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THE Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School was well advised when it determined to accept Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL'S motion for restricting the admission of girls whose fathers have died or been incapacitated by various causes from earning a livelihood before completing a membership of seven years. Hitherto, under Law 55, there has been no limit whatever as regards membership in the case of such children, and Bro. PERCEVAL was able to cite a case in which a girl, whose father had not been a Mason long enough to take his Third Degree, was placed at the head of the poll. He argued very justly that the law was very unequal which permitted the election of the child of a brother who could have rendered no service to Freemasonry over the heads of those whose fathers had been members of the Craft for 10, 15, or 20 years. This injustice, however, has been removed, as in future no child will be eligible for admission into the school whose father, whether dead or permanently incapacitated from work, had not been "a subscribing member of a lodge for three years." There can be nothing harsh in imposing so moderate a restriction as this, especially when it is borne in mind how numerous are the applicants for admission.

BRO. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hertfordshire, and the brethren generally over whom he so ably presides, have every reason to congratulate themselves on the events of the past year, and that the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, which was held at Hitchin under the auspices of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, if not quite so numerous as some that have been held, passed off most satisfactorily. This province, which has latterly been growing in respect of numbers, and therefore in importance, is a firm exponent, as it has been invariably since its reconstitution in 1833 under the late Bro. the Marquis of SALISBURY, of the principles of Masonry; but during the past 12 months it has surpassed itself in the regularity with which it has fulfilled its duties and the generosity with which it has supported our Charitable Institutions. It now has on its roll as many as 16 lodges, which muster amongst them over 500 subscribing members, and is no longer therefore the "little Herts" it was wont to be designated some 12 or 15 years ago. At the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School 12 of its 16 lodges were represented, the total number of its Stewards, including the Provincial representatives and Unattached, being 20, and the sum of their lists within a very small fraction of £650; and as it raised £145 15s. 6d. for the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February, it has contributed not far short of £800—or some £50 per lodge—to our Institutions during the year. These special circumstances, as well as the general prospects of the Province, must have been the subject of congratulation among all who were in attendance at the meeting, but there was an additional feature of interest that must have been present to their minds in connection with the Cecil Lodge, under whose banner they were assembled, namely, that it was the Jubilee year of its constitution, the Cecil Lodge having been warranted on the 19th March, 1838, and formally constituted at the Sun Inn, where it still meets, by Bro. J. DAVIES, Past Deputy P.G.M., in the presence of the late Bro. the Marquis of SALISBURY, Prov. G.M., and some 30 other brethren, on the 19th May following; its founder and first W.M. being the late Bro. W. LLOYD THOMAS, Prov. G. Sec., who was S.G.D. of England in 1841 and died in 1855. To this same Bro. THOMAS and other similarly brave spirits of his time the Craft in Hertfordshire may be said to have been indebted almost for its existence. For though there had been lodges in the county during last century, it is stated in the brief report given in the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" of the consecration of the lodge: "It is worthy of remark that, in the county of Hertford, there are now five lodges in active work, with the prospect of a sixth (at St. Albans). Ten years ago there was not a single lodge nor a resident Mason, where now there can at any time be summoned to the altars upwards of 300 brethren!" These five lodges are still in active work, though one of them—the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435—now meets in London, and Bro. HALSEY, P.G.M., must be very proud of the present position in Masonry and the prospects of the four that still constitute a part

of his province. We trust that 50 years hence, when the Cecil Lodge will be celebrating its Centenary, the record of Hertfordshire Freemasonry may be as bright and promising as it is now, and exhibit as satisfactory a rate of progress as it has shown since the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin, was constituted.

An Ancient Relic.

OUR Grand Lodge Museum has just been enriched by the addition of a venerable relic of by-gone days, to wit, part of the tibia of one of the legs of HIRAM, King of Tyre, which was taken years ago by Captain KIDDLE, R.N., from the opened tomb which lies near to the spot where formerly stood the eastern gate of the ancient city of Tyre, and which, according to eastern tradition, is the tomb of HIRAM the King, who rendered such valuable assistance to SOLOMON in building the Temple at Jerusalem. In 1859, Bro. KIDDLE, then navigating lieutenant of H.M.S. Agamemnon, was sent on shore at Tyre with Admiral ALEXANDER and Captain JOHNSON to investigate a charge brought by the Maronites against the Druses, and when the inquiry was over, the Consul took them to see HIRAM'S tomb, which they found, to their great regret, had been broken opened and rifled by some of the French soldiers at the time occupying the country. On carefully examining the sarcophagus, Bro. KIDDLE picked up a fragment of a tibia, and as the tomb in question is, according to ROBERTSON, "the best authenticated monument in the land," and knowing the value which ordinarily attaches to tradition in Eastern countries, Bro. KIDDLE is anxious that such a relic should be religiously preserved, and has, accordingly, presented it to our Grand Lodge, on condition that it is accepted for what he believes it to be, namely, a relic of HIRAM the King. The tomb from which it was taken will be found described in Dr. THOMPSON'S work, entitled "The Land and the Book," as consisting of five stone slabs, the two lowest being each 13 feet long by 8 feet 8 inches broad by 3 feet thick, the middle one 15 feet by 10 feet by 3 feet 4 inches thick, that above it 12 feet 3 inches by 8 feet by 6 feet, and the topmost of all 10 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet. There is also an engraving of it as the frontispiece to ALLEN'S work, "The Red Sea," and likewise at p. 489 of "The Freemasons' Magazine and Mirror," Vol. X. (New Series), January to June, 1864. We are sure that Grand Lodge and the English Craft generally will fully appreciate the kindness which has prompted Bro. KIDDLE—who was raised M.M. at Malta in 1848-9—to present this relic to our Museum.

Remittances Home from the Colonies.

WE have more than once had occasion to point out for the benefit of those who consider that all our Colonial lodges should at once cut their connection with our Grand Lodge, and set up house for themselves, on the ground that, by so doing, they would save the fees which they are now obliged to "send home," that the only fees which are thus remitted are for the registration of initiates and joining members, the 7s. 6d., charged in the former case including the cost of the Grand Lodge certificate. The last occasion on which we set ourselves to correct this error was in answer to a statement made by the *New Zealand Freemason* to the effect that these remittances constituted a heavy tax on the funds of our Colonial lodges. Of course, if those who made the allegation had taken the trouble to ascertain the facts, they would at once have discovered how erroneous was their assertion. Possibly this would not have been convenient, but the D.G. Treasurer of Queensland, has recently been at the pains of correcting the impression, and stating precisely what are the fees remitted, what they are for, and the advantages which follow from their remittance. His statement is merely a repetition of ours—that 7s. 6d. is remitted for the registration of each initiate, who thereby becomes entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate, and 2s. 6d. for each joining member; that nothing in the shape of "annual fees" is sent home; and that members of Colonial lodges "are entitled to participate in all the benevolent Institutions of the Grand Lodge of England." Let us hope that after this authoritative explanation by a District Grand Officer, who knows well what he is talking about, our Colonial and other contemporaries will be more careful in the assertions they make so freely, but with so little justification.

The New York Masonic Fair.

WE have before us a very handsomely printed report of "The Ladies' Masonic Fair Association," of New York. It is a great credit to all concerned, and the excellent management of our esteemed lady friends, with Mrs. FRANK R. LAWRENCE as "Chairman" (the title is not ours), Mrs. E. M. L. EHLERS, "Vice-Chairman," and Mrs. EDWARD B. HARPER, Secretary, with a large Executive Committee, has resulted in the enormous sum of 75,000 dollars being placed in the hands of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, besides over 1300 dollars on deposit in the Garfield National Bank, so that, at least, £15,000 have been received by the Ladies' Fair. This sum will be paid to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund "as soon as the debt is paid," to be by them applied towards the creation of an Asylum for indigent

Masons, their widows and orphans." The whole cost of management has been about £1400, so that economy and efficiency have been combined in an able manner, and the "itemised statement of disbursements," printed with the elaborate report, enables all concerned to trace the expenditure of every dollar, besides which an interesting account is given of the receipts at the tables, by tickets, and through donations, under lodges, Committees, and ladies' gifts. We have never seen a better or a more exhaustive report in our experience, and, to our minds, it speaks volumes in praise of the management which has thus obtained the largest sum at any Masonic Fair in the world, at the lowest possible cost, to the immense benefit of the beloved Craft. So far, then, the ladies of New York have earned the prize for the best and largest Masonic Fair, and well deserve the heartfelt thanks of the brethren for whom they have so successfully toiled. All honour to them we say, and so will all say, who even slightly realise what the great effort has meant.

Grand Lodge of New York. THE Grand Lodge of New York is evidently well managed and most ably financed under the present regime; and though one cannot help wishing that similar efficiency had been displayed in years gone by, any feelings of regret for past incompetency are swallowed up in the satisfaction felt with the success which has followed the genial rule and indomitable determination of Grand Master LAWRENCE who bids fair to witness the extinction of the Hall debt during the present term of his eventful Grand Mastership. His address to the Grand Lodge in June last is now printed and lies before us, making most interesting and suggestive reading. Since the present efforts, so ably inaugurated in 1866 by the Grand Master, over £67,000 have been voluntarily contributed by lodges to discharge their share of the debt, and others, holding aloof until now, are preparing in like manner to discharge their obligations, so that the comparatively small adverse balance will soon be wiped out, and the funds of the Grand Lodge be allotted to Charitable purposes. For the latter purpose the "Masonic Fair" Committee have placed over £15,000 in the hands of the Grand Master, and when the debt is cleared the large income of the Grand Lodge will form a grand and certain means of providing the annual expenditure for the contemplated Benevolent Institution. The Grand Master speaks in the highest terms of the service rendered by Grand Secretary EHLERS, and likewise of Bro. H. G. CARTER's valuable labours as the Grand Librarian. The Library and Reading-room have grown in favour, and have continued to deserve the appreciation of all brethren who visit the building. Two classes of Masonic works have been catalogued during the year, the lists being published with the proceedings, and 180 volumes have been added to the library, so that Bro. CARTER is jubilant and encouraged. R.W. Bro. C. T. McCLENACHAN is writing a history of the Grand Lodge, for which he is so competent, and we are glad to hear the first volume is confidently looked for during this session.

OLD WARRANTS.—XV.—XVI.—XVII.

Signed
Tyrone, G.M.
J. Brennan,
D.G.M.
[& Wardens]

Seal.

No. 60

COPY OF No. 60, ENNIS, A.D. 1736 [1803]

By the Right Worshipful & Right Honourable The Lord Viscount Tyrone Grand Master of all the Lodges of Freemasons in the Kingdom of Ireland; the Right Worshiptul James Brennan, M.D., Deputy Grand Master; the Wpful. John Corneille & William Sandford, Esqrs. Grand Wardens.

Whereas our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers George Lotton Henry McClosky & John Uniack have besought Us, that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free-Masons in the Town of Ennis and County of Clare of such Persons who by their Knowledge and Skill in Masonry may contribute to the Well-being and Advancement thereof. We therefore duly weighing the Premises, and having nothing more at Heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry, and reposing special Trust and Confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers, the said George Lotton Henry McClosky & John Uniack of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Masonry, We are satisfied: Do by these Presents, of our certain Knowledge and meer motion, Nominate, Create, Authorize, and Constitute the said George Lotton Henry McClosky and John Uniack to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their Successors, lawfully admitted in the said Lodge, for ever. And we do hereby give and grant unto the said George Lotton Henry McClosky and John Uniack and their Successors, full Power and lawful Authority, from Time to Time, to proceed to Election of a new Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, as they, from Time to Time, shall think Proper and Convenient, for the Well-being and Ordering of said Lodge; reserving to ourselves and our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens, of Ireland, the sole right of deciding all Differences which shall be brought by Appeal before Us, and our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland. In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office, this thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord God 1736 and in the year of Masonry 5736.

Enter'd by me

JOHN PENNELL
Secy.

I do hereby certify that a Warrant of this tenor and Date was this day produced to me much injured by time & accident & that this is a true Duplicate & reorbal thereof May 24th 1803.

A. SETON
D.G.S.

Bro. John Hill, of Ennis, has kindly sent the foregoing transcript. It will be seen that the old warrant of 1736 was useless, and hence a copy was officially furnished the Lodge No. 60 in 1803, *duly sealed*, by which it still works. The value of this document to us students is derived from the fact that this seal of 1803 is the same as the one referred to by Bro. H. Sadler in his second interesting article on "Grand Lodge Seals of the Ancients" (*Freemason*, July 7th, 1888), bearing the motto, *Silentio, virtute et amore*. When the seal was cut or first used, I am unable at present to determine, but quite think with Bro. Sadler that Bro. Rylands has good grounds for believing it was employed to attest warrants of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at least a century or more ago. I remember seeing one or more seals attached to old Irish charters, which, though much injured, resembled that of the drawing E given by Bro. Sadler, and, at all events, that of No. 60

proves it was used in 1803 on a warrant. I have also seen a certificate attested by the same seal dated 8th November, 1792. Bro. Sadler has done excellent service in relation to seals, and I hope he has not yet finished the subject, for those used by the original Grand Lodge of England are well deserving of attention, especially the earliest known with the motto in Greek, "*In the beginning was the word.*"

Kingston, G.M.
Ja. Brennan
D.G.M.
[& Wardens]

No. 49

Seal.

COPY OF No. 49, CHARLEVILLE, A.D. 1736.

By the Right Worshipful, and Right Honourable Lord Kingston Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free-Masons in the Kingdom of IRELAND, the Worshipful James Brennan M.D. Deputy Grand Master, the Worshipful John Baldwin and John Corneille, Esqrs Grand Wardens.

WHEREAS our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers James Donegan, M.D. Lewis Bruce and Reuben Roberts, Gent, have besought Us, that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free-Masons, in the Town of Charleville in the County of Cork, of such persons, who by their Knowledge and Skill in Masonry, may contribute to the Well-Being and Advancement thereof. We therefore duly weighing the Premises, and having nothing more at Heart, than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry, and reposing Special Trust and Confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers, the said James Donegan Lewis Bruce and Reuben Roberts, of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Masonry, We are satisfied; Do by these PRESENTS, of Our certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, Nominate, Create, Authorize and Constitute the said James Donegan, Master, Lewis Bruce and Reuben Roberts, Wardens, to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their Successors lawfully admitted in the said Lodge, for ever. AND We do hereby Give and Grant unto the said James Donegan Lewis Bruce and Reuben Roberts and their Successors, full Power and lawful Authority from Time to Time to proceed to Election of a new Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, as they from Time to Time shall think Proper and Convenient for the Well-Being and Ordering of the said Lodge; reserving to Our Selves and Our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND, the sole Right of deciding all Differences which shall be brought by Appeal before Us and Our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND. In WITNESS whereof, We have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office this twelfth Day of April in the Year of our Lord God, 1736 and in the Year of Masonry, 5736.

