MAJESTY was pleased to receive the same very graciously." The Grand Master Mason of Scotland (Bro. Sir A. CAMPBELL, of Blythswood, Bart.) and his Grand Office bearers must be proud of the records which now issue under the seal of their Grand Lodge. It is not so very many years since that the tale they told was of a somewhat different complexion.

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It is not to be wondered at that the Executive Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk should have had a good report to make of the proceedings of the past year at the annual meeting which was held at Framlingham on the 3rd instant, and of which we gave a full report last week. Suffolk has a fair muster roll of lodges, many of them long established, and all eager and willing to observe faithfully the principles of the Craft. It is presided over by a brother who, though young in office, is a Mason of long standing, and of proved worth, while at the same time he is highly popular with all classes of the brethren. It is fortunate, too, in having so kindly and energetic a brother as the Rev. C. J. MARTYN occupying the important post of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and so many excellent and zealous brethren who are never so satisfied as when they have afforded them the opportunity of rendering some more or less substantial service to Freemasonry. Under these circumstances it is the reverse of singular, as we have already pointed out, that the various reports of the past year's doings should have been eminently favourable. That of the Board of General Purposes showed that the lodges were regular in the performance of their duties and in a state of efficiency in all other respects. The report of the Provincial Charity Association showed that more money had been received during the past than in any previous year, that the contributions to the Central Charities had been proportionately enlarged, and that the voting strength of the province had increased. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who in the absence on duty of R.W. Bro. Lord HENNIKER, P.G.M., presided in Provincial Grand Lodge, in his address congratulated the brethren on these evidences of their steady discharge of Masonic duty, and especially on the fact of the province having distributed 800 guineas among our three Institutions at their several Festivals. So gratifying a record as this will no doubt nerve our Suffolk friends to further efforts in the same direction, and we trust the day may long be distant when the proceedings at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge shall prove to be less satisfactory as regards the past and less encouraging for the future.

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We had occasion last week to congratulate the Prov. G.M. and brethren of this important province on the success which has attended them in the performance of their Masonic duties during the past year. But our remarks were of a general character, nor did we refer in specific terms to the newly organised Educational and Benevolent Institution, which will celebrate, at Southampton, on the 24th October next, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., P.G.M., the first anniversary of its establishment. This Institution, for the formation of which the province appears to be indebted principally to the endeavours of Bro. G. F. LANCASTER, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., is intended for the education, clothing, and advancement in life of the children of deceased and indigent brethren in the province, and to afford to distressed

brethren and their families such relief as may seem desirable. The principal members of Prov. Grand Lodge preside over the Association, while the management is in the hands of the same members and of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Representatives of Lodges, Chapters, and other contributing bodies. There will be no paid officers, so that the charges for administration will be very trifling, and the poor and deceased members of the province or their families will have the benefit of pretty nearly the whole of the money subscribed. The approaching celebration will take the form of a Festival in aid of the funds, and we have but little doubt that the result will prove beneficial to the exchequer of the Institution. We wish it all success.

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THE proceedings of the 51st half-yearly Communication of this District Grand Lodge on the 31st March last, of which we have recently received the report, appears to have been of an exceptionally interesting character. Bro. E. TYRRELL LEITH, D.G.M., presided, and had the pleasure of announcing in the course of his address that the Duke of CONNAUGHT would succeed him on his resignation of the District Grand Mastership, that his Royal Highness would be solemnly installed on his return from England—whither he was then shortly about to set out in order to take part in the public celebration of her MAJESTY'S Jubilee—and that, at the request of the leading members of the Craft in Bombay, he (Bro. LEITH) would be present, and personally induct his successor into office. It also devolved on him to propose that a loyal address should be prepared and presented to her MAJESTY, congratulating her on having completed the 50th year of her reign, and to state that the Duke of CONNAUGHT had been pleased to express his approval of the address, and had spontaneously offered to present it to her MAJESTY on the day appointed for celebrating the Jubilee. It has not often fallen to the lot of a District Grand Master to include two such gratifying announcements as these in his address; but, irrespective of the pleasure he must have experienced on their account, Bro. LEITH had a very gratifying record to receive from his executive officers as to the position and progress of Freemasonry under the English Constitution, not only during the period then completed, but also during the whole term of his presidency over the Craft in the District Grand Lodge of Bombay. As a matter of course, the proceedings were not allowed to close without a cordial vote of thanks being passed to Bro. LEITH for the valuable services he had rendered, and with the fulfilment of this agreeable duty, and the kindly acknowledgment of the D.G. Master for the compliment so handsomely paid him, the meeting came to an end. We will add that the Treasurer's Statement of Account, and the Reports of the Bombay Masonic Charitable Association and the Freemasons' Hall Committee, which are appended to the proceedings, show how flourishing is the state of the Craft in this part of India. The accounts of the District Fund of Benevolence for the year 1886, show a closing balance of more than 1000 rupees in excess of the amount brought forward at the commencement of the account. The total amount subscribed to date to the Bombay Masonic Association was 25,367 rupees, and the balance in hand and at Bank, in respect of the Freemasons' Hall account, amounted to upwards of 6500 rupees. As regards the Hall, which is jointly occupied by the District G. Lodge and lodges under the English Constitution, and the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and its lodges, &c., &c., the total contributed towards its maintenance during the nine years to December, 1886, is stated as 67,350 rupees, of which 36,948 rupees were contributed by the English Masonic bodies, and 30,402 rupees by the Scottish.

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We learn from the reports of this Association for the current year, that the Seventh Annual Festival was held on the 21st March last, when subscriptions and donations for the previous twelve months, amounting to 2203 rupees, were announced, raising the total sum subscribed by the Craft during the seven years of its existence to 25,367 rupees. The Festival was unaccompanied by any banquet, there being only five subscribers present, and the business was soon finished. However, the Association is a great credit to the brethren in Bombay. It is not only generously supported and well cared for by the leaders of the Craft, but it appears to be wisely and ably governed, and to be accomplishing some very excellent work. Its objects are "to educate, clothe, and maintain the children of indigent and deceased Freemasons," and at the time of this report there were four children being provided for, a fifth having been withdrawn from the support of the brethren after having been on the establishment only two years, the limit of age for remaining being, as in our own Girls' School, sixteen. The rules are fashioned very much after those of our Schools, and the qualifications of candidates, though not the same, are similar. Donors also are classified as Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life-Governors, and Life-Subscribers, the qualifications for each lodge being double those of private individuals, dona-

tions of 1000 rupees—not necessarily, however, in one sum—constituting a Vice-Patron, 500 rupees a Vice-President, 100 rupees a Life Governor, and 50 rupees a Life Subscriber, a donation of 10 rupees sufficing for an annual subscriber, and entitling him to one vote at all elections during the year for which the subscription is paid. The balance sheet for the year 1886 shows a total of receipt, including a balance of 980 rupees brought forward from the previous account, amounting to 3840 rupees. The school payments (four children) were 820 rupees, and the charges account 35 rupees, while 2031 rupees were dispersed in the purchase of 2000 rupees Government Paper, yielding 4½ per cent. per annum interest. The balance at close of account was 954 rupees. It is scarcely possible there can be a better local Charitable Association than this of Bombay; we certainly know of few, if any, in which the cost of management is so low as £3 10s. for the year.

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**New Zealand and the Jubilee.** THE *New Zealand Freemason* for June 21st contains a capital leader on her MAJESTY'S Jubilee, and concludes by declaring "in unison with our brethren in all parts of the Southern Hemisphere, we feelingly exclaim GOD BLESS THE QUEEN." Under the heading of "*Jubilee Honours*" the announcement is made that telegrams had been received of the gracious compliments paid to Australasian brethren. "With respect to the New Zealand appointments, we think they are on the whole judiciously made, Bro. Sir ROBERT STOUT representing *Otago*; Bro. Dr. DEAMER, *Canterbury*; Bro. GEORGE S. COOPER, *Wellington*; Bro. WILLIAM LODDER, *Auckland*; and Bro. JAMES KERR, *Westland*. We congratulate our exalted brethren on their preferment, and hope that they will live many years to enjoy the distinction while so working in the good cause, so as to merit higher advancement." We are gratified to find that the appointments thus conferred by our M.W. GRAND MASTER have been so well received in New Zealand, as doubtless they were also in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania. Every effort was made to appoint those brethren to *brevet rank* who were the most deserving, of that we may be assured.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSETSHIRE.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire assembled at Swanage on Thursday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Montague Guest. The announcement was made that the Dep. Prov. G.M., Col. Hambro, M.P., having received Jubilee honour, had placed his provincial office in the hands of the P.G.M., who appointed in his stead Bro. E. Brymer, late M.P. for Dorchester.

The P.G. CHAPLAIN delivered a lecture of an uncommonly able and bold character, contrasting with the English rite some marvellous realistic ceremonies observed by foreign Masonic bodies.

The P.G.M., in his address on the general state of his province, said the progress was satisfactory. He commented with approval on one W.M. who had performed 21 out of 22 ceremonies, and installed his successor, and this brother, who already held the rank of Registrar, was promoted to be Prov. S.G.W. One brother, it appeared, had attended a Jubilee celebration in Masonic clothing, but he was said to be only six months old. The Treasurer's account showing a balance of over £30 on the year, Bro. L. H. RUDGE, P.P.S.G.W., suggested that 20 guineas should be voted to Bro. Rev. M. Heath, Prov. G.C., who is a Steward for the Girls' this year, and the suggestion was acted on.

The Provincial Masonic Charity has now a fund of over £2200, and it was mentioned by Bro. GEORGE BURT, the Chairman, that the Court, in addition to grants of money for the relief of necessity, had lately voted sums for the education of the children of poor brethren.

The following appointments were made:—

Bro. W. E. Brymer, P.M. 417...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" J. Trevor Davies, P.M. 1168	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Shearman, W.M. 1146	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Arthur Hill, D.D., P.M. 170	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. D. Thornton, P.M. 1037 (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. F. Harvey, P.M. 622	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Robert Case, P.M. 417 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Turner, P.M. 707	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Allan McLean, W.M. 170	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. H. Kerbey, P.M. 665	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Budden, W.M. 622	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. W. Tribbett, W.M. 386	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Stewart, W.M. 1266	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. T. W. Robinson, P.M. 1266	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. Roberts, W.M. 472	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. A. Sharp	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" S. Whettam	...	
" C. Tinsley	...	
" J. E. Hill	...	
" J. F. Hatchard	...	
" R. Tucker, jun.	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. Long	...	

The brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Burt, P.P.S.G.W., ex-High Sheriff of London.

MEHMET VON KONIGSTREU, G.M.—His father had been brought from Candia by Prince Maximilian of Hanover, and baptised under the name of Ludwig Maximilian Mehmet. He was afterwards ennobled with the name of "Konigstreu." He was founder and first W.M. of the Lodge Friedrich, in Hanover, 1946, having been initiated in the Lodge Absalom, at Hamburg, in 1744. He was an active Mason, one of the attendants of King George I., and died at Kensington Palace, 1726.—*Kennings's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

### "ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM, 1886-7."—II.

#### WOODFORD'S ORATION AND ADDRESS.

The Consecration Oration (*re* No. 2076) by Bro. Woodford is an able production, the introduction being descriptive of the broad aims and true scope of Freemasonry as understood by the Student Class, of whom the lodge is composed, as distinguished from the narrower views of the ordinary Mason. "In that revival of the literature and study, the archæology and æsthetics of Freemasonry, which we have happily witnessed and welcomed in these our days, the legends of the past, in connection with our wonderful Brotherhood, full of interest as they are to any thoughtful mind, have demanded (as in truth they deserved), the close investigation and consideration of Masonic Students." The Orator considers, as we do, that "Masonic Students have to consider in their survey of the Masonic Records of the past the accretions of early ages, and the peculiar aspect and colouring of mediæval tendencies;" as a rule, however, there has been no lack of attention to these, the misfortune being that the evidences which are near at home, these which may be said to be around us, such as actual Lodge Records, have been neglected. Until certain prominent members of the "Quatuor Coronati," in years gone by, took the matter up, Masonic History was mainly built on the very remote past, to the exclusion of facts relating to the Craft during the last few centuries. True, as Woodford declares, "The legends of the Craft, properly, so called, are those which bear on the esoteric teaching and exoteric organisation of Craft Masonry, whether affected by contemporary influences or dominated either by monastic, mystic, or hermetic symbolism." There seems, even now, to be no danger of the legends being neglected; the real *crux* being at times overlooked, *i.e.*, the proof of the continuity of the Fraternity from (say) the period of the "Halliwell MS." to early last century.