Intratur per

JOHN PENNELL Secretary.

The foregoing was forwarded by Bro. Weldon, whose careful transcript has enabled the printer to exhibit its typographical character. Being an original warrant of 1736, it is well worthy of reproduction, though the name of the Grand Master was known and registered previously. An impression of the seal, forwarded by Bro. Armstrong of Bandon, bears the name of "Emerald Lodge, Charleville, Instituted 1736," thereon; names of lodges are rarely noted for Ireland. There is also a seal of "Charleville Lodge, No. 49" for a higher Degree.

COPY OF No. 14, GALWAY, A.D. 1733.

By the Right Worshipful, and Rt Honourable the Lord Viscount Netiwill Grand Master of all the Lodges of Freemasons in the Kingdom of Ireland, the Rt Worshipful, and Rt Honourable the Lord Viscount Kingsland, Deputy Grand Master; the Rt Worshipful, and Honourable, Wm Ponsonby; and Dillon Collard Hampson; Esqrs; Grand Wardens.

Whereas, our Trusty and Well beloved Brothers. Robert Andrew, John Cox, and Dominick Lynch, have besought us, that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Freemasons, in the town of Galway, in Ireland; of such persons; who by their Knowledge, and Skill, in Masonry; may contribute to the wellbeing and advancement thereof. We therefore, duly weighing the Premises, and having nothing more at Heart, than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry, and reposing special Trust and Confidence, in our Trusty and wellbeloved Brothers, the said Robert Andrews, John Cox, and Dominick Lynch—of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Freemasonry We are satisfied. Do by these Presents, of Our certain Knowledge, and meer Motion. Nominate, Create, Authorize, and Constitute, the said Bros Robert Andrews Bro John Cox, and Bro. Dominick Lynch, to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their Successors lawfully admitted in the said Lodge for ever. And We do hereby give and Grant unto the said Bros Robert Andrew, John Cox, and Dominick Lynch and their Successors, full power and lawful Authority from Time to Time, to proceed to Election of a new Master and Wardens, to make such Laws Rules, and Orders, as they, from Time to Time, shall think proper and Convenient, for the well being, and ordering of, the said Lodge, reserving to ourselves, and Our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland the sole right of deciding all Differences, which shall be brought by appeal before us and Our Successors, Grand Master or Grand Wardens of Ireland.

In witness whereof. We have hereunto set Our Hands and Seal of Office this First day of May in the Year of Our Lord, God, 1733. : and in the Year of Masonry, 5733.

Entered by me.

EDW. SPRATT. Secr

Were the above of 1733 a transcript of an English warrant, it would be of special value, but as a copy of an Irish charter, it is not of such an unusual character, there being several preserved of that Grand Lodge dating even so far back as 1733, and even to 1731. The Grand Lodge Calendar of 1888 has the year 1732 ascribed to No. 14, which is clearly an error, the original of the above being of the 1st of May, 1733.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PAST FESTIVALS OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

It is to be regretted that the brethren of former days should have set their faces so resolutely against the publication of anything in the nature of Masonic intelligence. Had it been otherwise, we should have known more about their proceedings at lodge and Provincial G. Lodge meetings, and more about their opinions on topics of general interest to the Craft. It is indeed highly probable that if there had been such a medium as a Weekly Journal or Monthly Magazine of Masonry must afford for the interchange of views on the Masonic differences which prevailed in England during the latter half of the 18th and the first 13 years of the present century, these differences would have been less acute, and a modus vivendi between the rival sections of the English Craft would have been sooner found. But, a century ago, and even in times more recent, there were many brethren who regarded it as rank heresy for Masons even to whisper in the ears of the profane, and, still worse, to communicate to the profane press, any news about Freemasonry. There was, it is true, a *Freemasons' Magazine* published monthly during the years 1793-98, but the bulk of its contents related to general topics, the Masonic matter being to the general in about the same proportion as Falstaff's bread was to his "unconscionable deal of sack." However, it fortunately happens, apropos of the Festival which we have been celebrating this year with so much splea

dour in the Royal Albert Hall, that in this Magazine for April, 1795, it will be found that a short account is given of the sixth Anniversary Festival, "in the Society's Hall, in Great Queen-street," on the 13th of that month, in aid of the funds of what was then known as "The Royal Cumberland Freemasons' School" for female children, and from this it is possible to form some idea of the proceedings. The Earl of Moira, Acting Grand Master, presided, and "after a very plentiful and elegant dinner, those ladies who had tickets were admitted into the gallery to view the procession of the little female objects of the Charity"—who at the time were about 30 in number—"who paraded three times round the room preceded by the Stewards and the Chevalier Ruspini, the worthy Treasurer, leading the two youngest; the band of the first regiment playing several pieces of music." It will be remembered that with the last Christmas number of the *Freemason* was issued a full page illustration taken from an engraving by Jefferys, in which this incident of the procession of the "objects" round the hall was delineated, the most prominent figure being that of the benevolent Chevalier himself—leading his tiny charges by the hand, while George Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Earl of Moira, and other magnates are regarding the scene with infinite pleasure. Then, when the procession was over, the Chairman rose and addressed those present—on this particular occasion as we are told—"in a happy strain of pathetic eloquence" and "in a speech of nearly half-an-hour, that did honour to his feelings as a man and a Mason," "warmly recommended" the Charity "to the protection of the public." It is further recorded that "though no general collection was suffered to be made, yet, in order to gratify the wishes of many present, the Secretary was permitted to receive voluntary contributions, which amounted, with the produce of a sermon at St. Clement's on the preceding day, to £114, exclusive of a donation by the SHAKESPEARE LODGE of 20 iron bedsteads, and of 60 blankets by the LODGE OF RURAL FRIENDSHIP towards furnishing the new School House, now nearly complete"—The minutes state the proceeds of the sermon as £38 14s. 9d. and of the donors as £119 2s. 6d., making together £157 17s. 3d., the cost of the bedsteads and blankets being probably included. We also learn that "in the intervals the company were entertained with some excellent songs by Messrs. Incledon, Dignum, Page, Caulfield, Addington, &c.," and that at 9 p.m., "after a day spent with the utmost harmony and conviviality," his lordship quitted the chair, "amidst the reiterated applauses of the whole company, for his very polite conduct and active zeal on behalf of the Charity." Lastly, it seems that a slight breeze sprang up between one of the Stewards—possibly one of the anti-Masonic intelligencers of the day—and the proprietor of the Magazine, who, however, disdained to take any further notice in his publication of the "unwarrantable behaviour" of the offending Steward.

This is the first, if not the only, account I have read of an early Festival in aid of the Institution. But the minutes contain frequent, though very insufficient, references to their celebration. It seems, however, to have been the custom, till about the year 1820, to have a Festival Sermon preached by a High Church dignitary if possible—the Bishop of Winchester undertook the duty at the first anniversary in April, 1789—or, failing one of them, by a clergyman who was a Mason and oftentimes a Grand Chaplain. The proceeds were often considerable, and only on one occasion that I know of was there any hesitation on the part of the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards about paying over the amount received, and though he ultimately did so, for a long time he refused "till all the Stewards had contributed their shares towards the cost of the celebration." This was in 1790, and a rule was at once enacted that all moneys received for the benefit of the Institution should be paid over to the Treasurer or the bankers without any deduction whatever. Many years later—about the time of the Union—when Bro. Rev. Lucius Coghlan, D.D., was Grand Chaplain, and preached the anniversary sermon, the proceeds were very large, amounting in round figures in 1814 to £184; in 1815 to £178; and in 1816 to as much as £310.

Another feature in the earlier celebrations worth recording was that the Board of Stewards, in imitation of the Grand Stewards, nominated their successors for the ensuing year, while after the Union the arrangements as to fixing the day were entrusted to the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master and President of the Institution. Then the children always attended the sermon in their new clothes, and on the day of the Festival were treated to a holiday and a special dinner of a more luxurious description than usual, while sometimes if a girl greatly misconducted herself she was deprived of the customary treat.

In 1834, Bro. Dr. Crucefix started the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, and as the Craft has never been without a periodical of some kind since that date, there is no difficulty in obtaining full particulars about later successive Festivals. I find, however, that except in the greater importance which appears to have been assigned to them, the proceedings on these occasions varied but little from what they had been. The guests were more numerous and more toasts were drunk. The children, too, besides perambulating the hall, sang a hymn, composed for the occasion and set to music by the Grand Organist; while on leaving the hall they had their pockets filled with the dessert from the tables. Some years later, when the custom of awarding a medal or medals for proficiency and good conduct had been established, the fortunate winners were conducted to the dais and the Chairman suspended the prizes round the children's necks, and then gave them some wholesome advice as their future conduct. In 1868, however, the House Committee saw fit to dispense with the attendance of the School, and though the Stewards at first raised some demur, the Committee stood firm by their purpose, and the custom has never been revived.

Later, the Festival has been rightly regarded as the great event in the year's proceedings, the immense increase in the number of pupils having rendered it necessary that the Stewards should make more strenuous efforts in order to obtain the needful money for the year's supplies. The consequence of this has been that no sooner is one Festival over than the Secretary sets about enlisting the services of brethren as Stewards for the next ensuing Festival, and these in their turn begin the task of canvassing. The provinces also, since about 1861, are regularly canvassed, whereas it had been previously a rare event for a country brother to act on the Board of Stewards. The provincial half of the said Board is now almost invariably stronger than the London half, while the aggregate of the sums they raise

is oftener than not in excess of the aggregate of the London contributions. However, the present arrangements and proceedings are too familiar to the Craft generally to need any elaborate description. The object of these gatherings remains the same as in the infancy of the School, but the means employed to effect it, in some of the minor details, have been wholly or in great measure changed, in order to harmonise better with the ideas of our time. The responsibilities attaching to Stewardships are likewise greater, but so long as there are brethren willing to undertake them, and when the encouragements to earnest canvassing remain what they are, so long is there every prospect that the large sums annually required for our Institutions will be raised at their Anniversary Festivals.

G. BLIZARD ABBOTT.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. PANCRAS LODGE, No. 2271.

The consecration of the St. Pancras Lodge took place at the Midland Grand Hotel on Saturday, the 4th inst. The founders of the lodge on whose petition the warrant has been granted are Bros. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., and late Lord Mayor of London; Dr. John Powdrell, H. R. Graham, W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; R. G. Webster, M.P.; H. Longman, W. T. Perry, and R. S. Chatty. The fact of the consecration being fixed for the eve of the autumn Bank Holiday caused the absence of many distinguished brethren, and consequently the meeting, though more than sufficiently numerous for the very moderate dimensions of the room secured for the ceremony, was not as large as it would otherwise have been, which in these circumstances was rather fortunate than otherwise. The room, though small for a consecration ceremony, was a handsome apartment, and set off the pretty pedestals, in white and gold, with which the lodge was furnished. A handsome standard, the gift of Bro. Powdrell, embellished with the St. Pancras Arms, adorned the upper end of the room.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G.S., assisted by Bros. H. D. Sandeman, Past D.G.M. Bengal, as S.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., as D.C.; and Letchworth, P.G.D., as I.G.

Bro. John Read, P.M., W.M. 2105, P.P.G. Org. Middx., presided at the organ, the vocalists being Bros. W. Sexton, L. Fryer, T. W. Hanson, and Stanley Smith.

The consecration programme has become so familiar of late years that there is no necessity for referring to it in detail. Suffice it to say that the lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, and the hymn "Hail, Eternal" having been sung, the Presiding Officer, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, addressed the assembled brethren, saying that they had assembled there to take part in an interesting and important Masonic ceremony, namely, to constitute and consecrate a new lodge, and to place another name on the already long roll of the Grand Lodge of England. It appeared that at that particular part of the Metropolis there had not been for a considerable period any Masonic lodge, and, therefore, a certain number of brethren had petitioned the Grand Master to grant them a warrant to practise Masonry in that neighbourhood. Although there were now a great many lodges in London, and though the Grand Master had in consequence been obliged to refuse a great many petitions, still his Royal Highness in this case had, after mature consideration, been pleased to grant a warrant in this instance. The petitioners had been very fortunate in obtaining the services of a very distinguished brother—Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., late Lord Mayor of London, and Past G.W. of England—to take the chair of the lodge, and there could be no doubt that under his genial and able sway the lodge would attain a distinguished position. The Grand Secretary went on to say that it was his usual custom on these occasions to say a word of warning to the founders of new lodges not to be in too great a hurry to make a large lodge. But, looking at the names of those concerned in this proposed new lodge, he thought perhaps that warning might be unnecessary. It might be sufficient for him to remind them that it was much easier to get a man into a lodge than to get rid of one when once he was a member; and he therefore begged them to be careful not to take a wrong man in, so that they might not have the unpleasant task of turning a wrong man out. But if they were careful as to those whom they admitted, they would get together a number of brethren all joined together in fraternal bonds, who would work in harmony, and the lodge would prosper.

The petitioners were then ranged in order before the Presiding Officer, and Bro. MATTHEWS, as D.C., read the petition and warrant. In answer to the inquiries of the Presiding Officer, the brethren signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, as Chaplain, delivered the following oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry:

In the busy race of life there is unfortunately so much which is ever coming between us, our fellow men, that anything which does its good work in softening down the many points on which we differ must be hailed as a factor for usefulness. It is therefore that we bid welcome the St. Pancras Lodge. Yes, brethren, we must not shut our eyes to the fact that self interest and party feeling are in these days stronger perhaps than they ever were before. How bitterly, how uncourtously, do we treat the man who differs from us in politics or religion. How incapable we seem to be of giving credit to our opponents for any honesty of purpose or any uprightness in action. We single out greedily isolated deeds and words. We clothe them with our own interpretations, and deduce from them results wholly unfair and untrue. The power of judgment which was given us to use upon our own shortcomings is diverted from its proper use and applied to functions it is quite incapable of discharging. How eloquently even the dullest amongst us gives sentence upon a brother's life. It has been well said that an evil, uncharitable speaker hurts three persons. First, the one he attacks; secondly, the one to whom he speaks; thirdly, and most of all, himself. He hurts the object of his attack, because if you throw mud some is sure to stick. He hurts the listener because he sets him an evil example, which he will probably follow, and he hurts himself because

he injures that grace of Charity in his soul which is a tender plant and cannot bear rough usage. The key which lies and does not hang will never open truly our mysteries. The tongue of every Freemason should hang in a brother's defence and never lie to his prejudice. If it cannot speak well of him in his absence as in his presence it should adopt that excellent virtue of the Craft, which is silence. So, my brethren, I come back to my point, we welcome your lodge because we believe that it will open its doors to men who, in business, in politics, in religion, do not see or feel alike, and will teach all the duty of seeking that which is fair and not that which is foul in his brother's life. The true Mason is not a collector of filth and garbage. There are plenty without us to do that unsavoury work. We seek rather the fair flowers which are from God in every life. Our object is to develop them. Meet anyone in this spirit and you strengthen within him all that is good and noble. He feels and realises that you want to see the best and not the worst side of his character, and he will show you the best side. Oh, how many a life which might be useful is by us idle. How many a faculty which might be employed for man's good and God's glory is being wasted, simply for want of sympathy. If our Craft without pretending to those higher duties which must remain with religion and with religion alone, accepts the great, the unostentatious work of cultivating brotherly love and mutual forbearance, it will have discharged an office most needful in our present times, and be one of the many instruments which the G.A.O.T.U. condescends to use for the perfecting of his creatures, and fashioning them into His likeness.

The ceremony was then proceeded with in the usual form. The musical portion of the service was very well rendered, and concluded with a beautiful anthem (dedication prayer of King Solomon), and the final Benediction brought the ceremony to a close.

The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., was installed W.M. of the St. Pancras Lodge, this ceremony also being performed by the Grand Secretary.

This was followed by the investiture of the officers as follows: Bros. John Powdrell, 1745, S.W.; H. R. Graham, J.W.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P. S.G.W. Middx., Sec.; R. G. Webster, Treas.; H. Longman, S.D.; W. T. Perry, J.D.; R. S. Chatty, I.G.; and Whiting, Tyler.

On the motion of the S.W., seconded by Bro. SCURRAH, the whole of the founders of the lodge were constituted a Committee to draw up the by-laws.

Bro. Sir R. N. FOWLER, W.M., then rose and proposed that the heartiest thanks of the lodge be given to their most distinguished Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had come there to consecrate the lodge, for the admirable way in which he had discharged that duty. He thought they must all feel it a great advantage to a lodge to be constituted by such a brother, who was a great authority on Masonry, and that they should most gratefully thank him for being there. He would propose, further, that Col. Clerke should be elected an honorary member of the lodge.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. SCURRAH, and carried unanimously; and

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in informing the Grand Secretary of the result, begged him, in the name of the lodge, to accept a jewel, to remind him from time to time of the day on which he consecrated the St. Pancras Lodge.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE would lose no time in thanking the Master and brethren for the double honour they had conferred upon him, especially for the very flattering terms in which these honours had been conveyed to him.

It was moved by Bro. WEBSTER, Treas., and seconded by the J.W., that the very hearty thanks of the lodge be given not only to the Grand Secretary, but also to the other Grand Officers who had come to assist Col. Clerke in the opening of that lodge for North London; and that these brethren also should be elected honorary members of the lodge, namely, Bros. Sandeman, Past D.G.M. Bengal; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; and Letchworth, P.G.D.

The motion having been carried unanimously, Bro. SANDEMAN returned thanks for himself and the rest of the Consecrating Officers.

Several new members were proposed, and their names having been handed in to the Secretary, the lodge was closed, and the brethren of the lodge and their numerous guests adjourned to the banquet room, where an elegant dinner was served, Sir R. N. Fowler, W.M., presiding.

The company included the following:

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Edward Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. W. Smith, P.M. 1744; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; H. Dickie, I.P.M. 1744; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; S. Greene, P.P.S.G.D. Gloster; J. K. R. Cama, W.M. 2202; Jas. Irvine, S.W. 862; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; W. De L. Waters, P.M. 727; A. Laurence Fryer, 1624; T. W. Hanson, 2185; John Read, W.M. 2105; G. Stanley Smith, 1929; W. Sexton, 1321; W. Jaques, W.M. 1744; F. Marx, P.M. 957; W. Hewett, J.W. 939; Frank C. Joseph, I.G. 2048; Horace White, W.M. 10; H. Hollands, J.W. 1744; Arthur Scurrah, Sec. 2206; Robt. W. Moffery, W.M. 957; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. Goodchild, P.M.; Hy. Munday, 569; J. F. Wright, 142; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; and E. C. Marsey.

After dinner several loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and were very heartily received by the company. When "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G. Master" had been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN, on rising to propose "The Health of the Present and Past G. Officers," said that as regarded the Earl of Carnarvon, he was a nobleman who had devoted his great talents to Masonry; and his services to Masonry, not only in England but throughout the world, were well-known. He had lately been through the Colonies, and they knew that he had taken care to look to the well-being of those great Masonic bodies which existed in our Colonies throughout the world. The Earl of Lathom had devoted himself very much to the good of the Order, and he (the Chairman) thought that they had practically to thank him on this occasion, because, if he recollected right, their warrant was signed by the Prince and the Earl of Lathom. This toast was always drunk with pleasure, but it must be regarded with peculiar satisfaction on this occasion, when they were honoured by the presence of many distinguished members of Grand Lodge. The Chairman, after naming all the Grand Officers present, concluded by coupling with the toast the name of his old friend, Sir John Monckton, who, for a long course of years filled a most important position in connection with Grand Lodge.

Sir JOHN MONCKTON, in replying, said the response which he was honoured by being called upon to make must be considered as given in two capacities, individually and collectively. Collectively, he represented an absent body of Masons. He supposed there were few, if any in the room who were not acquainted with some or many of the Grand Officers of England, or who did not know that that position might be attained by any Mason who gave his heart to the Craft. Individually, he had to thank the founders of the lodge for permitting him to come as an officer, with nothing to do, on that occasion. However, he thought he had some sort of right to be there, because he had got an annual dinner to get out of Sir Robt. Fowler's installations. The present was the third, and he believed he should once a year get the opportunity he had so highly enjoyed that evening. It was a strong test of fortitude and fidelity to come on the Saturday before Bank Holiday. Still, he had come with pleasure, and remained with greater pleasure, for the work had been well done, and the creature comforts had been well attended to. In the name of the Grand Officers who stood up with him, and in the name of those who were absent—Present and Past Grand Officers—he thanked the lodge very heartily.

The CHAIRMAN said he had now to propose the toast of the evening, "The V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, the Consecrating Officer." Well, as regarded the Consecrating Officer he need not in that assembly say anything, because they had all seen the admirable way in which their distinguished friend had performed the consecrating ceremony. He would remind them of what the late Lord Derby said, "that it was difficult to speak with the words of the Right Rev. Prelate ringing in his ears, and in the ears of every one whom he addressed." In the same way the Grand Secretary was still present in the minds of himself (the Chairman) and those whom he had the pleasure to address. That was a reason for drinking the toast with cordiality, and, therefore, he need not enlarge on the point. But they had to look further, to the great services which their distinguished friend had paid to this lodge and to Masonry in general. For many years he had occupied a position of considerable importance, though it was a position which required the exercise of very great tact and very great discretion. He (the Chairman) was nominally a member of Grand Lodge, but he spoke in the presence of many gentlemen who knew what were the important duties which devolved upon it, and the difficult questions that devolved upon it in the presence of his friend who had just sat down, and in presence of the Grand Registrar, who discharged his duties with regard to the most responsible questions on which he advised Grand Lodge with the greatest discretion and the greatest ability. Now, speaking in the presence of these distinguished friends, he thought he might pay a tribute to the way in which the most arduous duties connected with their illustrious Order were discharged by his honourable friend. They had now drunk to the health of the M.W. the Grand Master; he represented Royalty. They had drunk to the health of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom; they represented the aristocracy who had done so much to place England in its present position. And now he would, as one of the middle class himself—the great middle class to which they all belonged, which was to be looked at as the third estate of the realm—do honour to the Grand Secretary, who in Freemasonry most admirably discharged the duties of the class to which they all belonged. His honoured brother had to advise upon questions both of home and foreign interest, and he must have a busy time who attended constantly at Freemasons' Hall, and regulated the proceedings of the Order. Now, he thought they would all feel that that was most ably done by his distinguished friend whose name he coupled with the toast. He filled a high and important position as Grand Secretary of England, and he, therefore, thought that in asking them to drink the health of one to whom they were all deeply indebted, he was asking them not only to return gratitude for services they appreciated, but to join in drinking health, long life, and happiness of one with whom the interests and honour of the Craft were very closely associated.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in reply, said that he really felt it a most difficult thing to return thanks for this toast, because the W.M. had been good enough to propose it in such kind, laudatory, and flattering terms that he (Bro. Col. Clerke) felt himself undeserving of them. He could assure them that his whole heart and soul was devoted to Masonry, and he was delighted to do anything he could to further the cause of the Order. It was quite true that the Grand Lodge of England had a large business at the present moment, and he was proud to be its executive officer, and he worked hard to carry out the important duties placed on his shoulders. If his work met with the approval of his brethren in the four quarters of the globe he was amply repaid. He trusted that he might be spared for some years to do the work. As for that evening, he was greatly pleased to be able to be there. Sir John Monckton remarked that it was an awkward day. Well, it was an awkward day, but there were a great many good Masons there who had thrown over Bank Holiday to support the lodge, and were glad to do what they could to start a good lodge for North London. His two Wardens—Bros. Sandeman and Capt. Philips—his eloquent Bro. Brownrigg, who had been obliged to leave early, Bro. Matthews, the D.C., and Bro. Letchworth, who had been the trusty watch dog at the portal, had ably assisted him, and he thanked them for their kind services. That had been a most pleasant day to him, and he could not be too grateful for the way in which he had been received. He was now going to another matter, which was to propose "The Health of the Master of the Lodge." There was a trite, stale saying about the toast of the evening, which was worn to death; but if there was an occasion on which such an expression should be used, it was when the health of a new Master of a new lodge was given. But when it was the first Mastership it entailed a large amount of responsibility, because upon the well doing or the bad doing of the first Master depended the well-being of the lodge. That night, however, they were quite safe, because they had one of the kindest of men and the best of Masons to preside over them. They had all known him as Chief Magistrate of London; they remembered when, from an unfortunate event, he was called on to fill the civic chair a second year, and how pleased they were when her Majesty bestowed honours upon him, and when his Royal Highness appointed him J.W. of the Grand Lodge of England. And now, not content to rest upon the laurels he had so well deserved, he had taken the Mastership of a new lodge. Such a man was worthy of all esteem and worthy of all recognition, and he was sure they would join with him in thanking Sir Robert Fowler for accepting the chair of that new lodge.

In reply, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he had to thank their distinguished brother for the kind and far too flattering way in which he had proposed his (the Master's) health. It certainly struck him that he was one

who was deeply indebted to Masonry, because, though he did not say so man had had more honours, no man had had honours which he so little deserved. He could not say that he was well up in the rule of the Order; but, at all events, though probably most of those present would be better able to get through the work of the Order, he had endeavoured not to disgrace it. That was the fourth time he had been in the chair of K.S. In a country lodge he was in the chair some time ago. He had been placed in the chair of a London lodge, and the Grand Master had done him the honour to put him in the position of one of the Grand Wardens. Then he had been attached to a lodge in connection with the University of London, to which he had the honour to belong; and now the brethren of that lodge had done him the high honour to place him in the chair of St. Pancras Lodge. It only showed that they had been kind enough to overlook his defects, and he could assure them that he deeply appreciated the very great kindness he had received from his brethren in every part of the country, and especially to his brethren in the St. Pancras Lodge.

Several other toasts were proposed, including "The Health of the Visitors" (to which Bros. PHILBRICK, G. Reg., WHITE, IRVINE, and others responded); "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" (to which Bros. WEBSTER, M.P., and SCURRAH responded); and "The Officers of the Lodge" (which was responded to by the S. and J. WARDENS), before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of the evening.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the afternoon of the 2nd inst. Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., G.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Villiers, of Closeburn, Prov. G.M. of Dumfries, acted as Depute G.M.; Bro. Lord Saltoun, as S.G.W.; and Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, as J.G.W. Among others present were—

Bros. Dr. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Kinnear, G. Treas.; Rev. R. Henderson, G. Chap.; George Fisher, acting S.G.D.; James Drummond, W.S., acting J.G.D.; Major F. W. Allan, Past and acting G. Bible Bearer; George Dobie, G. Bard; Provost Brand, G.D.C.; James Crichton, G.S.B.; H. J. Blanc, G. Architect; R. Davidson, G. Org.; Colin Galletly, G.I.G.; John Graham, of Broadstone, Proxy Prov. G.M. of Bermuda; Dr. James Middleton, Prov. G.M. of Roxburgh and Selkirk shires; Brodie, Past G.M. of New York; James Caldwell, P.G.D.; David Hume, P.G. Bible Bearer; W. Officer, P.G.D.; and H. G. D. Copland, P.G.S.B.

Apologies for absence were intimated from, amongst others, Bros. Professor Story, G. Chap.; Col. J. Clark Forrest, Past G.M. of Mid-Lanark; J. T. S. Elliot, S.G.W.; and Lieut.-Colonel John Campbell, J.G.D.

It was reported that the income of Grand Lodge for the first six months of this year amounted to £2894, and for the first six months of last year to £2879, being for this year an excess of £15. For last quarter the income had been £1129, and the expenditure £606, showing an excess of income to the amount of £523. During the same period £105 had been voted from the Fund of Scottish Benevolence as grants to distressed Freemasons or the widows of Masons.

A report was submitted from the Prov. G.M. of Glasgow, Bro. Sir W. Pearce, Bart., M.P., stating that in May the annual visitation of the 33 lodges in his province had been completed, and that the lodges on the whole had been found to be in a healthy and satisfactory condition, the number of entrants during the year having been 590.

On the unanimous recommendation of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Forfarshire, Grand Lodge appointed Bro. James Berry, Prov. G.M. Depute, to the office of Prov. Grand Master, in room of Bro. the Hon. Frank Lyon, resigned.

The Sub-Committee appointed to visit Aberdeen City Province, and to exercise therein all the powers of Grand Lodge, gave in a report of their proceedings. They had held sittings in Aberdeen during four days, and had several conferences with the Committee of Masters of the lodges, which by direction of Grand Lodge had been formed to manage the financial affairs both of the Provincial Grand Lodge and its Benevolent Fund. As a result, they had a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer; and they stated their reasons for expelling a member from the Order, and said there was reason to believe that their action would tend to a speedy restoration of harmony in the province. Approved.