Naturally the legend of the *Quatuor Coronati* is referred to, the soldiers and the Sculptors, *four* and *five* respectively; represented by the Founders of No. 2076, according to their eloquent and accomplished W.M. (Sir Charles Warren) as follows: The W.M. (*Royal Engineers*), Rev. A. F. A. Woodford (formerly of the *Coldstream Guards*), Bro. R. F. Gould (late *31st Regiment*), and Major S. C. Pratt, (*Royal Artillery*) take the place of the *four soldiers*, and Brothers W. H. Rylands, W. Besant, J. R. Rylands, W. J. Hughan, and G. W. Speth being the *five Sculptors*. Nine in all. The legend, however, seems a little hazy as to details, as we read "Whether the nine, or the four, or the five, is a point which is not clear." We need not insist on an exact agreement at this remote period, but substantially the "Four Crowned Martyrs" have been gratefully remembered for their fidelity from very early days. They are referred to in the noted "Halliwell MS." (British Museum) of the 14th century, *circa*. Truly, as Woodford states, "the day of the Four Crowned Martyrs being fixed in the Sarum Missal of the eleventh century," all Bro. Findel's ingenuity—misplaced, we decidedly think—as a German patriot, to connect our Masonic Society with the Steinmetzen, because the latter preserves the legend in its Statutes, *is entirely thrown away* and falls to the ground, for the German Steinmetzen were not organised until the thirteenth century. The name of the lodge, though curious, is most distinctive, and Sir Charles Warren, though not naming it, considers the title "a very happy one," so we may accept the particular cognomen as suitable, however it may sound. The aims of the lodge are ably sketched. "It is proposed from time to time" (says Woodford) "to have papers read on subjects far off or near, reconduce or common-place, to invite discussion (in which visitors may freely participate) on the successive subjects brought before us by 'expert workmen,' and to issue Transactions. We trust that by this means we may help forward the important cause of Masonic study and investigation, may induce a more scholarly and critical consideration of our evidences, a greater relish for historical facts, and subserve at the same time the increasing and healthy movement for the extension of libraries and museums in all lodges." We entirely concur in the estimate that "in thus adding another name to the long list of honoured lodges, we feel sure that a good day's work has been effected, the more so as the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge* seems to emphasise and vivify all those peculiar conditions and attributes which give to Freemasonry its charm, its reality, and its utility, both to the Order and to the world."

#### FREEMASONRY AND HERMETICISM.

This lecture by Bro. Woodford, delivered to the members on Dec. 2, 1886, is one of his best efforts, is interesting, descriptive and historical, without being in any way dogmatical, and will repay one for a critical and careful perusal. We fail to follow him in respect to some of his statements on the subject, in which we are "wide as the poles apart," but, nevertheless, we submit that the Lecture is a capital digest of the question, and contains many points about which, we, in common with many Craftsmen, can heartily agree with. On the other hand, we cannot conceal from ourselves the fact that wherein we disagree with the lecturer, will be exactly the points of agreement with some other Students. In the discussion which followed and which is capitally narrated, we should have sided with Bro. Gould. Woodford warmly acknowledges the indebtedness of the Craft to the following brethren who are certainly not at all agreed as to Hermeticism. He says "we have studied with profit and pleasure the elegant periods of Bro. Fort, the erudite work of Schauberg, the reliable contributions of Bro. Hughan, the important addenda of Bros. Clifford P. MacCalla and Carson, of Bros. Rylands and Speth, and Lane, of Bros. Lukis, Whytehead, Ramsden Riley, and many more, and last, not least, the invaluable History of Bro. Gould. We may note with some little satisfaction, *en passant*, that six of the brethren are members of our Lodge"—seven are now members.

His conclusion is a very fair one, and we give it to confirm our estimate of the Lecture—"Like other *tentamina* this present theory of a possible

Hermetic and Rosicrucian influence on Freemasonry may not lead to the results some of us anticipate from it, when we have mastered the essential and imperative conditions of fact, evidence, and certainty." The four illustrations around which his thoughts crystalize (to speak figuratively) are Masons' Marks, Ark of the Lodge, Pentalpha, or five pointed star, and the Hexapla or Hexalpha. It is not our intention to dwell on these, at all events, not whilst the Proceedings or Transactions may be had of the Secretary, so there we leave them at present; the subscription annually being so moderate and barely sufficient to clear expenses, that all ordinary students of the Craft are without excuse, who do not secure copies whilst they may. It is better, however, for intending subscribers to join the "Correspondence Circle," by the annual payment of *half-a-guinea*, than to pay ten shillings for Part I. of the Transactions only. "*A word to the wise is enough.*"

### THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

In the year 1790 and those immediately following it, the attention of the Governors was directed chiefly towards consolidating the work that had been already accomplished and enlarging the borders of the Institution, so that in time it might be capable of accommodating the majority, if not all, of the children who offered themselves as candidates for admission and were found worthy. The relations towards each other of the several governing bodies were more clearly defined; a stricter economy was enforced in the various branches of expenditure; the idea of making the School partially self-supporting by means of the work done by the children was carried out more systematically; and every opportunity was taken to recommend the Charity to the support of the Craft at large. Moreover, it very soon became manifest that, however desirous and even anxious the Governors might be to increase the number of girls in the establishment, the limit of accommodation that was possible in a house at £35 per annum must speedily be reached, and a second autumn had hardly been spent in Somers Place East, when measures were taken to obtain more commodious premises, the Governors, however, very wisely determining not to lease a house already built, but to build one of their own on ground suitable for the purposes of a boarding school.

Influenced by these motives, the Governors pursued their task of administration both steadily and skilfully. At their meeting on the 28th January, 1790, the General Committee, finding that the previous Quarterly Court had received certain reports directly from the Sub-Committees, instead of indirectly through themselves, resolved on formulating and submitting to the Quarterly Court in April a proposition to the effect that, being so respectably chosen and appointed, "they conceive themselves entrusted by the Institution with the Internal Management of the Charity, subject to the Sanction and Controul of the General Court, and that all other Committees are but subordinate Committees, appointed by and amenable to the General Committee to whom all their Reports should be first made. And that no matter should be admitted as a Report to the Quarterly Court but thro' the General Committee, where the same may be first duly considered, digested, and brought into a state of maturity, for taking the opinion of the Contributors at large, and that all Orders to be given to the Sub-Committee should be given through the General Committee." The wisdom and propriety of this suggestion was at once recognised, the General Quarterly Court in April not only confirming the minutes which contained it, but acting on the resolution itself instantly by referring a report from the Audit Committee to the General Committee for the latter's "confirmation and approval." Henceforth, whatever differences of opinion may have existed on questions of policy, no conflict of authority between the Court and the General Committee appears to have arisen. In April, the Rules and Regulations, which had been thoroughly revised by a Committee specially appointed for the purpose, were passed by the Court, and 2000 copies, of which 1500 were to have a list of subscribers to the School appended, were ordered to be printed forthwith for circulation among the lodges and brethren generally. At the same time it was resolved that, owing to the increased number of Governors and supporters, the General Committee should be enlarged, as regards its elective members, to thirty. Under ordinary circumstances, perhaps, the policy of such an enlargement would be somewhat questionable; for the practical purposes of administration, a small and compact ruling body is invariably more efficient than one that is too numerous. But the object of the Governors at this juncture was to obtain a larger measure of support, and it was no doubt considered that the opportunity of serving on the Committee might operate as an inducement to brethren to contribute. At the same Court Viscount Dudley and Ward, on the proposition of Bro. the Chevalier Ruspini, was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, the latter signifying that "having had the pleasure and satisfaction to see his

endeavours in promoting this Institution brought to so great a degree of perfection, and in such a flourishing state, which he flattered himself was fully evinced by the extensive Patronage which it received both in Europe and Asia," he should be glad to decline re-election. On this it was unanimously resolved "That the Thanks of this General Court be given to the Chevalier Ruspini for his Humane and Benevolent Intention in bringing forward and promoting the Plan of this Institution, which will ever do honour to the Fraternity of Masons, and for which his Name will be rever'd to the most distant period of time, and, further, that he should be "deemed a Governor for Life, and that the Secretary do summon him to all Committees."

In May, in consequence of the refusal of Bro. Lascelles, President of the Board of Festival Stewards, to hand over the proceeds (£21 13s. 9d.) of the Anniversary Sermon in St. Andrew's Church, until the other Stewards had paid their quota of the expenses, the Committee resolved "that any Money collected for the benefit of this Charity ought not to be liable or subject to any deduction on Account of the Expenses incurred by the Stewards acting in behalf of this Charity."\* In June the first step was taken towards obtaining more commodious premises, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. John Allen, George Cooper, Hull, Spicer, and the Rev. Mr. Sandford, being appointed to make inquiries for a larger house, so that the benefits of the Charity might be extended. But though inquiries were made, suggestions offered, and plans for building a Schoolhouse were prepared at the instance of the General Committee, it was some time before anything was done to carry out the intentions of the Governors. In the meantime, arrangements were made with the lessee of Freemasons' Tavern, which had been let by the Hall Committee, for the meetings to be continued in accordance with certain charges as agreed, and cards of the prices to be charged for the needlework to be done by the children were ordered to be printed, while, in July, the Secretary had the good fortune to announce that a lady—Mrs. Culling, of Marylebone—had bequeathed to the Institution a legacy of £100, which the deceased's executors promised should be paid over as soon as the affairs of the testatrix had been arranged. In August it was determined to increase the number of children by five, and at the same time it was recommended "that particular Attention should be paid to the Petition of any Child from the Country as an inducement to the Country Lodges to contribute to the support of the Charity," the result of these resolutions being that five girls, including one from Colchester—provided her father was found to have been registered in Grand Lodge, and that she herself was in good health—were recommended by the Committee and elected by the Court. In September the Institution sustained a heavy loss through the death of its Patron—the Duke of Cumberland, G.M.—and it was ordered, out of respect to his memory, that the Children should appear at Chapel on the Sunday appointed for the General mourning on account of his Royal Highness to begin, with black crape round their arms and hats, and that the House Committee should accompany them on the occasion. But one other occurrence during 1790 deserves to be noticed—to wit, the adoption, in October, as a Standing Regulation, of a resolution to the effect "That no Child whatever shall be admitted into the School (an Orphan excepted), unless the Father of such child, at the time of presenting his Petition, shall have been a Subscribing Member for three years, and produce his certificate thereof." The Committee, however, at their next meeting, so far modified the Rule as to require only that the father of a child should have been "three years Initiated into Masonry," and produce a certificate to that effect, and the Quarterly Court, in January, 1791, confirmed it in its modified form, but forbade its action being retrospective in the case of one child whose candidature had been accepted prior to the October Committee, and of a second whose petition had been rejected because her father had been made a Mason within two months previous to its presentation in December, when, as yet, the Regulation had not obtained the force of law.

The year 1791 passed quietly. Bro. Chas. Carpenter was elected Treasurer in succession to Lord Dudley and Ward, and differences having arisen between the Matron and the House Committee and Secretary, the former twice tendered her resignation, which was accepted ultimately, and Mrs. Lovekin, aged 40 years, who was the widow of a Mason, and had kept a school, proved the successful candidate, her stipend being fixed at £21 per annum, with supplementary allowances of £5 5s. for groceries and £5 5s. for porter and other requisites. Frequent changes in so important a post as that of Matron and Schoolmistress are certainly to be deprecated, but it is absolutely necessary in such an Institution as this that the governing body and its officers should work harmoniously together; while it is clear that as the change from Mrs. Le Clerc to Mrs. Learmonth was a decided improvement, the improvement caused by the change from Mrs. Learmonth to Mrs. Lovekin was still more decided. The former seems entitled to the credit of having initiated or suggested the plan of employing the children at needlework, and so contributing towards their own support, but Mrs. Lovekin may claim to have made the plan substantially remunerative, the product of the girls' work increasing in value so rapidly that in 1794 it amounted to but little short of £150 for the year. Among other entries of moment which demand our attention must be mentioned, in the first place, an announcement made at the Committee Meeting on 28th January, to the effect that "A letter from the Secretary of the Shakespear Lodge"—one of the most regular and liberal support-

\* The money was subsequently paid over by Bro. Lascelles, and appears to the credit of the Charity in the account for the quarter to the 25th September, 1790.

ers of the School—"Covent Garden, to Lord Dudley and Ward, the Treasurer of this Institution, was read, therein acquainting his Lordship that the Master and Brethren of that Lodge, having the interest of the Cumberland School much at heart, and being desirous of promoting so benevolent an Institution, had transmitted his Lordship 5 guineas in addition to their former subscription of 20. And that, with a view further to assist the said Charity, they had resolved that all future members, on being initiated in this lodge, should pay 5s. towards the support of the School." At the February meeting an announcement to a similar effect as regards newly-initiated members, was made in behalf of the Caledonian Lodge. The Committee were not slow to avail themselves of the hint contained in these letters, and, as will be seen hereafter, steps were taken with a view of obtaining, by means of this payment per initiate, a considerable, and at the same time permanent support from the lodges generally. In October it was resolved that the Secretary should make it known in his advertisement for the next Quarterly Court, that "an idea having prevailed that none but Free Masons can be subscribers to this Charity, the Governors feel it a duty incumbent on them to inform the Public that there is no such restriction, but that the contributions of all who are disposed to promote the purposes of this Benevolent Institution will be gratefully acknowledged." In December, the question of a new Schoolhouse again presented itself, Mr. Tenbroecke informing the Committee that the Treasurer "having hinted at a former meeting that unless some gentleman should stand forward and open a distinct Subscription for the purpose of erecting a School House without interfering with the present Contributions," it was his (the Treasurer's) "intention to commence one himself, in hopes that his Example would be followed by the rest of the Governors and their friends." On this the Committee expressed their indebtedness to the Treasurer, and requested that he would lay his plans before them at their next meeting.

Both the proposal by the Shakespear and Caledonian Lodges to contribute 5s. per initiate, and the Treasurer's plan for starting a separate Building Fund, bore good fruit, the General Committee taking immediate action in order to render them subservient to the interests of the Charity. As regards the former, a Committee composed of Messrs. Callendar, Gordon, Forssteen, Millett, and Tenbroecke, was appointed at the Quarterly Court on the 12th January, 1792, "to prepare a memorial to be presented from this Court to the Grand Lodge to solicit their Interference in behalf of this Institution, and to request that they will pass a Law that all Candidates for Masonry at the time of their Initiation shall pay five shillings, to be applied to the separate use of this Charity." At a Special General Court, held on the 24th February, the Committee submitted the following as the result of their deliberations:—

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, &c., &c.;  
The Right Honble. Lord Rawdon, Acting Grand Master;  
Sir Peter Parker, Bart., Deputy Grand Master; The Grand Officers;  
and rest of the Brethren composing the Grand Lodge of Masons in England.  
The Memorial of the Governors of the Cumberland Free Masons' School  
Sheweth:

That your Memorialists find with infinite concern that their unremitting Endeavours to promote this laudable Institution, devoted solely to the Care and Education of Female Children of Masons, many of whom are Orphans, has not hitherto been crowned with Success to justify its extension to the degree they were led to expect from the Zeal with which it was originally adopted, and has since been patronised by some Lodges under your Constitution.

That this Institution is truly Masonic in its Operation, it being enacted that no Child is eligible to partake of its benefits whose Father has not subscribed to the Funds of the Society.

That this Charity is at present from the smallness of its Finances limited to Twenty-five Children, and that there are upwards of Twenty Candidates now supplicating Admission whose Fathers are duly registered in Grand Lodge.

Your Memorialists therefore beg leave to solicit on behalf of this Charity that you will be pleased to enact that in future the Sum of Five Shillings shall be collected from every Person admitted into the Mysteries of Masonry in any Lodge under your jurisdiction, to be paid with the Registering Fee, and to be appropriated to the sole use of The Royal Cumberland Free Masons' School. This your Memorialists are persuaded from the best information will raise such a Sum as will enable them to provide for double the present Number of Objects. And your Memorialists will ever pray.

This Memorial was at once approved and ordered to be signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Secretary, and presented to Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on the 18th April. At the General Committee, on the 27th April, Bro. T. Callendar, one of the Memorial Committee, reported that he had presented it at the Committee of Charity on the 13th April, when a motion was made—"that if the Prayer of the Memorial shall be granted, every Master of a Lodge should have the privilege of a Governor, though such Lodge should not contribute thereto than according to the requisition in the said Memorial;" and he added "that the said Memorial, with the rest of the Proceedings of the said Committee of Charity, were read and confirmed at the Quarterly Communication on the Wednesday following." On this, as the Minutes relate, "Mr. Heseltine rose and informed the Committee that, notwithstanding what had been just reported, he was of Opinion that no Law had yet passed in the Grand Lodge to enact the Payment of Five Shillings from every Person initiated into Masonry, for that previous to such a Measure being adopted the Lodges should have notice thereof in the Circular Letters from the Grand Secretary, that they might come prepared to assent to, or dissent from, such a Law being passed." On hearing such an opinion from so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Heseltine, who was Treasurer of Grand Lodge, and at the same time not only well-disposed towards the Institution, but likewise anxious for its firm establishment, the Committee adopted the sensible course of

appointing Messrs. Forssteen, Tenbroecke, and Callendar a Committee "to meet three Gentlemen of the Hall Committee to search for Precedents relative to the adopting Regulations in the Grand Lodge, and to draw up a letter to be sent to the Lodges by the Grand Secretary, with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge." At the Quarterly Court on the 13th July it was ordered that the following letter, signed by the Chairman, and supplemented by a Statement of Account from the institution of the Charity to the Lady Day previous, should be sent to all the Lodges:—

Right Worshipful Master and Brethren,

The Quarterly Court of Governors of the Royal Cumberland Free Masons' School finds with infinite Satisfaction that the Grand Lodge has addressed a Letter to the several Lodges under the Constitution desiring that they will communicate their Sentiments on the Memorial which was presented by Order of a Special General Court of the Governors of this Institution to the Committee of Charity on the 13th of April last, and afterwards to the Quarterly Communication on the 18th of the same month, at both which Times it was unanimously approved of.

The request therein contained is so perfectly reasonable that this Court relies with the fullest confidence on your warm Support to that Measure as the best calculated to extend the benevolent Views of this most excellent Charity, and to render Permanent this truly Masonic Institution.

This Court begs leave to transmit herewith an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Charity, and are happy, at the same time, to express its sense of gratitude to the Shakespear Lodge, which, besides a liberal Donation, set the example of collecting Five Shillings from every Gentleman initiated, and every Brother becoming a Member thereof, and which has produced from that Lodge since passing the said Resolution in February, 1791, to the 25th March, 1792, the Sum of £6 10s., and it is with great pleasure this Court acknowledges its Obligation to the other Lodges which have followed the above laudable example, whose Donations will appear in the next Audited Account.

Nothing further of moment is recorded in the Minutes as regards the proposal till we reach the account of the Proceedings of the General Committee on the 13th November, 1792, when a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. W. Birch for his speech in Grand Lodge in support of the measure a few days previously, while at the meeting on the following 28th of December it was resolved to recommend to the General Court that a Circular Letter should be issued to the Country Lodges on the subject. However, on the 10th January, 1793, when the Court were proceeding to deal with the recommendation, they were informed "that doubts had arisen in the minds of some of the Governors of this Charity, who are Free Masons and zealous Supporters thereof, as to the Propriety and Expediency of having called on the Grand Lodge to pass a law" enforcing the proposal, on the ground that it might be considered Grand Lodge was "imposing a tax," which might in its effect "operate against Masonry." At the same time it was generally recognised as being of the utmost importance that "Grand Lodge should Cordially lend its Aid towards raising a permanent Fund to forward the extension of this valuable Institution;" and as many Lodges had already adopted the plan set forth in the memorial on the ground that, as an "expedient for raising a Revenue," it was "both unexceptionable in mode and productive in Amount," it was resolved that the Court "do earnestly entreat the Grand Lodge to recommend in the strongest manner to the several Lodges under the Constitution, either to make a Voluntary Collection" from every initiate, or adopt such other plan as they may deem "best calculated to establish a permanent Fund to be applied to the benefit" of the Charity. In the event of this meeting the approval of the brethren, the Memorial presented to the Committee of Charity on the 13th April, 1792, and standing over for further consideration at the next Quarterly Communication, should be withdrawn. The result was that at the Committee meeting in February, the Chairman (Bro. W. Birch) announced that he had attended Grand Lodge, and, as a Trustee of the Charity, had withdrawn the Memorial presented the previous April, and "that this Measure had met with such general Approbation, that the Grand Lodge had determined to recommend the support of this Charity in the most forcible manner to all Lodges under the Constitution, and that they should make such Collection in their respective Lodges as would operate equally to its Advantage. And at the same time the Grand Lodge had voted a Donation of 20 Guineas towards the further Support of this Institution."\*

And here for a time the matter ended, the conscientious objections of those who considered the proposal tantamount to levying a tax being respected, while Grand Lodge, by its contribution and advocacy, furnished the strongest possible evidence it could give of its deep interest in, and anxiety for, the permanent welfare of the Institution.

\* The following is from Grand Lodge Minutes of the 6th February, 1793:—

"Brother William Birch, Esq., as one of the Governors, and on behalf of The Royal Cumberland Free Mason School, withdrew the Memorial presented to the Grand Lodge proposing that every Person hereafter initiated into the Society shall be obliged to pay the Sum of Five Shillings towards the support of the said School, not willing to press a Measure which did not appear to meet the general sense of the Fraternity, and trusting that the Grand Lodge would recommend the Institution in the most forcible Manner to the Voluntary Support of the Society—Whereupon, on a motion made by Brother Birch, and seconded by the Grand Treasurer—

"It was resolved unanimously That this Grand Lodge do most earnestly recommend the Royal Cumberland Free Mason School to the serious attention of the Society, as an Institution highly deserving the most effectual support of the lodges and brethren in general, which promises to become an Asylum of Comfort, and to furnish a proper System of Education to a numerous body of the Female Offspring of worthy and distressed Masons in their infant years. The Grand Lodge does not wish to point out any particular work, well knowing that each individual lodge is the best judge of the means and measure of its bounty, and trusting to this adoption of what shall appear the most effectual for the permanent support of this valuable Charity."

"Resolved also—That a Donation of Twenty Guineas be paid from the Fund of Charity towards the support of the said School."

(To be continued.)

**BOARDS OF MASTERS AND BENEVOLENCE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters and monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, held the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the chair of his office. There were also present Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. Grand Secretary; W. H. Lee, Neville Green, Henry Garrod, J. H. Matthews, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, Henry Maudslay, F. R. Spaul, W. C. Brown, J. M. Case, L. C. Haslip, W. H. Perryman, W. M. Bywater, J. A. Farnfield, William Clarke, A. C. Woodward, George Kelly, Walter Hopekirk, Thos. Cull, George Read, Joseph Thomas Salman, Arthur Calver, R. H. Horman, H. Massey, George R. Langley, H. Dickey, P. G. Philips, J. W. Dixon, John A. Burton, James Lister, William Coleman, Charles Castell, T. H. Thompson, J. Lawrence, George Andrew, George W. J. King, George Bugler, A. W. Ramsden, H. Sutherland, C. H. Webb, J. Bunker, George John Posse, J. G. Twerson, R. La Feuillade, W. Englefield, John Renton Dunlop, Augustus F. Leech, Albert Leonard, C. W. Davis, Thomas Palmer, J. W. Berrie, F. Dewsbury, Charles Patrick, J. J. Gould, N. Goodchild, Charles Sheppard, Walter Martin, and H. Sadler, G.T.