It was reported by Bro. JOHN M. MARTIN, of Auchendunean, Prov. G. Master of Dumbartonshire, that a most satisfactory visitation of the 12 lodges of the province had been made by visiting deputations from the Provincial Grand Lodge. All the lodges had been found to be in a vigorous condition, working not only in accordance with the laws and constitution, but in such an intelligent and correct manner as reflected credit on the Craft and the province. In nearly all there was a gratifying accession to membership.

Bro. FRED. E. VILLIERS, of Closeburn, Prov. G.M. of Dumfriesshire, reported as follows on his province: "I have great pleasure in stating for the information of Grand Lodge, that I have every reason to feel quite satisfied with the work which is going on in my province. I observe with satisfaction the introduction by some lodges of a regular system of instruction for junior members of the Craft. Another distinctive feature of progress in a healthy direction is the more frequent discussions that have taken place with regard to the raising and administration of Benevolent funds, with a view to increase them and make them of a more extended use. These things all point to life and energy in the province over which I have the honour to preside."

A petition was submitted for a charter for a new lodge to be erected in Edinburgh. The petitioners stated that they were "desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this part of the country, especially among professions of the various forms of art, viz., the drama, painting, sculpture, music, literature, architecture, and kindred professions, having the assurance that a lodge specially identified with art and artists would result in a large and worthy accession to the Brotherhood." When the petition

was before Grand Committee, a petition signed by 11 Masters of Edinburgh and Leith Lodges, was presented to have it refused, but that was negatived by 11 to five. Grand Lodge unanimously, on the motion of the Grand Master, granted the charter.

It was reported by Grand Committee that they had remitted to the Hall Committee to arrange for making the library available to the members of Grand Lodge. This is to be done by utilising the presses in the room next the board-room, and having the room to be known as the library comfortably and suitably fitted up for the purpose, and for the convenience of members of Grand Lodge and the various Committees coming from a distance. The catalogue is meantime not to be printed. This was approved of by Grand Lodge.

Bro. VILLIERS proposed that on the occasion of the visit of her Majesty to the Glasgow Exhibition a humble address should be presented by Grand Lodge as a token of the loyalty and respect of the Masonic body, and as honouring the Grand Master with her Majesty's presence at Blythswood. In the event of her Majesty granting permission, he proposed that the address should be presented by a small deputation to be nominated by the Grand Master.

This was seconded by Bro. GRAHAM, of Broadstone, and unanimously carried, and it was remitted to Grand Secretary, under the directions of the Grand Master, to prepare the address.

This was all the business.

AMERICAN NOTES.

The "Freemasons' Repository" for the month of June has its usual budget of readable matter, together with an excellent portrait of Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Past G. Master and Recording G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The following excerpts from the number will, no doubt, interest our readers.

SILENCE AND CIRCUMSPECTION are specially enjoined by the teachings of Freemasonry, and brethren receive many a reminder in their progress through different departments of the Craft ceremonial of the demand that is laid upon them in this respect. Speech is a blessed gift, and there is a time to speak as well as a time to keep silent. Sometimes bold, earnest words must be uttered for truth's sake; sometimes an expression must be made of the heart's feelings, and to refrain from speech would be foolish, perhaps sinful. But there is a tendency to use the tongue too freely; to speak hastily and unjustly; to gush and effervesce, multiplying words that are without profit. Let restraint therefore be exercised. Put a bridle upon the tongue. Learn how to be silent even under strong provocation to utter unkind and bitter words. To have the strong feeling and yet be silent is significant of moral force. Let us not cry out every time we are hurt, but learn to keep still even if the thrust goes deep. It is silence which is golden.

WE HAD THE PLEASURE of making the acquaintance of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, Canada, when he was in Providence recently attending to a matter of business interest. Bro. Robertson has held many important positions in the various Masonic organizations. He is now the District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. In performance of the duties of this office he has travelled long distances—several thousand miles in the aggregate—and taxed himself considerably in the way of individual expense; but he has done his work thoroughly and has enjoyed it. Bro. Robertson is a positive, progressive Mason, who believes heartily in Freemasonry as an agency of education, relief and blessing in the world. To some extent he is a reformer, favoring changes in rules and methods to make more effective the desired ministries of the Craft, and to remedy acknowledged evils. We hope that he may again visit Providence and make a longer stay.

GRAND MASTER BLACKMAR, of Iowa, in his address to the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, at its last communication, reports his action on the vexed question of "Physical Qualifications." He says:—"Finding this to be a matter of continual enquiry, and there being no express provisions of law in this jurisdiction upon the subject, I finally deemed it advisable to issue a circular-letter to all the lodges, defining what I conceived to be the common law on the subject, as interpreted and promulgated by our Grand Lodge at various times, and adhered to not only here but almost universally. I therefore sent a circular to each lodge, in which I quoted from the 'Ancient Constitutions' the law as therein expressed, and added my own interpretation of its import, in the following language: 'That all such maims or defects in the physical organization of the man, whether it be a natural deformity or the result of accident or other misfortune, in consequence of which he is incapable of conforming to the requirements of all our ceremonies, would render him unsuitable material.' I also stated that 'the right to interpret the law is unquestionably vested in the Master and his lodge (subject to discipline for an erroneous interpretation thereof), and if they err therein, by accepting as proper material a man so defective as to debar him from performing any part of the ceremonies or lodge work, they alone must suffer the consequences.' I further stated that, in my opinion, the Grand Master has no power to authorize by special dispensation, a disregard of the law as thus interpreted."

We have not at hand the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its latest session, but we assume that the sensible definition of the law given by the Grand Master was approved. There is a physical requirement, but it should not be made a mere technical test. The law ought to be construed in a large and not a narrow way.

HEXAGON.—A good deal of slipshod exegesis has been made use of with reference to this figure, which has been called Hexagram, Hexapla, "Solomon's Seal," and is in fact a very old Cabalistic Hebraic symbol, subsequently made into a Christian emblem. It plays a conspicuous part in all magical formulæ. It has been said by some writers that it is a pure Masonic symbol representing universal creation, but this we doubt. It answers to the Pentalpha, or Pentagon, or Pentagram, has, no doubt, been a mystical symbol of very early use, and is found nearly everywhere. It is formed, geometrically, of six sides and six angles. There is another figure in use in some of the high grades, which is the junction properly of two triangles, but this is not the same as Hexagon or Hexagram.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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"New Zealand Masonic Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Keystone," "Boletín Masonica," "South African Freemason," "Die Bauhütte," and "Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa."



SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1888.

Reviews.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF TENNESSEE, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888. Nashville: Brandon Printing and Lithograph Company. 1888.

We gather from these reports of proceedings that this branch of Masonry has made fair progress during the period to which they relate. From the account of the 33th annual assembly, held at Freemasons' Hall, Nashville, on the 23rd January last, under the presidency of Comp. A. S. Myers, M.I.G.M., who was well supported by his G. Officers and the members, it appears that an addition was made to the number of subordinate councils during the year 1887, and a slight numerical increase in the membership, there being now 10 councils with 307 members, as compared with nine councils and 295 members in 1886. The Grand Treasurer's accounts, though dealing with small sums, are satisfactory, the balance being the result of an excess of income over expenditure. The principal Grand Officers for the year are Comps. John B. Garrett, M.I.G.M.; J. M. Smyth, D.G.M.; N. F. Harrison, G. Pr. C. of W.; N. S. Woodward, G. Treas.; and John Frizzell, G. Rec. The reports are supplemented by lists of the principal G. Officers from the establishment of the Grand Council in 1847, and of the G. Representatives at and from other G. Councils, and by the Constitutions of the G. Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF TENNESSEE: The 26th Annual Conclave at Clarksville, 8th and 9th May, 1888. Nashville: Brandon Printing and Lithograph Company. 1888.

The 26th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Tennessee was held under the banner of the Clarksville Commandery, No. 8, Clarksville, on the 8th and 9th May last. Sir Knight Charles W. Mosby, G.C., presided, and most of the Grand Officers were present, as well as a large muster of members, with several Past G. Officers and representatives of other Grand Commanderies. The Grand Commander's address was somewhat briefer than such addresses usually are, but in our judgment is rather a gain than a drawback, for, as a rule, the rulers of Grand Bodies in America go too minutely into detail. The financial and statistical reports are on the whole satisfactory, the expenditure being comfortably within the income, while the membership shows a moderate advance for the year over 1887. The principal Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year were Sir Knights Gamaliel B. Wilson, G.C.; William C. Smith, Deputy G.C.; Nathan S. Woodward, G. Gen.; R. Pillow, G. Capt. Gen.; C. H. Strickland, G. Prelate; Thomas O. Morris, S.G.W.; Hugh B. Cullen, J.G.W.; Joseph H. Bullock, G. Treas.; and George C. Connor, G. Recorder. In addition to the Report of the Proceedings there is plenty of statistical information, and a long and carefully compiled report on Correspondence, together with a Digest of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States and the State of Tennessee, and other valuable matter, so that the reader is not likely to search in vain for any really valuable information relating to the Masonic Order of the Temple in Tennessee he may be desirous of obtaining.

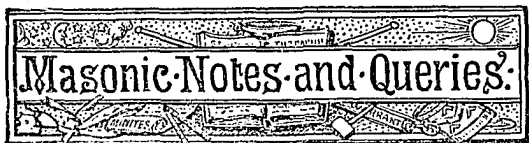
REPORT OF THE MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL OF IRELAND for 1887.

The above Report is issued in a neat form, and contains a deal of interesting information. The number of pupils on 1st January, 1887, was 62, but on the last day in the year 72 were on the roll. For the purpose, however, of comparison, it is scarcely fair to include the larger number as benefiting during 1887, but taking 62 as the total for the previous year, we find that the total charges under all heads amounted to £2065 15s., or a trifle over £33 for each orphan. The total expenses for 1887 have run to £2274 2s. 4d. The success of the Girls during the year has been highly satisfactory, and the health of the scholars has been very good. Under the new management, and since the removal to the new buildings, the total costs for the maintenance of over 60 pupils has been less than paid for 35 Girls in 1880! Regret is expressed that not one-third of the lodges on the roll give any official subscription, though a few examples have been given of the greatest generosity. In Lodge 47, Dundalk, every subscribing member is a Governor; at each monthly meeting of Lodge 935, Wexford, an amount sufficient to qualify on annual Governor is collected. Other instances are noted, in like manner, of substantial aid, and it is hoped that this year will witness a great increase of support, as the Institution well deserves. The invested funds amount to some £18,000, and there are "Local Treasurers" to collect the subscriptions according to provinces, which strikes us as an excellent feature, and worth trying in England. The amounts so obtained are duly acknowledged in the report, under the several provinces, as well as in the general list of subscriptions. We have said enough to prove that our brethren in Ireland are doing a good work for the "Girls," and we hope soon to say a word or two about the "Boys."

THE LIFE INSURANCE AGENTS' LEGAL HANDY BOOK. By JOHN ROBERT FREEMAN, Barrister-at-Law. Thomas Murby, 3, Ludgate-circus-buildings, E.C. One shilling.

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tice of the law and its special phraseology to advise on questions involving right to property, still in transactions relating to policies of small nominal value and of a simple character, the agent or the policy holder himself may be rendered competent to carry the matter through without much chance of miscarriage. Policies, experience conclusively establishes, will be taken out, assigned, mortgaged, deposited, and settled without any further expert assistance than can be afforded by the local agent of the company. A treatise, therefore, such as the one under notice, cannot fail to be very acceptable to a large number of those interested in life assurance transactions. It seems well adapted to the end which the author has had in view, and is worthy of a kindly reception from those to whom it is addressed. The forms of assignment, and of mortgage, and of other dispositions of policies contained in the appendix are most useful. Altogether it is a book well worth the shilling at which it is published. The chapters are headed as follows: Of the nature of the contract; by whom insurances may be effected; policies under the Married Women's Property Act; of the contract, of the policy of the premium; of dispositions of a life policy; of the title to be shown on making a claim; and lastly, a chapter consisting entirely of cautions which should be read by everybody taking out and purchasing a life policy.



785] HARRIS MS. No. 2 (No. 31F).

As anticipated in my report (*Freemason*, 7th July), the MS. discovered by Bro. Lane and myself, is a copy of the "Harris MS." owned by the "Bedford" Lodge, No. 167, London, but of a later date by many years than the latter. It may, therefore, be fairly termed *Harris' MS. No. 2. Classification No. 31F*. So that we have no new version to announce. The "Harris MS." was given in the *Freemasons' Chronicle* for 22nd and 26th April, 1882, and has since been numbered by Bro. Gould as 31a. I propose to let the second of the kind follow immediately after the "Phillips' MS. No. 3, 31e so as to be classed No. 31f, and consider it to be of the latter part of the last century. It is not quite complete "The admonition to ye old Masons after ye Reading ye Charges," in the original, containing some very interesting instructions, which are not in the transcript. I expect it will be soon copied by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., the energetic Secretary of No. 2076.

W. J. HUGHAN.

786] MASONS' MARKS.

I hope that Bro. Robinson's request will receive a speedy and full response, as the point raised by him is one of considerable importance in relation to the *speculative* brethren, who selected Marks as Freemasons. The earliest instance of a speculative Mason using his Mark, in signing his name in an actual lodge minute book, is of June, 1600, the records being of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, which begin in 1599, of those preserved. This John Boswell was present then as a member. We do not know when he was initiated. A similar instance occurs in 1634, when Lord Alexander and Sir Anthony Alexander were admitted, and in 1641 when Quartermaster-General Moray was initiated at Newcastle by members of the same lodge. Doubtless the insertion of such Marks was due to the Schaw Statutes of 1598 which provided "that na master or fallow of craft be ressaui nor admittit wt out the namer of sex masteris and two enterit prentissis, the wardane of that lodge being aue of the said sex, and that the day of the ressauiing of the said fallow of craft or Master be ordrlie buikit and his name and mark insert in the said buik" &c. Full particulars are afforded in the noble history by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, of this ancient Lodge.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONIC PICNIC AT NEWPORT.