At the Board of Masters the programme of business for the Quarterly Communication of September 7th was laid before the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence recommendations to the amount of £170, made at the July meeting, were first confirmed. The list of new cases contained the names of 26 petitioners, a smaller number than has been known for some time. These were from lodges in London, Greenwich, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Ramsgate, Ipswich, Hong Kong, Italy, Kingston (Jamaica), Whitworth, Liverpool, Bingley, Feltham, Dover, Colchester, Worthing, Castlemaine (Victoria), St. John's (Newfoundland), Hull, Hurstpierpoint, and Antigua. These were relieved with a total sum of £825, which was made up as follows:—One recommendation to Grand Lodge for £150, one for £100, and three for £50 each, two recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and six for £30 each, while four grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, six for £10 each, and two for £5 each.

**HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., is certainly to be congratulated, and we may say, to some extent, envied by the manner in which he is so admirably supported by all around him. It is not long ago when he occupied the chair at a recent festival at so short a notice, that his province sent up a very big list of donations, and now the province can boast of an Educational and Benevolent Institution, the first Festival dinner in aid of that Charity, being fixed for Monday, 24th October, at Southampton, when, naturally, the Prov. G.M. will preside, and be supported by most influential Masons. After the banquet there will be a smoking concert, and the Stewards already number over 30.

The Institution is established for the purpose of raising a fund to be applied to educate, clothe, and advance in life the necessitous children of Freemasons of the province, whether the father be living or dead, and to afford relief or assistance, where considered desirable, to Freemasons of or in the said province and their families, and generally to promote the cause of Masonic Charity. To Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., must be accredited the formation of this scheme, and he has worked most indefatigably to bring it to such a successful issue it promises to be, and he has likewise undertaken—a no mean undertaking either—the Hon. Secretaryship. The names of the Prov. Grand Master, as President; Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., Past G.D., D.P.G.M., as Vice-Patron; Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M., P.P.G.D., and Bro. E. Goble, P.G. Swd. Br., P.G. Sec., as Hon. Solicitor, is a good guarantee of its success, and there being no paid officers of the Institution should ensure a very happy result.

The management is vested in a Committee consisting of the President, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Prov. Grand Wardens for the time being, being subscribers to the Fund, the Vice-Patrons, the Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors (herein after called the Governors), and one representative from every lodge, chapter, or Masonic Society which is entitled to votes in perpetuity, or for a limited period of not less than twenty years. The duties involving on the Committee will determine the number of children to be elected, and will conduct the election, determine the amount of money to be applied in behalf of all children, either in placing them out at school, clothing, or for their advancement in life—or to be expended in granting pecuniary relief to necessitous brethren, or their widows or children—to make and confirm new laws, and abrogate, suspend, correct, or amend existing laws,—and generally to direct, supervise, and control the affairs of the Fund. Also examine the claims of the applicants for the benefits of the Fund, and place them on the list of candidates if they think fit, and see that the children elected as objects of the Fund are properly educated, and the moneys voted or payable in respect of such children, properly applied. They have to ascertain the fitness of the persons with or under whom the children are placed, and may remove them from any school in which they may be placed, and again place them out consistently with the designs of the Fund. They may pay for the education and clothing of each child not exceeding £15 per annum, and likewise order the payment of any sum not exceeding five pounds towards the relief of a distressed brother, or to the indigent widow, child or children of a deceased brother, who would, himself, have been qualified to receive assistance. The Annual Meeting is fixed on an awkward day, first Saturday in July, at such place as the President may appoint. We say "awkward day" because no consideration is made on behalf of the Jewish Brethren in the province—and there are a few—who will never attend, that day being their Sabbath. This is perhaps an oversight on the part of the Committee, and will no doubt be rectified. The election of children, when the number of candidates exceed the number to be elected, will be by ballot,

with three Governors as scrutineers, and all votes given to any unsuccessful candidates to be carried forward similar to those of our Central Charitable Institutions. A subscription of five shillings per annum give the subscriber one vote at each election during the year, but if paid for five consecutive years entitles the subscriber to two votes instead of one. A donation of two and a half guineas, in one or more payments of not less than half a guinea, and within five years, constitutes the donor a life subscriber with two votes, and 10 guineas, in one payment or in two payments, constitutes a Vice-President with 10 votes. Twenty guineas, on similar terms to that of Vice-President, entitle the donor to be a Vice-Patron with 20 votes. Ladies—and there are already several—and Lewises, being donors of two and a half guineas and upwards, are entitled to double the number of votes enumerated. A lodge, chapter, or Masonic Society subscribing 20 guineas, in one or more payments of not less than five guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to 10 votes, and the Master, First Principal, or other chief officer of such lodge, chapter, or society for the time being shall be a Vice-President of the Fund in right of such payment, and for every additional 10 guineas shall be further entitled to five votes at each election. A donation of 10 guineas in one or more payments in three years, shall entitle a lodge, chapter, or Masonic Society to five votes during its existence; and a donation of five guineas in one payment to five votes for 20 years. A minister of religion making a collection in aid of the funds is entitled to two votes at each election for every five guineas. The trustees to the Institution are not less than four in number, and they must naturally be Freemasons. They have to invest the property upon trusts. The qualifications of candidates are very reasonable. The father must have been a subscribing member to some lodge, or lodges, within the province for at least seven years, and no child can be admitted to the benefits of education who is under seven or above 13 years of age (except in the case of a child whose parents are both dead, who may be admitted at six years) nor continue a recipient after having attained the age of 14 years, except in special cases determined by the Committee, but in no case after having attained the age of 16 years. Every petitioner for the benefits of education have to produce the following certificates:—

- 1.—A certificate from the Master, Wardens, and members of the lodge in which his or her father was made a Mason, or from some lodge or lodges in which he has been a member, to prove that he was regularly made a Mason, and was a subscribing member for at least seven years.—
- 2.—A certificate from the Provincial Grand Secretary, or other satisfactory evidence, of the father having been duly registered in the books of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and of the period for which he has been returned a subscribing member to a lodge or lodges.
- 3.—A certificate or other satisfactory evidence of the marriage of parents.
- 4.—A certificate or other satisfactory proof of the age of the applicant.

Certificates Nos. 1 and 2 have also to be produced by every applicant for pecuniary relief. In the event of any applicant having been admitted as a candidate of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys or the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls certificates 3 and 4 shall be dispensed with.

From the foregoing we may assure the provincial brethren that in the Educational and Benevolent Institution they have a Charity well worthy of support in every possible way, and we hope that its appreciation will be evinced by a large gathering at the first festival on October 24th, at Southampton, which we shall watch with interest.

**MASONIC CEREMONIAL IN WEST HARTLEPOOL.**

West Hartlepool was a scene of an important Masonic gathering on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cameron, P.P.S.G.W. Durham, laid the foundation-stone of the new buildings about to be erected by the Town Commissioners for the use of the town under its Charter of Incorporation. R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G. Master, though unable to take part in the proceedings, had readily accorded his permission for the ceremony to take place with the accustomed Masonic rites, and there was accordingly a strong muster of brethren from the various lodges in the province, among those present being Bros. Rev. Canon Tristram, D. Prov. G.M., LL.D., and P.G. Chap. of England; Lieut.-Col. J. W. Cameron, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Bradley, Prov. S.G.W.; S. Gourley, M.D., P.P.S.G.W.; Major Monks, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Horsley, P.P.S.G.W.; T. W. Tate, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Hunter, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Jacob, P.P.J.G.W. Norths and Hunts; J. Gaskill, P.G. Chap.; E. Nixey, P.G. Stwd. of England; W. W. Brunton, P.P.G.R.; W. Logan, P.P.G.R.; R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., P.G. Swd. Br. of England; T. Walton, Chas. S. Lane, F. H. Bennett, J. C. Moor, J. G. Smith, and T. M. Watson, P.P.G.D.'s; R. Shadforth, P.S.G.D.; G. Carter, P.S. G.W.; C. Pallister, P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorks.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.C.; E. Hudson, P.P.G.D.C. North and East Yorks.; J. Armstrong, D.P.G.D.C.; W. Love, P.G.A.D.C.; G. F. Allen, and W. Newman, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; G. Robson, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Sinclair, P.P. G. Purst.; W. Barlow, P.P.G. Stwd. The other brethren who signed the roll were Bros. H. B. Olsen, W.M.; H. Lamb, S.W.; G. T. Reay, J.W.; R. B. Harpley, P.M. and Treas.; W. Hodge, Sec.; E. Clennett, S.D.; T. H. Simpson, J.D.; E. R. Hurworth, Org.; W. P. Ryan, S.S.; C. Forslind, J.S.; W. Atkinson, Tyler; J. F. Wilson, I.P.M.; J. Stonehouse, P.M.; C. T. Casebourne, P.M.; H. Baumann, P.M.; W. D. Coxon, P.M.; W. Marley, P.M.; T. Bower, P.M.; V. Nelson, C. Burton, G. Mitchell, J. H. Silburn, J. Thompson, J. Monkman, W. Smithson, J. Rex, F. Fergus, J. Lilly, T. S. Davey, H. Dew, M. Stevenson, T. Palmer, J. Mark, J. Hunter, and Jos. Mellanby, all of 764; J. N. Taylor, W.M.; G. T. Walker, J. Suggitt, J.W.; E. Mearns, Sec.; J. Boddy, S.D.; A. M. White, J.D.; G. H. Pearson, S.W.; T. Abbey, I.G.; R. W. Simpson, P.M.; Thos. Metcalfe, P.M.; J. Hopper, T. Barker, G. Barker, Thos. Cooper, A. Boddy, and W. H. Thornton, all of 1862. Visitors: Bros. R. Knill Freeman, P.M. 37; J. W. Brown, 94; J. Jacob, J.W. 837; W. Smith, P.M. 509; R. Hunton, G. W. Hudson, Treas. 566; Thomas Hardy, I.P.M. 2019 and 1121; K. Appleton, 811 and 2102; E. B. Bowen, 1021; J. Goundry, S.W. 1618; Axel Gildemunden, 86; S. S. Lawson, 103; R. H. Mohrbatter, 237; C. Allen, E.

Stephenson, J. Rose, P.M. 940; E. T. Wallace, P.M.; G. E. Pybus, P.M.; Thomas Gibson, S.W.; and J. W. Gatt, J.D., all of 1418; T. J. Johnson, P.M.; J. Metcalfe, P.M.; F. Hockaday, P.M.; M. Harrison, P.M.; W. M. Humphries, W. H. Hardy, and W. Todd, all of 531.

The above assembled at the Athenæum, and when lodge had been opened, and the dispensation from Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Prov. G. Master, authorising the brethren to take part in the ceremony, read the brethren were marshalled in procession by Bro. Chas. S. Lane, P.P.G.D., who, by his admirable tact, succeeded excellently in his arduous duty, and marched to the site of the new buildings. The brethren having taken up their ground, and Bro. Canon Tristram, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, having deputed Bro. Cameron, P.P.S.G.W. Durham, to lay the stone with Masonic honours, the latter delivered the address customary on such occasions, and Bro. Canon Tristram having invoked the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon the work, and prayed that the building might be a place where impartial justice would be dispensed, and where good counsels would prevail, Bro. G. T. Reay read the inscription on the stone—"This stone was laid by Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron, Chairman of the West Hartlepool Improvement Commissioners, August 17, 1887," and Bro. Harpley having placed a bottle containing a copy of the daily papers, documents, and coins in a cavity beneath it, Bro. Freeman (architect) presented a beautiful silver trowel to Colonel Cameron, and Mr. Howe (contractor) presented a silver mounted ebony mallet. Bro. Colonel Cameron laid the stone with the accustomed formalities, and concluded his part in the proceedings by proposing a vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham for their assistance, Bro. Canon Tristram acknowledging the compliment in becoming terms. The brethren then returned to the Athenæum, and the lodge was closed. A luncheon followed at the Royal Hotel, when the principal guests were entertained.

The other members of the lodges and visiting brethren dined at 4 p.m., when the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, the brethren and visitors dispersing at an early hour.

The volume of the Sacred Law, in presence of which the chief function of the day was performed, was a very old copy of the Breeches Bible, kindly lent by Bro. Chas. S. Lane. Great credit is due to the Committee, Bros. E. Hudson, G. Carter, and H. B. Olsen, of 764; C. S. Lane, F. H. Bennett, and J. N. Taylor, of 1862, for the manner in which the proceedings were carried out. Bro. E. Hudson, P.P.G.D.C., acted as Director of Ceremonies, ably assisted by Bro. C. S. Lane, P.P.J.G. Deacon, these brethren being the D. of C. to the respective lodges.

**South Africa.**

**RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.**

The Provincial Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, was held on 25th July, at the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Durban, under the command of the Very Eminent Provincial Prior for South Africa, Sir Knight R. I. Finnemore, appointed by letters-patent from the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior for England and Wales, when the following officers were appointed, viz.—

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| " " A. Juckes ...                                    | Inner Guard.          |

The officers thus include members of the Order in Capetown, Kimberley, Port Elizabeth, and Griqualand East, as well as in the Colony.

A meeting of the Victoria Jubilee Preceptory of Knights Templar was held on the 25th July in the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, for the reception of candidates, passing of by-laws, and other business.

At the grand Masonic meeting in the Royal Albert Hall to commemorate the Jubilee of her Majesty's reign, held under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in person, his Royal Highness conferred the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer upon Bro. Wesley Francis, of Natal.

Among the gentleman on whom the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland conferred the honour of knighthood on Monday were Bro. James Spaight, J.P., Prov. Grand Master of North Munster, Bro. Robert Herron, and Bro. Alderman H. Cochrane.

The *Voice of Masonry* announces the death on the 25th June last of Bro. Peyton S. Coles, Past G. Master, Past G. High Priest, and Past G. Commander of Knights Templar of Virginia. The deceased was buried with Masonic ceremonial, in addition to the customary religious rites. Our contemporary promises a portrait and biographical sketch in its issue for September.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Eduardo Contreras, of Madrid, has published in the Masonic Monthly Review ("El Taller") the excellent lecture delivered by Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402 (of Sheffield), in England and America, from a translation made by the son of the latter brother (Mr. John Henry Chapman). The lecture is also to be issued in "La Espana Mazonica," Madrid, a vigorous Masonic paper. This lecture on "The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry," may be had direct from the author (110, Weston-street, Sheffield) for nine stamps (parcel post free) the profits of the sale, if any, being promised to the "Devon Educational Fund."

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 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.]

MASONIC ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

All brethren who have attended and assisted in the elections to our Institutions are aware of the annually increasing number of votes, and the difficulty of dealing with them in the limited time necessarily allowed for the poll.

Provincial representatives are entrusted with large parcels of voting papers, for the most part representing single votes or small numbers. These papers frequently, indeed generally, cannot be marked until the last moment, owing to the necessities of loan or exchange; and it has become almost impossible for the representative of any province to undertake the work of an election single-handed.

It has occurred to me that it would contribute to the general convenience, facilitate the conduct of the elections, and promote accuracy and promptness in the declaration of the poll, if duly signed voting papers, unmarked for any candidate, could be deposited at the respective offices a few days before each election in parcels of 100 each, and the Secretaries were authorised to issue in exchange a voucher, for the purpose of polling, representing 100 votes, which could be filled in for one candidate only. The voting papers thus deposited should be produced to and examined by the scrutineers. Probably the larger number of provincial votes would be sent up for registration under such regulation, and the certificates would readily pass from province to province with the minimum of trouble and postage, and a diminution of the labour and risk of error involved in the hurried marking of numerous voting papers.

It does not appear to me that any alteration of rules would be needful, and I shall be glad to hear the opinion of brethren interested in the conduct of the elections on this proposal. If it meets with their approval, I will willingly undertake to bring it before the General Committees.—Yours fraternally,

J. BODENHAM.

Edmond, Newport, Salop, August 23rd.



Craft Masonry.

**LEWES.**—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—The brethren of the above lodge had a most pleasant evening on Wednesday, the 17th inst. After the transaction of the usual business at the Freemasons' Hall, the party journeyed to Newhaven, and partook of an excellent banquet at the London and Paris Hotel, provided by the manager, Bro. Lewis, in first-class style. The Master of the lodge, Bro. George Holman, presided, and those present included Bros. S. Tanner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. D. Stone, P.M.; G. Chapman, P.M.; J. H. Every, I.P.M.; A. Holman, P.M.; R. H. Ellman, P.M. 1303; H. Turner, Prov. G. Sid. Br. Surrey; J. W. Broad, D.C.; S. Stone, J.W.; S. Peters, S.W.; A. Russell, Sec.; G. Wilson, Councillor Hayler, Captain Phillips, W. Stone, J.D.; J. C. Tolman, N. C. Bull, W. Hobbs, J. Peters, S. Lower, R. Weston, J. Snelgrove, 1303; S. Starnes, Organist; and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. Tanner, in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," expressed the pleasure it afforded him of testifying to the working ability displayed by Bro. Holman, who had successfully filled all the minor offices; and, alluding to the artistic manner in which the minutes had been recorded during the two years the W.M. was Secretary, said it was a credit to any lodge to be able to produce such excellent work.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, stated that it had formerly been the custom to meet the Newhaven brethren once a year in their own locality, and although it had recently been more honoured in the breach than in the observance, it afforded him considerable pleasure to have revived so pleasant an opportunity of strengthening the ties of Masonic brotherhood.

Several other toasts followed, including "The Newhaven Brethren," which was especially well received.

Bros. W. D. Stone and Hobbs, in replying, endorsed the remarks of the W.M., and spoke of the satisfaction it afforded them in receiving the Lewes brethren at Newhaven, which they trusted would again become an annual event.

With no lack of musical ability, the evening passed away very enjoyably, and by the kindness of the Railway Company special carriages were despatched to Lewes soon after the arrival of the boat train, for the convenience of those from that town.

**FELTHAM.**—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Railway Hotel; Bro. James Laurence, W.M. There were present Bros. R. H. Thrupp, P.M., D.P.G.M. Middlesex, P.A.G.D.C.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.M., P.G. Sec. Middlesex, P.G.S.B.; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex; E. A. Smith, S.W.; S. Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.D. Middlesex; W. H. Walters, J.D.; A. Lawton

and J. R. Cox, Stewards; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler; A. Robertson, W. H. Davey, W. Kite, F. Trinder, W. Drew, R. H. Sworn, and many others. We noticed amongst the visitors Bros. F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; J. S. W. E. Sharman, 1691; and some more whose names we did not catch.

The work done was raising Bros. W. Drew, F. Trinder, and J. S. W. E. Sharman, 1691, to the Third Degree. The work was beautifully done. It was the first time that Bro. James Laurence, W.M., ever did any ceremony in his mother lodge. He was installed on July 16th, and the grand expectations of the members were exceeded. Much—very much—was expected of the W.M., and it is very satisfactory to note that every one was satisfied with his working. He rendered the all important ceremony of raising in as able a manner as it had ever been done by any of his numerous predecessors. It was a great Masonic treat to be present and listen to his painstaking working. Every portion of the ceremony was given. All his working was correct, impressive, and good. The W.M. was heartily congratulated by every P.M. present for his admirable working. It augurs well for his year of office. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Notice of motion was given about the proposed testimonial to the late Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., who, through continued ill health, had given up the Secretaryship and nearly all of his Masonic engagements. Apologies excusing and regretting non-attendance caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control were received from the following members: Bros. W. R. Vassila, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., P.M.; J. Stevens, P.M.; C. W. Baker, J.W.; F. Dunstan, Org.; W. Walters, S.D.; J. A. Wilson, I.G.; and J. C. Goslin, D.C.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed. The usual banquet, served under Bro. Harris's personal superintendence, followed. The loyal toasts were given and received. After a few hours spent in social enjoyment, the brethren separated, and returned to town.

**WALTHAM CROSS.**—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Four Swannes Hostellerie on Thursday, the 18th inst. The attendance was numerous, more than 60 brethren being present, amongst whom were Bros. A. Sproat, P.G.S., W.M.; W. A. Rogers, P.P.J.G.D., P.M.; J. Noyes, P.P.G.P., P.M.; W. Lewis, Prov. G.P., I.P.M.; W. Gilbert, P.P.G.W., P.M.; J. Robinson, P.P.G.W., P.M.; J. Knight, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.P.G.P., P.M.; J. Tydeman, P.P. G.P. Essex, P.M.; J. Fisher, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; G. Holdsworth, S.W.; F. M. Bilby, J.W.; E. West, P.P. S.G.D. P.M., and Treas.; T. Reilly, P.P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; P. L. Blackmore, J.D.; W. Edwards, I.G.; R. Middlehurst and J. Howlett, Stwds.; A. G. Young, Tyler; E. J. Watkins, C. W. Ford, E. G. Platt, D. J. Witte, H. Ramsden, H. Track, G. H. Burgam, W. Milam, J. Riddle, H. Peacock, W. Metcalf, W. H. Bickel, G. S. Metcalf, J. Crockett, J. Mark, J. H. Maxfield, C. Broadbury, D. Medcalf, H. E. Smith, T. Welsh, B. Goodale, R. Stables, W. Bull, A. Robin, C. Phipps, J. Maycock, C. W. Wiggs, J. Shuter, and W. P. Aldridge. Visitors: Bros. G. Wyatt, Oriental Lodge; J. Long, 1445; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; W. Medcalf, W. J. Bassett, W.M. 212; J. Truman, 1549; G. Sargeant, 1987; H. W. Stanley, 1472; W. J. Musto, P.M. 1349; J. Dicks, 1437; W. G. Bailey, 1276; and W. Mavor, 1309.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were very eloquently performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. A. Sproat, P.P.G.S. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Holdsworth, having been obligated in the usual form by Bro. W. A. Sproat, the ceremony of installing him into the chair of K.S. was very ably performed by Bro. J. Robinson, Past Grand Warden, who also assisted the W.M. in investing his officers in form as under: Bros. W. A. Sproat, I.P.M.; F. M. Bilby, S.W.; P. L. Blackmore, J.W.; E. West, Treas.; T. Reilly, Sec.; W. Edwards, S.D.; J. Howlett, J.D.; W. Gilbert, D.C.; D. Medcalf, Org.; R. Middlehurst, I.G.; W. H. Bickel and W. Metcalf, Stwds.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. The charges to the various officers were given most impressively by the I.P.M., Bro. Sproat, after which the W.M., Bro. G. Holdsworth, addressed the meeting, and presented Bro. Sproat with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him during his year of office, which has been one of the most successful years in the experience of this lodge, both in regard to unanimity of feeling and the funds of the lodge. One gentleman was proposed to be balloted for at the next meeting for initiation. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

After the brethren had refreshed themselves with a walk round the gardens of the establishment, they assembled in the banquet room, where a most excellent menu awaited them. The tables were beautifully decorated, and the viands and delicacies provided, including a magnificent dessert, were highly praised. The wines were of excellent quality, and the whole reflected great credit on the worthy host, Bro. J. Tydeman, and his staff.

The various loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, drunk, and responded to—that of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Holdsworth," was responded to by him in suitable terms. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the confidence they had shown in electing him to so high a position. The lodge had prospered in the past year, and he intended to do his best to maintain that prosperity, and with the kind assistance of his Past Masters and officers he trusted that the success of the lodge would continue. They had reason to be proud of the King Harold Lodge, which was the largest in the province; it contributed more than any other to the funds of Prov. G. Lodge, and was foremost in assisting the funds of the Masonic Charities. He hardly knew how to thank them sufficiently for the kind way in which Bro. Past Master Sproat had proposed his health, and the hearty way in which it had been drunk.