A summer festival in connection with the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge was held at Chepstow and Tintern, recently. The day was beautifully fine, and there was every facility for enjoying the noble beauties of the country along the valley of the Wye. The party, numbering about 60 ladies and gentlemen, left Newport Station by the 10.30 a.m. train for Chepstow, where a splendid luncheon was served by Mrs. Garrett at the Beaufort Arms Hotel. Early in the afternoon the party drove off in carriages to Moss Cottage and Tintern, at which latter place the ladies were regaled with a sumptuous tea. Bro. Charles Cullum, the W.M., presided, supported by his Wardens. Amongst those present were Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M.; Dr. W. W. Morgan, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Watkins, P.P.S.G.W.; W. C. Pickford, P.G. Treas.; A. Taylor, P.G. Sec.; J. C. Brook, S.W.; H. Allen, J.W.; W. J. Dix, I.P.M.; and J. Sanders, Treas., of 1429.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356, LIVERPOOL.

On Thursday, the 10th ult., the members and friends of the above lodge held their annual picnic at Llangollen. Leaving Birkenhead, Great Western station, Ruabon was reached in an hour. Wynnistay Park and the old church having been visited, the party proceeded per train to Llangollen. Dinner and tea were served at the Royal Hotel, under the personal supervision of the proprietor, Bro. James Shaw. The entire assembly, numbering 108, expressed the greatest satisfaction with his admirable catering and attention. During the afternoon visits were made to the various places of interest, including a trip on the canal to the Horseshoe Falls, Chain Bridge, and Valle Cencis Abbey. The return journey was commenced at 7.40, and home reached at a reasonable hour, after spending a most enjoyable day, the weather having been all that could be desired. The arrangements were executed by Bro. H. H. Hughes, W.M., and Bro. P. Lloyd, I.G., who acted as Secretary.



Craft Masonry.

GALLERY LODGE (1928).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st instant, at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. John Duckworth, W.M.; Basil Cooke, acting S.W.; Herbert Wright, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; Harry Bussey, P.M.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; W. T. Perkins, S.D.; Chas. K. Moore, I.G.; Wallace Husk, Org.; W. Potts, J.W.; R. Brown, J. C. Manning, Chas. Lock, T. M. Rendle, H. J. Saunderson, S. James, W. Masson, Saunders, and Bro. Wishart, a visitor.

Mr. Frederick Wilhelm Gustav Glaser, London Correspondent of the *National Zeitung*, and Mr. Emile Laurant Droguez, of the *Daily Telegraph*, having been elected unanimously, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. The J.W. brought the case of the late Bro. Baines before the lodge, and five guineas were voted to the fund being raised on behalf of his widow and five orphans. Bro. Baines was initiated in the Gallery Lodge, but resigned some two or three years ago. Several of the brethren also contributed personal donations to the fund, and the Lord Mayor sent five guineas through Bro. Minstrell, P.M. The acting S.W. announced that Bro. Wallace Husk, the Organist, desired to present the lodge with a harmonium. The generous offer was at once accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks voted to the donor for his valuable gift.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

CARLISLE.—Union Lodge (No. 310).—On Monday evening, the 31st ult., a meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, under the banner of the above lodge, when a large number of brethren put in an appearance, including several visiting brethren from Winton, Bective Lodge, 1532; Plymouth, and the Province of Kent. The lodge was opened for the purpose of presenting Bro. Richard L. Court, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., who is leaving Carlisle for Australia, with his clearance certificate. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Slack, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., seconded by Bro. Beatty, I.P.M.: "That the members of the Union Lodge beg to place on record their feeling of gratitude to Bro. Richard Court, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., for the many and eminent services which for several years he has rendered to the lodge, and to mark the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren, and that a letter of introduction be given to him as a recommendation to any lodge he may wish at any time to visit." This resolution was carried unanimously.

The Worshipful Master called upon Bro. John Slack to present Bro. Court with a morocco leather case containing the P.G. Lodge regalia of his office, with a Masonic jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning).

Bro. Slack made the presentation in an appropriate speech, stating that he made it on behalf of the Masonic brethren in Carlisle as a token of the appreciation and respect in which Bro. Court was held by the brethren of the mystic tie. It was the only time within his recollection that a similar tribute of respect had been paid to a brother in Carlisle. He wished him and his wife a safe voyage, and hoped that he would soon be restored to health, and that they should have the pleasure of meeting again.

Bro. Court, in accepting the gifts, replied in feeling terms, after which the company adjourned to the banquetting room, where the usual Masonic toasts were pledged; and "The Health of Bro. Court and Bro. Scott," who arrived later in the evening, and who is also accompanying Bro. Court abroad, were drunk; and the evening passed pleasantly with song and sentiment.

HALLIFORD.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The last regular lodge of the session was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Ship Hotel. There were present Bros. H. Woods, W.M.; H. W. Dawes, S.W.; B. D. Crofts, J.W.; J. Proffitt, P.M., P.P.S.R., Treas.; J. Davies, P.M., Sec.; Frederick Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Dr. Thomas Gurney, P.M.; T. Noton, P.M.; C. R. Tinker, J.D.; and others.

The W.M., being still unwell, he was unable to do any work, and retired as soon as lodge was closed. At the request of the Worshipful Master and the desire of all the Past Masters who were present, Bro. John Proffitt, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer, took the chair and presided over the meeting. The only work which presented itself was the passing of a brother to the Second Degree. The presiding W.M. proved his old style of good working rested with him, for never before had he done that ceremony in a more correct, impressive, and distinguished manner. So well was the lodge pleased with his working that on the motion of the father of the lodge, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. (its first W.M.), duly seconded, it was unanimously resolved that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. John Proffitt, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer, and the same be entered on the lodge minute book, for the admirable, painstaking, impressive, and correct manner in which he had done the ceremony of passing, and the courteous way in which he had presided over the lodge. He duly acknowledged this compliment. The brethren were unanimous in favour of Bro. H. W. Dawes, S.W., as W.M., and Bro. John Proffitt's re-election as Treasurer. It was arranged to hold audit in September; the installation on May 28th, 1889. Bro. F. Walters proposed, and Bro. Dr. Gurney, P.M., seconded, "That the usual Past Master's jewel be purchased from lodge funds and be presented to Bro. Henry Woods, W.M., as a slight recognition for his valuable services rendered to the lodge both as W.M. and the great support given to all the Masonic Charities." Bro. H. Woods, W.M., suitably replied. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The usual banquet followed, at which Bro. Dr. Thomas Gurney, P.M., presided, well pleasing all with his usual genial manner. The indefatigable, courteous Secretary, Bro. J. Davies, P.M., reminded the members he had secured as Stewards to represent this lodge in 1889, Bros. H. Woods, W.M., and C. R. Tinker, J.D., for the Benevolent Institution; H. W. Dawes, S.W., and W.M. elect, for the Boys' School.

BRIDGEND.—Ogmore Lodge (No. 1752).—On Monday, the 23rd ult., the annual festival of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Wyndham Arms, when Bro. J. C. Coath was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. L. Beha, I.P.M., and the newly-invested Master proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Prichard, I.P.M.; T. B. Boucher, S.W.; F. J. C. Boles, J.W.; E. T. David, Sec.; W. R. Randall, S.D.; D. McClellan, J.D.; G. G. Miller, D.C.; William Jones, Org.; E. Jenkins, W. Thomas, and George Vaughan, Stwds; and A. D. Webber, Tyler. The lodge then appointed Bros. J. W. Prichard and L. Beha to serve as Past Masters on Provincial Grand Lodge Committee. After the transaction of other business the brethren and sundry visitors drove to Southerndown. Although the weather was threatening the drive was much enjoyed.

At five o'clock the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Hislop, of the Wyndham Arms. The following were among those present: Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M., A.G.D.C.; John Jones, Prov. G. Sec.; Coath, W.M.; L. Beha, P.M.; W. Jenkins, P.M.; J. W. Prichard, P.M.; J. Hemming, P.M.; the brethren of the lodge, and the following visitors: Bros. E. Grant, W.M. Neath; W. F. Clarke, W.M. Afan; D. R. David, P.M. 833; J. M. Smith, P.M. 833; R. Elliott, Secretary, Bute; T. E. Richards, 833; H. Mercey, 833; H. Eccles, 833; and F. O. Williams, Yarrowburgh.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—The installation meeting of this select yet influential lodge took place on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, when Bro. W. O. Robinson, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual honours, placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in due form. The lodge was held in the fine room of the establishment which, thanks to the energy of Bros. Wood, Bateman, Elliott, and the members of the lodge, has now developed from an old stable of the Saye and Sele Mansion into as excellent and convenient a suite of Masonic rooms as it has been our lot, during a lengthy career of Masonry, to witness. It was opened by Bro. Dr. J. Elliott, M.D., I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Horatio A. Erith De Pinna, W.M., and the minutes of the previous regular and two emergency meetings having been confirmed, Bro. Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, M.D., P.M., P.P.J.G.W., presented Bro. Robinson to the installing Officer, Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and that brother commenced and finished his elaborate task in a most perfect and artistic manner, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed in the minutes of the lodge. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. De Pinna, I.P.M.; H. E. Russell, S.W.; C. A. Streeter, J.W.; W. H. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; T. Heaps, Sec.; W. Reeve, S.D.; S. K. Keyes, J.D.; A. H. Bateman, P.M., D.C.; T. Crumps and F. C. Blythe, Stwds.; and A. Creed, Tyler. The addresses were then splendidly recited by Bro. Bateman, and the ceremony, which was most impressive, was finished. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Building Committee for their services, for which Bro. Heaps returned thanks. Bro. De Pinna was then presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel for services rendered during his year of office and to mark the esteem of the brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present, and not above enumerated, were Bros. F. Wood, P.M., P.G. Steward; E. H. Joynson, W.M. 2147; H. F. Greig, Dr. A. W. Greenaway, M.D., H. W. Church, T. Smith, and J. W. Colman, all of the lodge; H. Lardner, P.M. 1745, P.P.G.D. of C. Surrey; C. Kingsford, P.M. 58, P.G. Stwd. Eng.; T. Sampson, P.M. 1745; G. Herbert, P.M. 227; C. Palmer, P.M. 1672; G. Creswick, P.M. 1593; R. Edmonds, P.M. 913; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; H. Williams, P.M. 227; C. W. Blaxland, S.D. 709; and R. Masterman, 397.

The banquet, which was simply superb, having been discussed, the Worshipful Master, in eloquent terms, proposed the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were heartily responded to.

Bro. Kingsford, in responding for the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," expressed the pleasure it afforded him to have to respond to such an important toast. There were so many around him who had had an opportunity of seeing how ably the Grand Officers did their duty, that it was totally unnecessary for him to say a word in their praise. For himself, he was proud to say that during his year of office he was Secretary to the Board of Grand Stewards, which gave him a splendid opportunity of seeing how the Grand Officers did their duty, and he could assure them that they did their duty well and energetically. He cordially thanked them for coupling his name with the toast.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Right Hon. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent, Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in so doing said it afforded him a great deal of pleasure to propose the toast, because his lordship had been at their lodge upon several occasions, and always, when so present, expressed his gratification at the admirable manner in which the work of the lodge was carried out. In fact, he had said that "it was second to none in the Province of Kent." It was upon that account that they desired to do all they could to assist his lordship's splendid suggestion with reference to the 1000 guineas from Kent to the Girls' Festival, and on that account also he had determined to devote the contents of the Charity box, gathered that night, some £3 17s., which he hoped to make up to five guineas, to that excellent fund. With the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Wood, P.M., and asked them all to receive it with a full Kentish fire.

Bro. Wood, in response, said that if his lordship had been present that night he would have been pleased and gratified, not only to see such a gathering, but gratified at the cordial reception of his name and toast. Their P.G. Master was present at the consecration of the lodge some six years ago. He attended again at one of their installations, and was present at the opening of their present rooms; and no one was more sorry than he, Bro. Wood, that his lordship was unable to be present that night. The visitors would excuse him for saying that the brethren of the lodge had now most comfortable rooms to meet in. They had an excellent lodge room, a fine dining room, and indeed every convenience, and he heartily welcomed them.

there that night. He felt, however, that the toast would have received better treatment at the hands of Bro. Dr. Spurrell, but he supposed it was placed in his hands as a compliment, for which he thanked them, and trusted that as time went on every brother in the lodge would be in a position to respond to the toast, to which he felt that no eloquence of his could do due justice.

Bro. De Pinna then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that Bro. Robinson had that day, he fully believed, achieved the pinnacle of his Masonic ambition, namely, the chair of the lodge in which he was initiated. The Past Masters had set a splendid example, and set a high standard of excellence for those who had to follow them. He felt sure that Bro. Robinson would equal, if not excel, his predecessors. The toast was one of so much importance that if he failed to do it full justice they must excuse him, but he would ask them to receive it with a good hearty fire.

Bro. Robinson, in response, said they were well aware that the greatest ambition a Mason could have was to reach the chair of the lodge in which he was initiated. He was initiated in that lodge, and had gone through its several offices below the chair, and although comparatively a young Mason, yet was old enough to regret not having joined the Order years ago. Bro. De Pinna had spoken most kindly of him, and expressed his opinion that he (Bro. Robinson) would equal his predecessors; well, if they had not done their work well, he could not have done his, and as he had to follow their excellent example, they might depend upon it he should endeavour to make himself competent in his work and satisfactory to the brethren of the lodge. He deeply thanked them for the toast, and trusted that at the end of his year of office they would say that he had faithfully done his duty.

Bro. Bateman, in response to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," said he should not at that late hour of the evening take up their time in making a lengthy speech, because, in the first place, they knew that when he got on his feet to speak they never knew when he was going to leave off; and, in the next place, he felt he was not so young as he was a few years ago, and his memory was neither so good as then, while his inclination was sadly deficient of the energy of those younger times, when his propensity for talking was only equalled by their impatience at the quantity of it. He, however, would say that he always looked upon Masonry as something that made them better men, and he felt sure that they one and all rejoiced at the opportunity they now had of meeting in comfort, and in perfect unity with one another, in their certainly commodious, if not handsomely appointed rooms. With reference to the toast, it had been his privilege to install their W.M. that day. That was a red-letter day in the history of the Saye and Sele Lodge. Their W.M. was a good and true Mason, and they all wished him a prosperous year. They had comfortable rooms, and he felt sure that not only the members of the lodge but their visiting brethren would find in them everything necessary for their comfort and enjoyment. He paid a high compliment to Bros. Wood and Elliott for the valuable assistance they had rendered in carrying out the work of the lodge, and concluded a brilliant address, of which the above is a mere outline, by heartily thanking them for the toast.