In responding to the toast of "The I.P.M.," Bro. W. A. Sproat expressed thanks for the kindness shown him by every officer and member of the lodge during his year of office, which, he was happy to say, had been a gloriously happy and prosperous one. He thanked them also again for the handsome presentation jewel, and for drinking his health on the present occasion. He hoped they would all

rally round their new W.M., and support him during his year of office.

Bro. Gilbert responded on behalf of "The Past Masters." He congratulated the W.M. upon reaching the highest position in a Freemasons' lodge, and thanked him for the kind expressions used in reference to the P.M.'s, and, on their behalf, promised all the support they could afford.

To the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. W. J. Bassett, W.M. 212; W. J. Musto, P.M. 1349; J. Long, 1445; and Dr. W. Mavor responded.

Bro. Mavor remarked that the hospitality and kind reception of the King Harold Lodge was so good, and the enjoyment of the evening so great, that he should certainly endeavour to attend on another similar occasion if invited. Everything had been done to afford pleasure to the guests, and he was sure they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

"The Health of the Initiate" having been drunk, Bro. W. P. Aldridge responded, and thanked the W.M., officers, and brethren for admitting him to the mysteries and privileges of an ancient Freemason. His knowledge of Masonry was little at present; but he had already formed a very favourable impression of it, and would endeavour to make a worthy and good Mason.

Some excellent harmony was rendered during intervals by Bros. Metcalf, Medcalf, and others, and, after a very enjoyable evening the brethren dispersed.

**KINGSTON - ON - THAMES.**—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—The above lodge met at the Sun Hotel, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. In consequence of the heavy storm which broke over the town, the opening of the lodge was delayed nearly an hour. Bro. John Drewett, P.A.G.P. Surrey, W.M., was supported by Bros. G. Moorman, S.W.; W. Drewett, J.W.; and Humphreys, S.D.; at the opening. The J.D. was unable, by stress of weather, to appear. Bro. Willis, who has acted as I.G. since last October, in the absence of the brother then appointed, and who had made no apology for absenting himself, was called up and appointed to that office, to the gratification of the members, who had seen how well he is qualified to assist in the working. Bros. Pryke and Green were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in due form, the W.M. again proving his intimate acquaintance with the ritual. The ballot having proved favourable for Mr. Thurgar and Troop Sergt.-Major Knowles, they were regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Thomas Doyle, of 145, was elected a joining member of the lodge. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year fell unanimously upon Bro. G. Moorman, S.W., and, in notifying the result, the W.M. congratulated his successor upon the unanimity which marked his election, and wished him a happy and busy year of office. The W. Master elect suitably acknowledged the vote of the lodge and the remarks of the W.M. Bro. Oldridge, P.M., was also re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lane, who has tyed the lodge since its formation, was re-elected.

Some other formal business was transacted, and the lodge was closed in the usual form.

INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Borrett, W.M.; Penrose, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Dixon, S.D.; Faulkner, J.D.; Leng, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; W. T. Hunt, Jun., P.M.; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; Priest, Dandridge, Turpin, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Turpin personating the candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Penrose, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Borrett for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair that evening. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).**—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. Dr. Powdrell, W.M.; Passingham, S.W.; Poynter, J.W.; Hall, S.D.; Hazel, J.D.; Trotman, I.G.; Mulvey, Preceptor; Sheppard, P.M. 1336, Sec.; J. W. Smith, P.M. 1310; and J. E. Laurence, W.M. 788.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked. Bro. Mulvey having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Trotman offered himself as a candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, was examined and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed. Bro. Trotman answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. It was also proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be placed on the minutes to Bro. Dr. Powdrell for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremonies. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 17th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; C. H. Hopkins, J.W.; H. D. Aslett, S.D.; D. S. Long, J.D.; H. Oliver, I.G.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; Mellers, and Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Mellers, having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Mellers being the candidate. Bro. Craggs offering himself as a candidate for raising, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Craggs being the candidate, the W.M. rendering the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Second and Third Degrees, and, Bro. W. G. Coat being unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., when there were present Bros. Walter Wingham, W.M.; S. Renau, S.W.; Cannon, J.W.; J. Sadler-Wood, acting Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Bellchamber, S.D.; G. A. Ball, J.D.; W. Steele, I.G.; Ellis, Youlden, Jacquet, Chapman, and Isaacs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Ellis as candidate. Bro. Wingham vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Sadler-Wood, who worked the ceremony

of initiation, with Bro. Youlden candidate. Bro. Sadler-Wood vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Belchamber, the ceremony of initiation again being rehearsed, with Bro. Ball candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when the Preceptor announced that the officers for the ensuing week were elected. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Hunter, W.M.; A. Bullen, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; R. J. Harnell, S.D.; H. Matthews, J.D.; R. Kirk, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Carlo Grassi, and F. Dusterwald.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st and 3rd, and Bro. R. J. Harnell worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. H. Matthews 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. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge closed in the Third and Second Degrees. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. C. Mulvey proposed that Bro. A. Bullen, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Neville, W.M.; R. H. Williams, S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Rayner, S.D.; Woods, J.D.; Dresden, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Cochrane, Hillier, Sims, and P. J. Davies.

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 charge was given by the W.M. Bro. Hillier having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor and the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Child, P.M., W.M.; G. Higginson, S.W.; T. Wood, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; C. Coombs, S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; Cotton, I.G.; John Davies, Preceptor; J. Ion Cattle, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Cochrane, P.M.; Larter, Chatwin, Wright, Gilbert, Alf. Mann, Craggs, P. J. Davies, L. Cox, and G. B. Johnston.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chatwin candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 7th, 6th, and 5th Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. A. J. Mann was elected a joining member. Lodge was then closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. Lissimore, W.M.; Folkard, S.W.; Beavan, J.W.; Russell, S.D.; Gibbs, J.D.; Pugh, I.G.; J. R. Johnson, Preceptor; W. W. Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Walker, Eadie, Shannaw, Bate, Dr. Walker, and Esling.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Westley and Lissimore respectively, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Esling as candidate. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Walker, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Folkard, S.W., was elected W.M. for Monday, the 5th prox., next Monday being Preceptor's night. Bro. Folkard returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

### INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, 975, H.; J. Davies, 733, J.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, S.E.; C. R. Wickens, P.S. 704, S.N.; M. Speigel, 834, P.S.; H. Purdue, J. 834, 1st A.S.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 1890; J. Sims, S.N. 534; G. Gregory, P.Z. 1538; and S. Cochrane, 3.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. A cordial vote of thanks was entered upon the minutes to Comps. J. Davies, 733, and Speigel, 834, for the admirable manner in which they had performed their duties for the first time. The chapter was then closed.

## New Zealand.

### MASONIC CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION IN WELLINGTON.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 2059 (E.C.), are to be congratulated upon the recent successful consecration of their new Masonic Hall and the installation of officers for the ensuing term. It was without doubt the largest gathering of the Craft that has yet taken place in the Wairarapa, visitors from all parts being amongst those present. The Wellington brethren, consisting of the District Grand Master, Bro. C. J. Toxward, D.G. the Lodge Officers, and representatives of the city lodges, were met on their arrival by a reception committee appointed by St. Mark's Lodge, and conducted to the Marquis of Normanby Hotel, where an excellent luncheon had been provided. An inspection of the new building was next made, the District Grand Master expressing his opinion that the Hall was in every way suitable for the requirements of the Craft.

The lodge was opened, Bro. Gardener, W.M., presiding. After the reception of visiting lodges, the D.G.M. and his officers were received with the honours of the Craft. Bro. Rev. Kenneth Wilson, M.A., D.G. Chap., in a very able and impressive manner, conducted the beautiful ceremony of consecrating the building, being assisted by Bros. Manly, Asst. D.G. Chap.; R. Simpson, D.S.G.W.; J. G. Cox, D.J.G.W.; and Young, D.G. Dir. of Cers. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the D.G. Master congratulated the lodge upon the success which had attended it since its formation three years since. Bro. Wilson also expressed the pleasure it gave him to be called on to con-

secrate the new building, more particularly as he had officiated as presiding officer on the occasion of the dedication of St. Mark's Lodge. Next followed the installation of W.M. and officers, Bro. D. G. Smith officiating as Installing Master, and at the conclusion of the ceremony being heartily congratulated by the D.G. Master for his perfect and able rendering of the work. The officers invested were as follow: Bros. Darby, W.M.; G. M. Gardener, I.P.M.; C. H. Gayfer, S.W.; N. Grace, J.W.; Dr. D. G. Johnston, Treas.; T. Barnard, Sec.; J. Baird, S.D.; A. Booth, J.D.; W. P. Allen, I.G.; and Horn, Tyler.

The newly-elected Worshipful Master stated that, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to their retiring W.M., on behalf of St. Mark's Lodge, he had an extremely pleasant duty to perform, viz., the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. G. M. Gardener for his past services. They were all aware of the disinterested and able manner in which Bro. Gardener had performed his duties as W.M., and he was pleased to say Bro. Gardener had gained the goodwill and confidence of the members of the lodge.

Bro. Gardener, in reply, said he was taken by surprise at so handsome a recognition of his services, and trusted the brethren would excuse any failing on his part to fully express what he felt. He could only sincerely thank them for their kindness. He had always endeavoured to fulfil his duties conscientiously and to the best of his ability, and it made him proud to think that the brethren were so thoroughly satisfied.

The jewel was of gold and handsomely designed. Votes of thanks were passed to the D.G.M. and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as to Bros. K. Wilson and Dr. J. Smith, and the visitors. "Hearty good wishes" having been cordially exchanged, the lodge was duly closed.

The following were amongst those present: Bros. C. J. Toxward, District Grand Master; K. Wilson, D.G. Chap.; R. M. Simpson, D.S.G. Warden; J. G. Cox, D.J.G. Warden; R. Manly, D.A.G. Chap.; J. R. Harris, D.G. Tyler; J. Young, D.G.M.C., also W.M. 517 (E.C.); J. W. Ellison, W.M. 469 (I.C.); C. E. Hallaran, Prov. G. Treas. G.L. Cheshire, England; L. J. Hooper, P.M.; Thistle Lodge, Masterton; S. H. Wickerson, W.M. 1430 (E.C.); G. F. Henry, 1811 (E.C.); J. D. Oakly, P.M. 1888 (E.C.); W. Ingram, 639 (S.C.); A. W. Brown, 463 (S.C.); Dr. Smith, P.M. 2059 (E.C.) The W.M. of each lodge was almost in every instance accompanied by his officers and many of the brethren.

In the evening a grand ball was given by the lodge, and a more brilliant assembly has never before been gathered together in Carterton. The Town Hall was magnificently decorated, Bro. G. M. Gardener, whose skill in this respect is so well known, far and away excelling any of his previous efforts, the emblems of the Craft, white and coloured curtains, flags, &c., being mixed and blended in such a manner that everyone present expressed their warmest admiration. The couches and chairs gave the hall the appearance of a vast drawing room, and with the superb regalia of the Masons and the varied tints of the ladies' dresses realised a scene not easily forgotten. The Masonic mottoes "Brotherly Love," "Relief and Truth," and "We meet on the level and part on the square," and "Long live our noble Queen," being composed of white letters on a dark ground, appeared very prominent and greatly added to the general effect; a trophy of flags, with her Majesty's portrait, forming the centre piece, had a most pleasing effect. The Prince of Wales's portrait was also placed in a prominent position. Upon the arrival of the D.G.M., the Masons formed two lines in the centre of the room, between which he was conducted to his seat by the D.G. Officers.

Dancing was then commenced with much spirit, and continued until the wee sma' hours. The music provided by Messrs. Lundqvist, Keisenberg, Bentley, and Papworth was perfect, and everyone seemed delighted.

Bro. D. G. Johnson and Bro. N. Grace, in their capacity of M.C.'s, gave universal satisfaction, and it was apparent to all that the committee, consisting of Bros. Kennedy, Gayfer, Gardener, Johnson, and Grace, had spared no expense or labour in carrying out the entertainment. The refreshments were provided by Mr. Frank Peeling, of Masterton, and gave every satisfaction.