The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Lardner, Herbert, and Palmer; and, after the two first had thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hearty reception,

Bro. Palmer, in the course of a speech brimful of interest, said it gave him peculiar pleasure to be present, because in past years Belvedere had been his place of abode, and he had then enjoyed the hearty co-operation of the W.M., whose guest he was that night. He remembered his horses being stabled in that building, now converted into a pretty and substantial Masonic Temple. Referring to the interval of time that had elapsed since he was at Belvedere, he said he had been a welcome guest at lodges in Calcutta and Bombay; in the former he had been privileged to enjoy fraternal contact with enlightened Baboos, Musselmans, and Parsees. He instanced the strength of the Masonic grip by narrating the circumstance of his having been told, in a Bengal lodge, by educated Hindoos, "That if the mystic tie could be extended amongst the various castes, the English Government need not fear wars or rebellion, but rather peace and goodwill would prevail if the Brotherhood of Masonic obligation could be spread through the vast Continent of the Indian Empire." He heartily thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

Bro. Elliott responded for "The Past Masters," in a brief, yet effective speech; and after "The Officers" had been responded to by Bro. Russell, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were both memorable and harmonious.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Whibley, W.M.; Turpin, S.W.; Dandridge, J.W.; Speight, P.M.; Sec.; Hunt, S.D.; Priest, J.D.; Hick, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M.; Preceptor; Penney, P.M.; Amos, Leng, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Amos personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the questions leading to the Second Degree were ably answered by Bro. Leng. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. Davis, W.M.; P. J. Davis, S.W.; Craggs, P.M.; J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; Treas.; Wilton, S.D.; Hubbard, J.D.; Cotton, I.G.; Read, P.M.; Preceptor; W. C. Williams, P.M.; P.G.S.B. Middx.; Woods, Dresden, and Tucker.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the Three Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked. Lodge was closed to the First Degree. Bro. P. J. Davis was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx., that a cordial vote of thanks be passed to Bro. J. Davis, W.M., for his very able and instructive working in the lodge, and that the same be entered on the minutes—carried unanimously. Bro. J. Davis having thanked the brethren for their cordiality, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Holland, W.M.; Stutfield, S.W.; Molony, J.W.; Boulton, P.M.; Preceptor; Gibson, P.M.; Treas. and J.D.; Coughlan, P.M.; Sec.; Green, P.M.; S.D.; Rymer, I.G.; Mason, P.M.; Brandon, P.M.; Fort, Roberts, Edwards, Purnell, Bullen, and Christian.

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. Mason being the candidate. Bro. Fort, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fort being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Fort, 25, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Stutfield was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

HENDON.—HENDON LODGE (No. 2206).—A meeting was held on the 8th inst. at the Old Welsh Harp, when there were present Bros. E. W. Wheeler, W.M.; F. W. Hearn, S.W.; M. Powell, J.W.; H. E. Fraser, Sec.; C. H. Watts, Asst. Sec.; H. Monson, S.D.; J. H. Gunn, J.D.; G. H. Stansell, I.G.; and several others.

Lodge opened in the First and Second Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gunn candidate.

Royal Arch.

PLYMOUTH.—Concord Chapter (No. 223).

—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Rooms, 193, Union-street, to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, Comp. W. J. C. Hannaford, Z., and Comp. James Hoyton, H. The Installing Officer was Comp. J. W. Cornish, P.Z., assisted by the following Board of Installed Principals: Comps. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189, P.P.G.J.; W. Browning, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; F. R. Goodyear, P.Z.; J. P. Phillips, P.Z., P.P.G.S.P.; T. C. Lewarn, P.Z.; John Lavers, P.Z.; S. Jew, P.Z., 105, 2025, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Lord, P.Z. 70, P.P.G.T.; R. Pike, P.Z. 230; James Gidley, P.Z. 1205, 2025; George Trethewey, H. 1164; Thomas Goodall, P.Z. 954, P.P.G.O.; and E. Aitken Davies, P.Z. 159, 1099, P.P.G.R. The officers were invested as follows: Comps. F. C. Goodyear, I.P.Z.; J. M. Hifley, S.E.; W. Stanlake, S.N.; G. H. Kitson, Prin. Soj.; C. B. Gale, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Jermyn, 2nd Asst. Soj.; W. Brownrig, P.Z. P.P.G.O., Treas.; T. Lillicrap, Reg.; G. W. Bell, Std. Br.; H. Tozer, D.C.; and T. Main, Janitor. The Treasurer's account being duly audited, showed an increased balance in favour of the lodge. Comp. Rev. W. T. Lemon, M.A., P. Prov. 3rd G. Prin., etc., presented to the chapter a pair of miniature hand-painted R.A. tracing boards framed. The inscription on the panels ran: "Presented to Chapter Concord, No. 223, H.R.A., attached to the Lodge Charity, No. 223, Plymouth, by the Ex. Comp. R. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (So, 223, 494, and 2025 honorary) P.P.G.P.S., and Past Provincial Third Grand Principal of Devonshire, July 31st, 1888."

It was proposed by Comp. J. W. Cornish, P.Z., seconded by Comp. W. J. C. Hannaford, Z., and supported by Comp. W. Brownrig, P.Z., that the thanks of the chapter be given to Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.Z., for his handsome present.

STONEHOUSE.—Elliott Chapter (No. 1205).

—This chapter held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 1st inst., to instal the Principals and other business. The Z. elect, Comp. G. Wilson, was unable to be present, being in London. Comp. W. H. Lister was installed as H., and Comp. R. Dickson as J. The Installing Officer was Comp. James Gidley, P.Z. 2025, &c., and assisted by Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189, P.P.G.P. Soj., P.P.G.J., and the following installed Principals: Comps. S. Jew, P.Z. 105, 2025, P.P.G.T.; E. J. Knight, P.Z. 202; D. Cross, P.Z. 1205; R. Pike, P.Z. 230; John Bray, 328; and H. Langmead, J. 202. The officers invested were Comps. D. Cross, P.Z., Treas.; James Gidley, P.Z., S.E.; W. Powell, S.N.; J. Jacobs, Principal Soj.; Geo. Gurney, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. J. Jacobs, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Gidley, Janitor. Prior to installation a candidate was duly exalted to this Sublime Degree, and Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon presented two handsome pictures.

Mark Masonry.

PLYMOUTH.—Charity Lodge (No. 76).—The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Union-street, on the 29th ult. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. C. Hannaford, was installed. Bros. F. R. Goodyear, P.P.J.G.D., the retiring W.M.; F. Crouch, P.G.D. Eng., P.S.G.W. Cornwall, P.A.G. Sec.; and H. R. Langmead, P.P.G.P., were the installing officers. The officers appointed were Bros. F. R. Goodyear, I.P.M.; J. P. Maunder, S.W.; J. A. Lavers, J.W.; A. Revell, M.O.; H. A. Gullett, S.O.; D. S. Stanbury, J.O.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Chap.; W. Browning, Treas.; J. M. Hifley, Sec.; Parnell Hannaford, Reg. of Marks; I. A. Court, S.D.; S. Yeomans, J.D.; C. H. Soper, D.C.; C. B. Gale, A.D.C.; J. G. Tozer, Std. Br.; T. Lillicrap, Org.; Corber, I.G.; G. W. Bell and T. A. Stevens, Stewards; and T. Mair, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Hall and Club, Princes-square, where the annual banquet was admirably served. Bro. Hannaford presided.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. Cleaves, 30°, assisted by his officers, on the 20th ult., at the Freemason's Hall, Surrey-street. The Supreme Council, who had held a convocation of the 31° and 30° in the afternoon of the same day, visited this chapter and were received under an arch of steel, headed by the Grand Marshal, Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson, 33°, A.D.C.; Chas. Fendelow, 33°, S.G.I.G. West Central District; Chas. Jas. Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G. North Eastern District; Very Ill. Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°, G.S.G.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, and J. Montague Pulteney Montagu, 33°, Grand Chancellor, and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, also the Treasurer's accounts passed, and £20 was voted to

the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bros. W. E. Gray, F. G. C. Damion, and T. W. J. Allen being candidates for the 18° were duly elected. Bro. Wm. Middleton was re-elected a joining member. Bros. Gray, Damion, and Allen being in attendance were perfected by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, proclaimed and took their seats. After a short address from the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. Cleaves, 33°, he stated that their I.G., Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, had kindly promised to instal his successor into the office of M.W.S., invited him to take the throne. The Grand Marshal, Ill. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, 30°, then presented the M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. John Shaw, 30°, for installation, which ceremony was performed by Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°, with due care and solemnity, placing the M.W.S. on the throne, and addressing him on the duties of his exalted office. The following officers were then appointed: Bro. Harold Thomas, Prelate; Ill. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, 30°, 1st Gen.; Bros. W. Fisher Tasker, 2nd Gen.; W. Calver, Treas.; W. J. West, Recorder; A. E. Binney, Grand Marshal; W. Calver, Raphael; C. W. Finckin, D. of C.; G. Marshall, Herald; S. A. Andrews, Capt. of Guard; C. Verity, Org.; R. Roper, Stwd.; and Wilkinson, Outer Guard. Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°, gave the addresses to the officers and brethren. The business of the chapter finished, it was closed, and the Supreme Council and members of the 33° retired under an arch of steel.

The banquet, which was all that could be desired, was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. John Shaw, 30°, having on his right Ill. Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, 33°; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; Frank Richardson, 33°; W. H. Brittain, 32°; James W. Woodall, 30°; J. Heelis, 30°; Nicholas Albert Earle, 30°; W. Logan, 30°; Alfred Gill, 30°; West, Mattinson, Jesse, Littlewood, Delaney, Evans, and others; and on his left Ill. Bros. H. D. Sandeman, G.S.G., 33°; C. J. Banister, 33°; Chas. Fendelow, 33°; Thos. Tew, 31°; F. Cleaves, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Robt. Arnison, 30°, P.M.W.S.; H. E. Voight, 30°, P.M.W.S.; S. Kelley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; T. Collinson, P.M.W.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.M.W.S. 69; J. Garnett, P.M.W.S. 16; Rossell, Moss, Turner, 30°, of the Nottingham Chapter; C. Verity, 30°; C. W. Finckie, 30°; and others. The vice-chairs were occupied by Ill. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, 30°, and Bro. William Fisher Tasker. Over 50 dined.

After grace had been said, the M.W.S. proposed, in suitable terms, "The Health of H.M.G.M., the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of our Order, and the other Members of the Royal Family," which was duly honoured.

The M.W.S., then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Supreme Council," which was responded to in a truly Masonic speech by V. Ill. Bro. J. Montague Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor, S.C., 33°. The toast was received most heartily in true Yorkshire fashion.

Bro. Thomas Collinson, P.M.W.S., in flattering terms, proposed "The Ill. Members of the 30°, 31°, 32°, and 33°," which were all received by acclamation.

Ill. Bro. Robt. Arnison, 30°, P.M.W.S., in a humorous speech, returned thanks for the members of the 30°. Ill. Bro. T. Tew, 31°, was associated with the members of that Degree.

Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain, 32°, P.M.W.S., in an excellent speech, returned thanks for the members of that Degree.

Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson, 33°; Charles Fendelow, 33°; and Chas. James Banister, 33°, each returned thanks.

"The Health of the M.W.S." was proposed by V. Ill. Bro. Montagu, in very appropriate terms, and most heartily received by the brethren, and responded to by Ill. Bro. John Shaw, 30°, M.W.S., in an energetic and admirable speech, after which, proposing "The Health of the P.M.W.S.," Ill. Bro. F. Cleaves, 30°, which was received in rounds of applause, and responded to by that brother with his usual energy and exactness.

V. Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, 33°, G.S.G., in a thoroughly excellent speech, proposed "The Health of the Newly-advanced Members of the 30°." Four members responded for the 12 candidates.

Ill. Bro. F. Cleaves, 30°, in admirable terms, proposed "The Health of the three candidates perfected that evening," which was received most heartily and enthusiastically drunk with honours.

Each candidate, in neat speeches, returned thanks for being received into that beautiful Christian Degree.

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bros. Garnett and Monckman, P.M.W.S.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, Inspector-General of the district, proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," giving each excellent advice in the execution of each respective office.

This toast was received with great cordiality, and effectively responded to by Ill. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, 30°, 1st Gen., and Bro. Fisher Tasker, 2nd Gen.

The last toast brought a most enjoyable, instructive, and happy evening to its close, with a hope that the Supreme Council would be able soon again to pay them a visit.

Between each toast songs and recitations were given by Bros. Collinson, Cleaves, Garnett, Jesse, and others, accompanied on the pianoforte by Ill. Bro. C. W. Fincken, 30°.

Australia.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA (E.C.)

The Quarterly Communication of the above District Grand Lodge was held on the 18th June last, in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., R.W. Dist. G.M., presided, supported by his principal officers as follows: Bros. Dr. H. St. John Clarke, Past G.W. Eng., Dep. Dist. G.M.; W. F. Lamonby, Dist. S.G.W.; and J. A. Cantor, P.D.J.G.W., as Dist. J.G.W. There were also present a number of Present and Past Dist. G. Officers, Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of lodges.

The minutes of the annual Communication, held in March, were read and confirmed; and the roll of lodges called by the Dist. G. Sec., Bro. T. H. LEMPRIERE, P.G. S.B. Eng.

The report of the Dist. Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

The Dist. G. Treasurer's accounts showed that, £130 12s.

had been disbursed during the quarter in relief to distressed Masons and their widows, whilst the balances were reported as £1355 14s. 4d. to the Benevolent Fund; £183 18s. 5d. to the General Fund; or a total of £1549 12s. 9d.

A notice of motion that 100 guineas be voted to the Masonic Alms Houses at South Yarra was withdrawn.

Bro. T. W. FOWLER, D.G.D.C., moved that a resolution of condolence be forwarded to the Empress Victoria, expressing the sympathy and regret of the members of the District Grand Lodge on the death of their illustrious brother the Emperor Frederick III., of Germany.

The D.S.G.W. seconded the motion, which was carried. The resolution will be transmitted to the Empress Victoria by Sir William Clarke, through H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England.

The D.S.G.W. asked permission to announce that at the half-yearly election in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in London, a Victorian girl was a candidate. There were 42 candidates for 12 vacancies, and the Victorian candidate stood fourteenth on the list with 1662 votes, the lowest on the list of successful candidates polling 2014. The votes recorded for the Victorian girl would be carried forward to her credit, and her election would, of course, be assured next October.

Bro. LAMONBY also mentioned that the Centennial Festival of the School was held on the 7th June, presided over by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; that the 1200 or more Stewards officiating on the occasion had presented the remarkable total of £50,500, so the cable informed them; and that the votes accruing from his (Bro. Lamonby's) Stewardship would be available for the Victorian candidates at the forthcoming election. It would also interest the brethren to know that the District of Victoria would very likely be represented at the Festival in question by Bro. Thomas Haydon, P.M. 752, P.D.S.G.D.