## Jamaica.

### CONSECRATION OF THE KINGSTON KEYSTONE MARK LODGE, No. 368 (E.C.)

The interesting ceremony of consecrating the above lodge took place at Sussex Hall, Kingston, on Tuesday evening, the 19th July last. The attendance was a large one. At five o'clock precisely Bro. J. W. Whilbourne, P.G.O. and Deputy Prov. G.M.M. in charge, opened a lodge of Mark Master Masons, and stated the object of the meeting. The chair was then vacated to Bro. E. X. Leon, Prov. G. Sec. and P.M. 240, who, with the assistance of Bros. C. L. Campbell, P.M. 240, G.M. Duff, P.M. 240, acting as Wardens; Bros. J. M. Simpson, P.M. 240, A. H. Jones, 42, and W. A. Feurtado, 240, acting as Overseers, conferred the Degree on eight candidates. Bro. Whilbourne having resumed the chair proceeded to perform the ceremony of consecration and dedication, assisted by Bro. E. X. Leon, P.G.M., Sec., the consecrating elements being carried by Bros. A. H. Jones, P.D.G.D. of C., O. Delgado, jun., W.M. 242, C. M. Keer, W.M. 240, and W. A. Feurtado, M.O. 240. The members of the lodge as named in warrant, viz., Bros. W. Andrews, 230, Dr. J. H. Peck, 240, Rev. R. Harding, 240, C. L. Campbell, 240, E. X. Leon, 240, Rev. G. C. Linton, 240, C. T. Burton, 240, been previously arranged in order. The ceremony of consecration having been concluded, the D.P.G.M.M. installed as first Master Bro. W. Andrews, who appointed and invested the under-mentioned brethren as the first officers of the lodge: Bro. Dr. J. H. Peck, S.W.; Rev. R. Harding, J.W.; E. J. Andrews, M.O.; W. T. Richards, S.O.; Rev. G. C. Linton, J.O.; Rev. W. C. McCalla, Chap.; E. X. Leon, Treas.; A. C. McMillan, Sec.; Alex. Robertson, Reg. of Marks; C. T. Burton, S.D.; W. G. Richards, J.D.; C. L. Campbell, D. of C.; J. N. Lewis, I.G.; F. Magnus, Stwd.; G. Magnus, Tyler. Bro. W. Andrews, first Master, is the founder of the Kingston Rose Croix Chapter and the Kingston Craft Lodge, and is an enthusiastic Mason.

## Obituary.

### BRO. JOHN WALKER, P.M., No. 387.

The language used, p. 118 of "Yorkshire Lodges," might have been prophetic, for already three of the five veterans therein referred to have passed away! Bro. John Walker, P.M., 387, was initiated in the Airedale Lodge, then 814, May 6th, 1827. He was W.M. of that lodge in 1830, also in 1832, and again in 1840. Before that he filled the various inferior offices, and notably distinguished himself as its first Secretary. At his installation, December 24th, 1829, he was the first W.M. to appoint the late Bro. Wainman Holmes as Secretary. The latter was the fifth, and the former the first of the old Past Masters, Bro. Riley referred to. During his time, Bro. Walker was an active worker and preceptor. More than once he proved his Masonic loyalty, and was a mainstay of his mother lodge. To the close of his long life he had a sincere veneration for, and attachment to, our Ancient Craft. We were disappointed to see so few Masons at our venerable brother's funeral, but it should be remembered that very few of the present members of either Lodges Nos. 387 or 1545 were personally acquainted with the deceased. Those who were present, however, did honour to his obsequies, and we were especially gratified to meet Bro. Wm. Ellison, who, 50 years ago—1837-8—was Secretary of 387, and knew him well. There were also present, and followed his remains to the grave, Bros. Chas. Howroyd, P.M. and Charity Steward 387; John Hey, P.M. and Treas. 387; J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., 387, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks; Thos. M. Holmes, P.M., 1545, Prov. G.S.B. West Yorks; William Turner, P.M., 387 and 1545; and R. Bell, P.M. 1545. The presence of such brethren sufficiently testified to the high esteem in which our late brother was held. Bro. John Walker was in his 85th year, and the interment took place on the 23rd inst., at Baildon Church.

## The Craft Abroad.

Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., R.W. District and Provincial Grand Master of Victoria, recently presented to the city of Ballarat a plot of land on which to erect an art gallery. The question of laying the foundation stone with Masonic honours was taken into consideration by the trustees, who invited Sir William Clarke to perform the ceremony. Subsequently it transpired that a ceremony of the kind might not be in accordance with the religious scruples of many subscribers to the art gallery. In order to avoid such a cause of offence Sir William Clarke at once abandoned the idea of a Masonic ceremony. Alluding to the subject at the installation festival of the St. John's Lodge, No. 427 (I.C.), Ballarat, during the first week in June, he remarked that he would officiate on the occasion in a private capacity. Masons, he said, were frequently asked to assist in laying foundation stones of public buildings, and did so, but only with the full concurrence of those concerned. An esteemed friend of his had informed him that from conscientious scruples a large number of subscribers to the fine art gallery would have to remain away if the stone was laid with Masonic honours. The Masons were a peace-loving body, and in deference to the feelings of the subscribers mentioned, and in order not to injure the prospects of the gallery, he had decided not to officiate at the ceremony as a representative of the fraternity. In the city of Ballarat, a town of over 30,000 inhabitants, which boasts of many fine public edifices, as well as a statue of Bro. Robert Burns, it may be added there are four Craft Lodges (two under the English and one each under the Irish and Scottish Constitutions), and a Royal Arch Chapter, in connection with the oldest English Lodge (the Tarrowee, No. 713). A Mark Lodge will also be shortly opened.

### GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

The following are the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New York for the current year. Bros. Frank R. Lawrence, G.M.; John W. Vrooman, Deputy G.M.; James Ten Eyck, S.G.W.; John Hodge, J.G.W.; Washington E. Conner, G. Treas.; Edward M. L. Ehlers, G. Sec.; John G. Webster, Charles W. Camp, and Robert Collyer, G. Chaps.; Wm. Wallace Walker, S.G.D.; Stewart R. Bradburn, J.G.D.; George H. Raymond, G. Lecturer; Herman G. Carter, G. Librarian; George Skinner, G. Purst.; Wright D. Pownall, G. Marshal; John A. Davis, G. Std. Br.; Elon G. Brown, G. Swd. Br.; Horace L. Greene, Edward B. Harper, Charles W. Mead, and Frank E. Pearsall, G. Stwds.; and John Hoole, G. Tyler.

### GRAND COUNCIL R. AND S.M. CANADA.

The following is a list of the Officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Canada:—Comps. E. H. Raymond, G.M.; P. J. Slatter, D.G.M.; David Taylor, G.P.C. of W.; David McLellan, G. Treas.; J. Ross Robertson, G. Recorder; W. R. Howse, G.C. of G.; J. Douglas, G. Lecturer; Rev. A. Anthony, G. Chap.; J. A. Nelles, G.D. of C.; A. Chatfield, G. Conductor; E. E. Sheppard, G. Organist; A. Bruce, G. Gott, and Joseph Parks, G. Stewards.

### GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The following is a list of the Grand Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the current year:—Comps. Robert Hendry, jun., G.Z.; R. B. Hungerford, G.H.; J. J. Mason, G.J.; David McLellan, G. Scribe E.; John S. Dewar, G. Scribe N.; John Nettleton, G. Prin. Soj.; Edward Mitchell, G. Treas.; Thomas McCarroll, M.D., G. Reg.; Michael Houston, G. 1st Asst. Soj.; W. E. Idsardi, G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; James Sutherland, G. Swd. Bearer; Hugh Waiker, G. Master of Veils; J. E. Harrison, G. Standard Bearer; M. Eacrett, G.D. of C.; A. G. Horwood, G. Organist; J. B. Hay, G. Pursuivant; R. J. Winch, Geo. H. Pope, Thomas Wilkinson, and E. Smith, G. Stewards; and J. H. Pritchard, G. Janitor.

### GREAT PRIORY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CANADA.

The following is a list of officers of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar Canada, for the year 1887-8: Sir Knights W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G.C.T., S.G.M.; J. A. Henderson, C.C., LL.D., G.C.T., D.G.M.; Daniel

Spry, G.C.T., G. Chan.; David McLellan, G. Treas.; Rev. Frederick Bates, G. Chap.; Wm. R. Howse, G. Constable; J. Parker Thomas, G. Marshal; Robert A. Douglas, G. Vice-Chan.; H. W. Chisholm, G. Sub-Marshal; David Taylor, G. Almoner; John Elliott, G. 1st Std. Br.; Joseph Martin, G. 2nd Std. Br.; W. Waddington, G.M.'s Banner Br.; John Hetherington, G. C. of G.; Thos. V. Cooke, G. Swd. Br.; John Dumbrielle, G. Org.; Wilson Drewe, G. Purs.; and John Simpson, G.G.

#### GRAND LODGE OF OREGON.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, held at Masonic Temple, in Portland, on the 15th June last, the following were elected and appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and subsequently installed and proclaimed as such: Bros. Andrew Nasburg, G.M.; Brenham Van Dusen, D.G.M.; James F. Robinson, S.G.W.; Herman E. Harris, J.G.W.; Daniel C. McKecher, G. Treas.; Frelon J. Babcock, G. Sec.; Rev. John R. N. Bell, G. Chap.; Thomas H. Tongue, G. Orator; James A. Richardson, G. Marshal; Jay Tuttle, S.G.D.; Wm. P. Connaway, J.G.D.; Virgil Conn, G. Std. Br.; D. L. Moomaw, G. Swd. Br.; R. E. Bryan, and J. T. Cooper, G. Stwds.; L. W. Wallace, G. Org.; and Gustaf Wilson, G. Tyler.

#### DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND.

On Monday, the 27th June last, the hall of the brethren of the Southern Cross Lodge was formally dedicated with all the imposing and solemn ceremonies of the Craft. Among the members of the District Grand Lodge who were present were Bros. Hon. A. C. Gregory, D.G.M.; Aland, as D.P.G.M.; Hon. F. T. Gregory, D.S.G.W.; Joseph Dean, jun., G.W.; Rev. J. Wheatley, as D.G. Chap.; Joseph Roberts, D.G. Sec.; W. Finucane, John Fenwick, D.G.D. of C.; T. Trevelan, W. Gartside, D.G. Deacons; C. Campbell, J. S. Michael, D.G. Stewards; and J. T. Brigg, D.G. Pursuivant.

Before the brethren entered the hall the occasion was appropriately commemorated by a photograph, taken by Bro. Platt, and which no doubt will be highly valued by the Craft.