The business having been brought to a close, the District Grand Lodge was closed.

New Zealand.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIR H. A. ATKINSON AS DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

A most important and imposing gathering of members of the Masonic fraternity took place at the Provincial buildings, Wellington, on May 28th, to witness the installation of Bro. Sir Harry Albert Atkinson, K.C.M.G., as Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Wellington, North Island of New Zealand. In the early part of 1887, Bro. C. J. Toxward, who has held the office of D.G.M. since the death of Bro. Sir Donald M'Lean, in 1879, signified his intention of resigning that important position, and recommended as his successor the worthy brother who was installed that night. The selection met with the approval of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and also was a most popular one with the numerous lodges under the jurisdiction of the Wellington District Grand Lodge. It is, therefore, not at all surprising that such a large assemblage of Masons should have been present, not only on account of the imposing ceremony, which is an unusual one, but more especially to show their respect and loyalty to the newly-installed District Grand Master, whose ability and honesty of purpose have stamped him as a leader of men.

Long before 6.30 p.m. the Provincial buildings were crowded with members of the Craft, who, on arrival, were received by the Stewards and shown to the various reception rooms. The arrangements were most complete in every respect, and no confusion or hitch took place, although there were fully 360 persons present. The old Provincial Council Hall, in which the ceremony of installation took place, and in which, curiously enough, Bro. Sir Donald M'Lean was installed, was appropriately decorated with Masonic emblems and drapery, and had a most imposing effect. The New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, being the oldest lodge in the colony, was tyled at 6.30 p.m. After the P.M. had stated the business of the meeting, District G.M., Bro. Toxward, and most of the visiting G. Officers, were admitted. This part of the ceremony was ably undertaken by Bros. Toxward, P.M., Wilson, P.M., and Robertson, the latter being P.M. of Wellington Lodge, No. 1521 (E.C.), of which Bro. Sir H. Atkinson is a member. After this had been done, D.G.M. Bro. Toxward, accompanied by the D.G.M. designate and visiting Grand Officers, retired, and all visiting brethren and lodges were then admitted. The following lodges were represented: New Zealand Pacific, Mount Egmont, Tongariro, Masterton, Wellington, Victoria, Sir Donald M'Lean, Greytown, United Manawatu, Heretaunga, Bercorn, St. John's (Rangitikei), Feilding, Ngamotu, St. Mark's (Marton), Ruapchū, Rauhiue, Victory, Golden Bay, Forest, Waitohi, Ulster, Waterloo, St. Andrew's, Leicester, Southern Cross, Marlborough Unanimity, St. Andrew Kilwinning, Foxton Kilwinning, St. Augustine, and many others.

When the representatives of the above lodges had taken their places, the D.G.M. and the officers of the District G. Lodge of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, were announced and received in due form. The District Grand Lodge was then opened by Bro. Toxward, D.G.M., and the following distinguished representatives of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges were received in proper Masonic manner: Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, Prov. G.M. of Auckland (S.C.), accompanied by his Grand Officers—Bros. Dr. A. J. Johnston, D.D.G.M.; H. J. H. Elliott, P.A.G.S.; J. Jack, P.G.C.; and others; Bros. H. Thomson, D.G.M. of Canterbury (E.C.); Graham, D.G.M. of Auckland (E.C.); Sir Robert Stout, Past D.D.G.M.; and Fish, D.D.G.M. of the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland (E.C.); the Rev. James Hill, Dist. G.M. of Canterbury (S.C.); R. C. Hamerton, representing the Prov. Grand Lodge of Auckland (I.C.); Brown Bertson, representative of Italy; and others.

Apologies were received from the D.G.M. Otago (E.C.), and Westland (E.C.), all other District and Prov. Grand Lodges being represented.

The patent appointing Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson to this office, issued under the hand of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was then read by the D.G. SECRETARY, and the R.W.D.G.M. designate was introduced and presented in a manner befitting his rank by the D.G.M.'s of Canterbury and Auckland.

The Installing Master then proceeded to obligate and invest in a most impressive manner, and immediately on

Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson taking the chair proclamation was made, preceded by a flourish of trumpets and succeeded by grand honours in Masonic form.

Addresses were given by Bro. H. THOMSON, D.G.M. of Canterbury (E.C.), and Bro. Rev. PENGE, D.G. Chap., and congratulations were heartily tendered by all representatives of other District and Provincial Grand Lodges.

Bro. Sir H. A. ATKINSON, who, on rising, was received with applause, returned thanks for the great honours conferred on him. Although he had been connected for many years with the Craft, yet his duties had been so numerous and exacting that he had been unable to attend to Masonry as he should have liked. Still, although he had not taken an active interest in Masonic matters, he had ever had them at heart, and would endeavour in future to give more time to the good cause. He thanked all those who had selected him to fill the important office of D.G.M., and trusted that he would be able to perform the duties in a satisfactory manner, so as to merit the confidence reposed in him. He also said he intended to visit every lodge in his district, so as to see their requirements, and would in every way further benevolence, which was one of the Masonic virtues.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, and the D.G.M. and his officers left the hall. The W.M. of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge closed the proceedings.

The musical portion of the ceremony, consisting of anthems and instrumental music, was carried out in a very efficient manner by Bro. G. Robertson, Org., assisted by a powerful orchestra of 20 instruments, and contributed in no small measure to the success of the proceedings.

An adjournment was then made to the Masonic Hall in Boulcott-street, where the brethren sat down to a supper, and a number of toasts were disposed of. Some capital songs were given by the brethren, and the proceedings from beginning to end were most successfully carried out, and reflect great credit on all those brethren who were entrusted with the management of the affairs.

China.

SINGAPORE.—Dalhousie Chapter (No. 508).

—The installation of Principals and officers for the ensuing year was held on Friday, the 6th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. The following are the officers: Comps. W. E. Hooper, Z.; E. A. Thomson, H.; F. K. Jennings, J.; R. Little, Treas.; G. A. Derrick, Scribe E.; G. Thompson, Scribe N.; D. G. Presgrave, Principal Soj.; J. D. Stuart, 1st Assist. Soj.; C. F. McKie, 2nd Assist. Soj.; and J. Lannon, Tyler.

SPEECH DAY AT CRAWFURD COLLEGE, MAIDENHEAD.

There was a very full attendance of the relatives and friends of the pupils as well as of the friends of the institution at the Speeches and Distribution of Prizes at Crawford College, Maidenhead, on Tuesday, when, owing to the fineness of the weather and the excellence of the arrangements, the day passed off most satisfactorily. The proceedings took place in the large Lecture Hall, which was gaily decorated with flags and flowers for the occasion, a pretty little theatre having been erected at one end of the hall, in which the programme appointed for the day was carried out.

Rutherford having opened the ball with a neat Latin speech, well declaimed, in which the events of the past year were commented upon, and two scenes from "The Birds" of Aristophanes having been extremely well acted, Dr. Payne, the Principal, introduced Captain Groves, an old pupil of his, who had four sons in the College, and had kindly undertaken to distribute the prizes.

The report of Mr. R. Kater Vinter, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, who had conducted the examination, was read, and proved in all respects satisfactory, Mr. Vinter concluding his remarks with a high eulogium on the system of education in force at the College, which he considered both "well defined and thorough," so that "the youngest is able to move upward step by step regularly until he is ready to present himself for the most searching competitive examinations."

Captain GROVES, whose military novels are well known and appreciated, then distributed the prizes, saying a few kindly words to each of the recipients, and at the close of the duty expressing his belief both from the report that had been read and from his knowledge of Dr. and Mrs. Payne that the College under their management would prove a great success.

Dr. PAYNE, having thanked Captain Groves for his laudatory remarks, took the opportunity of announcing that the College was on the eve of an important constitutional change, the details of which would, he hoped, soon be ready for circulation among all those who would be interested in them. At present he thought it would suffice to say that the teaching staff would remain the same and the course of study the same, and, although the College would become the property of a company under the direction and patronage of eminent Freemasons, who desired to attach exhibitions and scholarships to it for the benefit of the sons of Freemasons of the same social position as the present pupils, yet it was not intended to exclude others; on the contrary, they hoped and asked for the continued support of old friends and of all who wished for a liberal and gentlemanly training at a moderate cost. No one need fear that his boy will be "branded" and "nolens volens" turned into a Mason, because a candidate for initiation must be of full age and proselytising is contrary to the tenets of the Craft. He fully expected that the change would injure none, benefit many, and largely increase the usefulness and fame of the College.

Scenes from Shakespeare's "Henry the Fifth," and from a French and a German play were then presented, the boys in every case, but especially in Henry V., acquitting themselves well, and receiving loud applause from the audience. At the conclusion a prize for the best display of histrionic talent was awarded, by the votes of the ladies present, to G. Grossmith, Franklyn and Rutherford being likewise highly commended.

Hearty cheers having been given for Dr. and Mrs. Payne, the ladies, Captain Groves, and the holidays, the visitors retired to the dining hall, and there partook of light refreshments.

We append a list of the prizes.

Form VI.—English, Franklyn; French, Latin, and Greek, Rutherford; and Mathematics, Scott.

Form V.—English, Garbett; French, Lear; Latin and Greek, Ashby; Mathematics, Grossmith, i, and Flood (medal).

German—Class 1—Payne, ii; Class 2—Langley; and Drawing, Niemann, i, and Shaw (medal).

Form IV.—English, Monckton; French, i, Monckton, and 2 Groves, i (medal); Latin and Greek, i, Monckton, and 2, Pain, IV.; and Mathematics, Payne, ii.

Form III.—English, Smith; French, Twichin, ii; Latin and Greek, Smith and Allan (medal); and Mathematics, Thomas.

Juniors.—English, Foster and Watson (medal); French, i, Foster, and 2, Grossmith, ii; Latin and Greek, i, Foster, and 2, Groves, iii; and Mathematics, Foster and Goodbun, ii (medal).

In the Sixth Form, Payne, i, Ford, Staynes, and Ashwin, doing special work for Sandhurst, Oxford, and Cambridge, were not competitors for prizes.

Cambridge Local Certificates were given to the following: Rutherford, III. Class Honours (distinguished in Latin and Greek); Franklyn, III. Class Honours; Payne, II.; Mulholland, I.; and Lang.

Presentation bats for high scores in matches—Ford, 117 runs, and Payne, ii, 44 runs.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution; H. Maudslay, P.G.D.; A. H. Tattershall, W. J. Murlis, James Brett, P.G.P.; W. B. Daniell, E. West, Joseph Freeman, C. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Hilton, B. E. Blasby, L. G. Gordon Robbins, J. E. Dawson, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; W. Belchamber, E. M. Money, C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; Hugh Cotter, Charles Kempton, and John Mason (acting Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, the acting Secretary reported the deaths of two annuitants (one male and one widow), and the Warden's Report for the past month was read.

A vote of thanks to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for their usual gifts of tea and tobacco to the old folks at Croydon was unanimously passed.

Three petitions (one male and two widows) were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the minutes for the election in May, 1889, the proceedings terminating with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. W. Roebuck, Vice-Patron and Trustee, P.G. S.B., presided, and there were present Bros. S. Richardson, C. H. Webb, E. M. Money, A. H. Tattershall, W. Maple, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Williams, Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D.; James Stevens, George Mickley, M.A., M.B.; A. E. Gladwell, J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; W. H. Saunders, Joseph Rayner, Harry Webb, W. Paas, and F. Binckes, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee and Quarterly General Court on the 27th ult., having been read for information, the Report of the Audit Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

One petition was accepted subject to the production of G. Lodge certificate—this has since been produced—and the name ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in 1889, and a grant towards outfit was made in the case of an ex-pupil.

Satisfactory explanations having been offered respecting the circumstances of the mother of the boy Albery, who was elected into the School in October, 1887, a vote of thanks to the Chairman was unanimously passed, and the proceedings were closed.

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD WILTSHIRE, P.M. 704.

The mortal remains of Bro. Richard Wiltshire, late Chairman of the Islington Board of Guardians, were interred at Finchley Cemetery on the afternoon of Thursday, the 2nd inst. The service was performed by the Rev. W. Nelson Winn, incumbent of the Chapel-of-Ease. Shortly before this, the children from the Workhouse Schools in Hornsey-road arrived, and were accommodated with seats in the gallery. They were under the charge of Mr. Langford, the superintendent of the schools. A hymn having been sung by the school children, the service was proceeded with. This was followed by an eloquent and impressive address, delivered by the Rev. W. N. Winn. The floral tokens of love and esteem were both numerous and handsome. Prominent amongst them was a magnificent wreath of flowers from the members of the Board of Guardians. In addition to the floral offerings of the widow and nieces of the deceased, wreaths were contributed by other relatives and private friends, from the inmates of the Workhouse Schools, and Bro. G. S. Elliott, P.M., on behalf of the House Committee, St. John's-road, and Bro. Friend, P.M., on behalf of the School Committee. The funeral procession was proceeded by the children from the parish schools and their band, and a number of girls were driven to Finchley in a private omnibus, and the band boys were conveyed in a brake. At the conclusion of the service, the school children sang the hymn beginning "Jesus lives; no longer now can thy terrors, death, appal us." The brethren then filed past the grave, each dropping on to the coffin a sprig of acacia. The brick grave, which is situated close to that of the late vicar of Islington, the Rev. Daniel Wilson, was lined with evergreens. The remains were committed to their last resting place amid genuine and heartfelt manifestations of grief, the universal feeling being that the parish had lost in Richard Wiltshire one of its most able and valued representatives. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Bro. W. Nodes.



The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Ringwood on Tuesday next.

Bro. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P., arrived in London at the end of last week from Paris, after paying a round of visits to the various European capitals in connection with the Sugar Bounties question.

Bro. the Lord Mayor of London has opened a fund at the Mansion House for the relief of the sufferers by the late disastrous floods in Poplar, especially in the Isle of Dogs district. It is estimated that a sum of £5000 will be required for the purpose, and the Corporation have subscribed £105.

The new storage reservoir at Ealing of the Grand Junction Waterworks Company was opened on Friday, the 3rd inst., by Mr. Edwin Goodhugh Fox. It has a surface area of six acres, is 45 feet deep, and will contain 51 million gallons of filtered water. It is lined with Portland cement concrete, and the slopes are paved with vitrified bricks. The works have been carried out by Messrs. John Aird and Sons, of Belvedere-road, Lambeth, in the course of the last 20 months. Mr. Fox turned on the water with a silver key, and at the close of the simple ceremony the directors and shareholders present sat down to lunch, at which the usual loyal and sundry other toasts were given. Bro. Sir Roper Lethbridge, M.P., replying for "The Houses of Parliament," Baron Dimsdale, M.P., and two others for "The Visitors," and Bro. John Aird, M.P., for "The Contractors."

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Princess Louise of Wales and the Princess Beatrice, dined with the Queen at Osborne on the 2nd instant. Bro. Colonel Lord Edward Pelham-Clinton being also one of the guests.

Prince Adolphus of Teck will leave England next month by the troopship Crocodile for India to join his regiment, the 17th (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers, which is quartered at Lucknow.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany visited the People's Palace at Mile End on Saturday last for the purpose of opening an exhibition of paintings, and to inaugurate an "autumn fête," which it is proposed to extend over a period of six weeks.

The ladies of Port Elizabeth recently presented the Prince and Princess of Wales with an album containing 104 photographic views of South Africa, and the work, which was originally published at Port Elizabeth, is now being issued here by Messrs. Stafford and Guy.

Bros. Earl Amherst, Sir W. Hart-Dyke, M.P., Sir W. Marriott, O.C., M.P., and others were present at a large political gathering in Eridge Park, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday.

According to advices from Liverpool, Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., owing to impaired health, has placed his resignation of the seat for the West Derby division of Liverpool in the hands of the Conservative party, and the Hon. H. W. Cross, eldest son of Viscount Cross, is announced as the Conservative candidate for the vacancy.

The number of contributors to the Women's Jubilee Offering to the Queen is returned as 3,162,256, and the amount contributed as £84,116 net, of which £70,000 has been placed in trust by the Queen's desire for the Nursing Fund, while the rest has been used for the statue of the Prince Consort, about to be erected in Windsor Park, and for a pearl and diamond necklace for her Majesty's own use.

The personal ornament presented to the Queen by the women of Great Britain and Ireland in honour of her Majesty's Jubilee is a necklace composed of the finest pearls and diamonds, the centre pearl and companion drop being of exceptional size and beauty. The necklace is composed of diamond trefoils with a pearl in the centre of each, and the centre, forming a pendant or brooch at pleasure, is a quatrefoil of diamonds. The snap is in the form of a Royal crown, composed of diamonds, with two pearls forming, as it were, the cushion of the crown, and this snap can be attached to centre pendant or worn separately as a brooch, there being another pearl and diamond snap of a similar kind which harmonises with the necklace. The several portions can be worn as separate ornaments for the hair, on velvet, or as brooches. The earrings consist of two button pearls of considerable size, surrounded by diamond trefoils to match the necklace. The whole is fitted into a handsome case, with a solid gold plate on the outside, bearing the following inscription: "To Victoria, Queen and Empress, a token of Love and Loyalty from the Daughters of her Empire, in remembrance of her Jubilee, June 21st, 1837." The case is fitted with a gold key with monogram, "V.R.I."

We are informed that a movement is on foot to present Bro. R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas. West Lancashire, with a fitting testimonial on his retirement as one of the joint Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. At a meeting of the General Committee of the Institution held some time ago, Bro. Martin's resignation was regrettably accepted, and a Committee was afterwards appointed to take steps to promote a suitable testimonial in recognition of the valuable services he has given to the Charity for many years past. All the lodges in the province are being invited to subscribe to the project. Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., is Chairman of the Committee, and Bros. Councillor Houlding, P.P.G.R., and Simon Jude, W.M., are Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

Pinero's phenomenally successful play "Sweet Lavender" will be played for the 150th time at Terry's Theatre on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., and, notwithstanding the London season is now finished, it is still playing to crowded houses nightly. Mr. T. C. Valentine, the stage manager at Terry's, sails for America early next month to produce the piece at the Lyceum Theatre, New York.

The Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, has left Richmond for Foremark Hall, his seat in Derbyshire.

Monday, the 6th inst., being the 44th anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, the auspicious event was celebrated with the customary honours at Windsor.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Sweating System, of which Bro. the Earl of Dunraven is the chairman, has been extended so as to include inquiry into the system throughout the whole of the United Kingdom.

Bro. Sir E. Monson, her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Athens, has signed a protocol—which has likewise been signed by the Greek Minister for Foreign Affairs—regulating the status of joint-stock companies in England and Greece.

The Children's Jubilee Tribute to the Queen was recently closed at a meeting at 69, Portland-square, at which Mrs. Goschen presided, and the sum collected amounting to upwards of £6000 has been presented to her Majesty by the Princess Victoria of Teck, on behalf of the children, in a purse fastened by a diamond brooch intended as a personal ornament for the Queen. Her Majesty, through Mrs. Goschen, has sent her thanks to the Committee both for the tribute and the brooch, and the former will be devoted to the purpose of adding a wing to the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond-street.

The Countess Granville and the Ladies Leveson-Gower have left town for Walmer Castle, but Bro. Earl Granville will remain in town till the close of the Parliamentary Session.

The Elcho Challenge Shield, which was won this year at Wimbledon by the Irish Eight, was handed over for temporary custody to the Executive of the Irish Exhibition at Olympia on Saturday last. The trophy was conveyed thither on a gun carriage, under an escort of the London Irish Rifles, commanded by Major Lloyd, and on arrival was conveyed to the West gallery and placed in a convenient receptacle, Major Lloyd explaining that he had been deputed to hand it over by Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Captain of the Irish Eight. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., on behalf of the Executive, received it, and promised to hand it over to the Lord Mayor of Dublin at the close of the Exhibition.

Miss Alice Milbank, daughter of Bro. Sir Frederick Milbank, Bart., was last week married to Mr. David Dale in the parish church of Well, near Bedale, Yorkshire. There was a numerous congregation, and the bride was given away by her father.

It was decided at a largely-attended meeting of the inhabitants of Dover, held on Friday, the 3rd instant, under the presidency of the Mayor, to build a promenade pier at Dover, and a Committee was appointed to take the needful preliminary steps.

A MASONIC FUNERAL.—On the 1st inst. the funeral of Bro. Wm. P. Nolan, who died on Monday, the 30th ult., at Fishwick House, Newcastle, County Down, took place. At 10 o'clock the remains were removed from the late residence of deceased, 8, Conlon-street, Old Lodge-road, to the Borough Cemetery, where they were interred. There was a large turnout of the Masonic Fraternity. The members of Donegore True Blues Lodge, No. 92, and other brethren attended the funeral of the late Worshipful Master in large numbers, and the companions of R.A. Chapter No. 97 were also present. There was a long line of vehicles.

The District Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, on the 6th June, Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, Dis. G.M., being in the chair. There was very little business to transact, but the Dist. G. Treasurer, having obtained the permission of the D.G.M., took the opportunity of correcting an impression which appears to prevail among the members of lodges, particularly in the country districts, to the effect that large sums are remitted to the Grand Lodge of England by Colonial lodges. As the D.G. Treasurer was careful to point out, the only fees remitted to United Grand Lodge are the 7s. 6d. fees for registration of initiates in the books of Grand Lodge, which entitle them to their Grand Lodge certificates, and the 2s. 6d. fees for registration in the case of those who join lodges. He added that no annual fees whatever, either from lodges or brethren, are sent home, and yet Colonial brethren are entitled to participate in the benefits afforded by the Board of Benevolence and the Charitable Institutions of the Craft in England.

The marriage of Bro. Capt. the Hon. Alwyn H. Fulke Greville (King's Own Royal Rifle Corps), brother of the Prov. Grand Master of Essex, with Mabel, only daughter of the late Mr. Ernald Smith, was solemnised at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Wednesday, in the presence of a numerous congregation, which included the Earl and Countess of Warwick, the Countess of Rosslyn, and the Lady Sybil St. Clair Erskine, Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke, Bro. Lord Alcester, Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, Bro. General Sir F. Fitzwygram, and others. Among the wedding presents were gifts from the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, the Officers of the 9th Lancers, the Officers of the 10th Hussars, and the Officers of the King's Own Rifle Corps.

The 37th annual general meeting of the Birkbeck Building Society will be held at the offices, Southampton Buildings, Chancery-lane, on Thursday, the 26th instant, when the report for the past year will be presented, and three directors will be elected for the next three years. We note that this Annual Report is in all respects satisfactory, there being substantial increases in the several balances due to the shareholders and the depositors, in the amount of assets, and in the year's profit. There has been a diminution in the amount of the advances owing to the depression in the value of house property generally, but there is an ample margin of security in all cases in which advances have been made. The only candidates for election on the Board are the directors who retire by rotation.

Bro. Major-General Goldsworthy presided at the annual general meeting, at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday, of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association. The report was of a satisfactory nature, and the President with the Vice-Presidents were re-elected for the ensuing year, with the addition to the latter of the worthy Chairman.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will be held at Camborne on Thursday, the 23rd instant. In addition to the ordinary business, a candidate will be elected to the Cornwall Masonic Annuitant Fund. There are two applicants.

The name of R.W. Bro. W. T. Orde-Powlett was in error coupled with that of R.W. Bro. J. W. Woodall in our result list of the last Festival Mark Benevolent Fund. The amount of Bro. Powlett's list should be £11 5s. 6d.

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Player, rector of Wells, Norfolk, was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Norwich on the 30th ult.

Bro. Seager Hunt is about to introduce a Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to the water supply of London.

Bro. the Right Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, left London on Friday, the 3rd instant, for Hamburg in order to recruit his health.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the "Calendar of the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales, for 1888-89." It presents, as usual, all the appearance of having been carefully compiled, and the information it contains will be found of value by members of the Orders and others.

The Duke of Cambridge left Gloucester House, Park Lane, on Tuesday morning for Kissingen, where his Royal Highness will make a stay of several weeks.

Bros. General Lord Wolseley, Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., and R. Phené Spiers were among those present at the funeral of the late Mr. Frank Holl, R.A., at the Highgate Cemetery, on Tuesday.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales was to have attended the Yorkshire Agricultural Show, at Huddersfield, but a telegram was received to the effect that his Royal Highness was confined to his room by a swollen foot, and that in all probability he would be unable to travel during the present week.

We are asked to announce that the Camden Lodge of Instruction, formally held at the Lincoln's-Inn Restaurant on Thursdays, has been removed to the Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, and now meets on Tuesday evenings, at eight.

A new autumn edition of "Walks in Epping Forest" by Percy Lindley, describing portions less known to pedestrians, is in preparation. Professor Boulger has contributed some Notes upon the recent extensive tree-felling and "forestry" operations in Epping Forest to the same issue.

Among the guests at the banquet given at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, by the Lord Mayor of London to her Majesty's Ministers, were the Marquis of Salisbury, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., and Bro. the Marquis of Carmarthen, M.P., Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., Sir W. J. Marriott, O.C., M.P., Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., Sir E. B. Malet, Sir Fredk. Leighton, P.R.A., Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Col. Walrond, M.P., W. N. Long, M.P., Sir E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and Dixon-Hartland, M.P.

Bro. Lord Wantage presided at the ordinary general meeting, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Wednesday, of the shareholders of the Small Farm and Labourers' Land Company.

We have received and acknowledge with thanks the "Year Book of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales, corrected to 30th June, 1888." It contains the rules and regulations, a list of the members, and other important information respecting this branch of Masonry. It is invaluable for purposes of reference.

Lord and Lady Londonderry will entertain a large party at Wynyard Park next week and the following week for Redcar and Stockton races.

The Duke of Westminster leaves Eaton Hall next week for Stack Lodge, where he will stay for a month. The Duke has sub-let several of the shootings which he leases from the Duke of Sutherland, and he now has only one-half of his former ground in his own hands.

The Prince of Wales goes to Homburg next week, where he will stay till the end of this month. He will then pay some visits on the Continent, and intends to return to England about September 29th. The Prince will not return to England for the Doncaster Races.

A most interesting discovery, especially to antiquarians, was made at the close of last week, in a chalk pit on Portsdown Hill, near Paulsgrove and Porchester. The "find" consists of a skeleton and upwards of 20 bronze Roman coins in a wonderfully good state of preservation. The skeleton is that of a strong man, who was about 6ft. in height, and who must have lived about 1700 years ago.

RESUSCITATION OF A MARK LODGE.—Local Freemasons will be pleased to hear that the Benevolent Mark Lodge, No. 67, has been resuscitated in Stockport. The lodge was opened by Bro. S. W. Wilkinson, 322, P.P.G.M.O., at the Vernon Hotel, the following brethren acting: Bros. J. G. Smith, P.M. 32, P.P.G.O., S.W.; Baker, P.G.J.O., J.W.; P. Aspland, 32, P.P.G.R., M.O.; A.H. Gilbody, P.M. 148, P.G.S.M.O., S.O.; C. Atkinson, P.M. 287, J.O.; William Cartwright, S.W. 32, P.G. Stwd., Deacon; Richard Newhouse, G.D., P.G. Sec., Reg.; W. C. Fleming, P.M. 322, P.G.T., Sec.; Frank A. Huet, P.G.D., I.G.; and John Scott, P.M. 322, Tyler. Bro. A. F. Jeaffries, W.M. 32, advanced several brethren, and Bro. W. Cartwright, S.W. 32, P.G. Stwd., was unanimously balloted for as W.M. elect.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.—ADVR.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, August 18, 1888.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
 „ 1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 „ 1637, Unity, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station.
 „ 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
 „ 2096, George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
 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.
 Industry Chap., Pr. Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, 7.30.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 1789, Ubuque, Café Royal, Regent-street.
 „ 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
 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, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 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. 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.
 Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E., at 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.
 Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and Isle of
 Wight, Corn Exchange, Ringwood.
 Lodge 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.
 „ 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-rd. and
 Middleton-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Emulation, Bull Hot., Dartford, 8.30.
 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, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 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.
 Mount Sion Chapter, Five Bells, Moorfields, E.C., at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15.

Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.
 „ 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
 „ 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
 „ 2140, Huguenot, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 7.30.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Fidelity, The Alfred Tav., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, N., at 8.
 Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
 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.
 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Pr. of Wal. Hot., Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.

Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,
 Poplar, 7.30.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
 „ 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf 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, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8 p.m.
 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.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-
 road, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon
 Railway Station), at 7.
 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.
 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., Masons'-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.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-
 rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 2005, Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, at 7.30.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
 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.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 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, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent
 Garden, W.C., at 8.
 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canon-
 bury, 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, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 7.
 The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-rd., 7.30.
 Ubuque, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-
 sq., Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18.

Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Mark 354, Rose and Lily, Pea Hen Hotel, St. Alban's.

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