The Southern Cross Lodge having been opened, the District Grand Master and officers entered in procession, the brethren giving the customary Masonic honours, and the organ playing a Grand March.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master then took the chair, and the District Grand Officers having assumed their positions in the lodge, the District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of dedication carried out in a manner which reflected credit on the G.M. and Officers of the District Grand Lodge. The following being the address, which, at the invitation of the D.G.M., Bro. John Fenwick, the D.G. Secretary delivered—

An address in connection with our present ceremony, and upon the principles of Freemasonry is now of such usual occurrence, that I must crave your indulgence if I have to repeat what you may already know, or what you may have already heard. The practice of dedicating buildings to particular purposes has obtained from a very early period of the world's history. Even by those known as Pagans, it was a universal custom to dedicate their temples to some particular deity, or some particular worship. In sacred history, too, we find many instances of the dedicating or setting apart of religious and other edifices, and always with much solemnity and ceremony. The most notable of these ceremonies, however, is that of the temple of Jerusalem by King Solomon, full details of which are to be found in the Book of Kings, and our present ceremony seems to have been based principally upon this record. The Book of Chronicles affords us a similar detail of the same ceremonial, only that in the latter the word consecration is substituted for dedication. There is, however, no reason to suppose that this record possesses any superior authority to that first referred to, which more appropriately fulfils our idea of "devoting" or "setting apart" our buildings to a particular purpose, rather than that of hallowing them or making them sacred, which the word "consecrating" clearly implies. There can be no doubt but that the principles of dedication prevailed amongst our antient brethren from very early times (though, of course, subsequent to that period, when, as we are informed, they used to hold their lodges in the open air, selecting as their localities the "highest hills and the deepest valleys"), but we find no record of any specific event of the kind, until that of the dedication of the present Freemasons' Hall in London, in the year 1776, a function which was conducted with unusual pomp and ceremony, and as Preston informs us "in the presence of a brilliant assembly of the brethren." A new ode had been written and set to music for the occasion, and was performed before a number of ladies who honoured the Society with their company on that day, besides which, as our historian quaintly puts it, "an Exordium on Masonry not less elegant than instructive, was given by the Grand Secretary. The admission of ladies on that celebrated occasion would seem to imply that our brethren of a century ago had more gallantry than the Masons of to-day. I for one doubt that. This privilege to the ladies was, however, more apparent than real; for we find that they had to retire immediately after the architect had been presented, and consequently before the really serious portion of the ceremony had commenced. Since that event, our records show that the practice of dedicating our buildings to the purpose of Freemasonry has been invariable. Having now satisfied ourselves as to the propriety of our ceremony, let us briefly refer to its objects, and to our principles. We dedicate our buildings to "Masonry," to "Virtue," and to "Universal Benevolence." Strictly speaking, the two latter are included in the former, for the very foundation of Masonry, as every apprentice knows, is "the practice of every moral and social virtue." It is the uniting in one bond of sympathy and fraternal affection men of every creed, and men of every country. Freemasonry has been said to be the handmaid of Religion, for as English Masons our candidates are bound to acknowledge a Supreme Being, whom we often refer to as "The Great Architect of the Universe," and they are also supposed to believe in the precepts laid down for our guidance in the Volume of the

Sacred Law, one of which strongly inculcated amongst us is always to do to others as we would wish them to do to us, if we were in their place. And in all other countries, not necessarily distinguished as "Christian," Freemasons are bound by the same essential principles—namely, the belief in a Supreme Being, "Jehovah, Jove, or Lord," and the practice of morality and virtue. Holding these principles in common, we are thus, as Masons, able to meet and associate in terms of perfectly mutual toleration for each others private opinions, and of perfect sympathy, in carrying out the grand tenets of your Order, which are briefly defined as "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." In like manner we admit men of every shade of politics; because, as Masons, we are not politicians. Loyal, in its very highest sense, we are, and Charity, in its broadest and most extended meaning, is our great landmark. But for all that, Masonry must not be considered in any sense as a benefit society, notwithstanding that some of the most extensive benevolent and educational establishments in the world are supported by our Order. We deprecate the reception amongst us of men, no matter how exalted, nor how inferior, their social position, who desire to become Masons for the purpose of making use of it, or seeing what they can get out of it; and we should equally reprehend any attempt to influence or to induce any one to join us. No! "Masonry is free." Candidates must come to us voluntarily, unasked and unasked. Yet we Masons all know, but too well, that there are some black sheep amongst us, and these, if not admitted through the confiding good nature of some otherwise worthy brother, are men who, emblemized at their initiation, would have deteriorated in any other society, or under any other circumstances. Sometimes these erring ones bring the Order into discredit, and tend (though only slightly, I admit) to injure an institution, at once the most ancient, and, in spite of every drawback, the most honourable Society in the world. For, brethren, we hold it to be not only a privilege, but a high distinction, for a man to be accepted as a Freemason. There may be some amongst us who will ask—But how is this privilege, this distinction realised? To this I reply by another question. Brethren, what is that mysterious bond of sympathy that so pervades us that we often feel the presence of a brother even before he gives us any outward proof of it—why is it that if we go to a strange land, where everything and every face we meet are strange to us—and then perhaps when our hearts sink with the loneliness—we meet a brother, we make the mystic sign—it is recognised—we are taken by the hand, and receive a warm and fraternal welcome? I again ask—Why is this? Brethren, I cannot tell you, for it is still a Masonic secret.

District Grand Lodge was then closed in due form. The D.G. Master having handed the gavel to Bro. Gripp, and retired with his officers, the Southern Cross Lodge was resumed and closed.

Later in the day there followed a grand banquet at which 88 brethren were present. Bro. Gripp, as W.M., took the chair, supported on the right by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Hon. A. C. Gregory, C.M.G., &c.; Bro. Aland, D.D.G.M.; Bro. Dean, D.J.G.W.; and Bro. Gartside, D.G. Purs.; and on the left by Bro. Hon. F. T. Gregory, D.S.G.W.; Bro. John Fenwick, D.G. Sec.; Bro. Finucane, D.G. Treas.; and Bro. Michael, D.G.S. After dinner the Chairman proposed first "The Health of the Queen," and then that of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were both drunk with enthusiasm and musical honours.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of the D.G. Master, Bro. Hon. A. C. Gregory," who responded in fitting terms.

Bro. ALAND in his usual felicitous manner proposed "The Health of the District Grand Officers" to which Bro. J. FENWICK, and Bro. FINUCANE responded, the latter stating that the District Grand Lodge was in very prosperous circumstances, and was accumulating a fund that no doubt would in the future, be devoted to some charitable purpose, worthy of the Order.

Bro. P. M. STEPHENS proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Gripp," who in responding deplored his unavoidable absence from Toowoomba.

Bro. ALAND gave "The Founders of the Southern Cross Lodge," briefly sketching the history of the lodge.

This toast was responded to by Bros. the Hon. F. T. GREGORY and J. T. SMITH.

Bro. BOYS, S.W., proposed the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," coupled with the names of Bros. Aland, Campbell, and Stephens, the last of whom had been indefatigable in beautifying the grounds. The three duly acknowledged the honour, after which

Bro. DUTTON, J.W., D.G.O., proposed "The Health of the Absent Brethren," the list being brought to a close with the Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. CARSELINE.

Bro. Dutton conducted the musical portion of the whole ceremony in his usual able and effective manner.

A ball concluded the day's duties and festivities.

Bro. E. T. Schultz, who for some time past has been engaged in writing a "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," has been making very rapid progress, the latest section issued bringing the work as far as the year 1847.

From the Templar returns issued by Bro. Berry it seems that the strongest organisation in the United States is the G. Commandery of Pennsylvania, which has 61 commanderies, with a total membership of 7770, while New York has 55 commanderies, and 7755 members. Illinois has 56 commanderies, but only 6854 members, and Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which together constitute a jurisdiction with only 40 commanderies, has 6813 members, Ohio, with 41 commanderies, having 5538 members. The 5 smallest commanderies are those of West Virginia—8 commanderies, 331 members; Louisiana—4 commanderies, 307 members; Mississippi—12 commanderies, 278 members; Alabama—6 commanderies, 195 members; and North Carolina—7 commanderies, 175 members.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the spring of life.—Advr.



It may be as well to remind our readers that the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will not hold their usual monthly meeting on Saturday next, the 3rd September prox., being the first Saturday in the month. The Committee have very wisely considered that a rest from their labours will be beneficial to themselves and in no way detrimental to the interests of the Charity.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught started from Brindisi on his return to Bombay on Monday.

Bro. Earl and Countess of Cowper left Panshanger Park for town on Monday, and left by the mail for Scotland the same evening.

Bro. the Earl of Limerick is acting as the Government Whip in the House of Lords during the absence of Bro. the Earl of Kintore in Canada.

Bros. Vice-Admiral Sir W. Hewett, K.C.B., V.C., and Lieutenant-General Sir George Willis had the honour of dining with the Queen at Osborne, on Saturday last.

Bro. Earl Granville, Lady Victoria Leveson Gower, and Miss Glynn, who have been cruising in the channel, on Bro. Lord Wolverton's yacht *Palatine*, landed at Weymouth on Monday.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of Bro. W. Wynn Westcott's work on the "Isiac Tablet of Cardinal Bembo—Its History and Occult Significance." We shall take an early opportunity of reviewing it.

The latest Masonic returns for the State of New York show that on the 7th June last there were 72,113 Masons; on the 1st February last there were 15,257 Royal Arch Masons; and on the 12th October, 1886, 7755 Knight Templar Masons.

It is understood that early in September the Prince of Wales will present new colours to the 1st Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment, which will leave England on a round of foreign service next year.

The *Freemasons' Journal* of New York announces that a lady of Brooklyn has presented to it a very rare Irish certificate, bearing date the year 1726. It seems the plate was lost for 70 years, and when it was recovered, a few copies were struck off, of which this presented to our contemporary is one. If this is genuine, it must be about the oldest Masonic certificate in existence, the date of the plate being a few years antecedent to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Emperor William of Germany has so far recovered from his recent indisposition that he was able to take a drive at Babelsberg on Tuesday, and the day following was present at the so-called eagle shooting, the annual shooting competition of the 1st Regiment of Guards.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and two of her grandchildren, left Osborne for Balmoral on Wednesday evening, and was expected to reach her destination about 3 p.m. on Thursday. Her son-in-law, Bro. the Crown Prince, went out deer-stalking in Balmoral Forest on Wednesday.

The *Adelaide Observer* of April 23rd, offers the following remarks on the consecration of a New South Australia Lodge—the United Service, No. 37: "One of the most important and imposing of the celebrations with which the Grand Lodge of South Australia—for South Australia has a Grand Lodge which is admittedly a credit to the Craft and a model for the imitation of all British colonies—has had to do was successfully carried through on Thursday night. The occasion was the consecration of the United Service Lodge, No. 37, and the installation as Worshipful Master thereof of Brigadier-General Bro. J. F. Owen, R.A., a Mason who has attained to the illustrious distinction of the 31st Degree. The whole performance was worthy of the Grand Lodge and of the traditions of Masonry in South Australia. Criticism of the ceremony indeed is dumb in presence of the evidence afforded of the brilliant and in every respect satisfactory manner in which the proceedings were conducted. It is of the newly-affiliated lodge itself that we wish to speak. It is, it appears, to embrace within its charmed circle officers of the military and naval forces in South Australia—not all officers, be it understood, for there are some who are not Masons, and possibly some who could not become Masons if they wished, for that honour is one to which all cannot attain. The establishment of the lodge, we learn, has not been achieved without pretty strong opposition, and it would be interesting to know from what quarter this opposition has come. We say this because there is really a little to be said in the way of objection to such an organisation. On the face of it, it introduces something like a class distinction among officers. We do not believe for a moment that the Worshipful Master, or the other members of the lodge who may happen to hold high positions in the Force will consciously make any difference between officers who belong to the lodge and officers who do not; we might even go farther and say that probably most of them would not consciously make a distinction between them; but none the less the fact that some officers belong to the lodge and some do not may create a suspicion of favouritism which ought not to exist. It will, of course, be said that such lodges are to be found in the old country, but the circumstances are obviously not altogether parallel. There officers in the permanent forces do more or less to constitute a class apart to a degree unknown in the Colony, where the Military Force consists only of Militia and Volunteers. We do not wish to make more of the matter than is warranted by the facts, and we are sure that the Brigadier-General and other officers will do their best to avoid all occasions for complaint; but none the less an objection exists, and we cannot help thinking it would have been better had the new lodge not been constituted. In saying this we are, of course, regarding the question only in its public aspect, and not venturing to pass criticism upon a matter peculiar to Masonry."

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**

For the week ending Saturday, September 3, 1887.

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.**

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-Viaduct.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30  
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
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 29.**

(No Meetings.)

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq.,  
Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 7.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion,  
Piccadilly, W., 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st.,  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper  
Norwood, at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30.**

(No Meetings.)

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Galloway, 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 31.**

(No Meetings.)

**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.  
Vitravian, 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, SEPTEMBER 1.**

Lodge 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., London  
Bridge.

" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.  
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creaton, Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's  
Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-  
well, at 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite  
Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 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-c-  
road, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon  
Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.  
The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.  
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-  
rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-  
rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.**

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
Chap. 1489, Ezra, Metropolitan Asylum, Balls Pond-rd.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-rd., S.W., 7.30.  
Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane. 7.30.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith W., at 8.  
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8  
Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.  
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
Ubique, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
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, SEPTEMBER 3.**

Lodge 1929, Mozart, Greyhound Hot., Croydon.  
" 2148, Walsingham, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.  
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew  
Bridge.  
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

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