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THE programme of the business to be transacted at the
Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wed-
nesday, the 5th inst., is mostly of a formal character. There
are some ten recommendations of money grants by the Board of Benevo-
lence to be endorsed or otherwise as Grand Lodge may see fit, while the
Report of the Board of General Purposes is confined to a statement of the
several balances, amounting together to upwards of £7000, in the Bank of
England and in Grand Secretary's hands on the 17th August—the day of
the last meeting of the Board of Finance. The Grand Master's letter of
sympathy to the Empress VICTORIA of GERMANY, on the occasion of the
death of her husband, the late Emperor FREDERICK, Protector of Freemasons
in Prussia and the Empress's reply, will be read, and an announcement will
be made that a complete suit of the clothing worn by a Past Grand Master
of United Grand Lodge has been forwarded, in the name and on behalf of
Grand Lodge, to his Majesty the King of SWEDEN, for his Majesty's
acceptance, as a memento of his recent appointment to that exalted office
in English Freemasonry. We note further that the list of 11 lodges, which
have been warranted by the Grand Master since the June Communication,
comprises two lodges which will meet within the London area, a West
Lancashire and a West Yorkshire lodge, and seven lodges in foreign parts,
namely, one in the Island of Cyprus, one in Queensland, two in Victoria,
and three in New South Wales.

A curious Argument. We trust we are not misrepresenting or distorting the argu-
ments advanced by the *New Zealand Masonic Journal* on the
eternal question of jurisdiction; but it appears to us that in its
attempt to upset our theory that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and
Scotland are the only Grand Lodges which have the right to charter lodges in
New Zealand and the other British colonies and dependencies in which there
are no recognised independent Grand Lodges, it has gone so far as to
declare that the claim to exercise this right of chartering lodges is valid
only for so long as no other Grand Lodges object to it. It says: "We are
quite prepared to admit that the Grand Lodge of England may
tacitly hold this view, but we know only too well that it is
not so held by other Grand Lodges, notably by numerous Grand
Lodges in America, who deem any country unoccupied territory unless
there is an existing Grand Lodge within its boundaries." We are inclined
to think that in making this statement, our worthy contemporary has greatly
exaggerated the views of the "numerous Grand Lodges in America" he
has in mind; but whether this is so or not, we must take the liberty of
pointing out that the justice or injustice of a person's claim to exercise
a certain right or privilege cannot be determined by the mere opinion
of somebody else or the fact that somebody else has already set that
claim at defiance. It is a general or a particular law which deter-
mines a matter of this kind, or in the absence of any
general or particular law, general or a particular custom, such as
can be shown by positive and direct evidence to have existed during a
period of time commonly spoken of as "immemorial," that is to say,
during which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. It cannot
be disputed that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland
have both claimed and exercised for more than a century—that seems
to us far enough back to go—the right to charter lodges in the colonies
and dependencies of the British Crown—and even in countries not subject to
the British crown—where there were already established no independent
Grand Lodges with prior and superior claims to exercise such right. A mere
glance at the Masonic Calendars of England, Ireland, and Scotland will
suffice to show that the Grand Lodges of these countries have gone on char-
tering lodges in the different British colonies and dependencies during
the whole of this period without having had their rights to do so called in
question. Wherever and whenever in any British territory, an independent
Grand Lodge has been established and recognised as such—as in Canada,
Nova Scotia, South Australia, and elsewhere—our Grand Lodges have
surrendered the claims they formerly exercised, only stipulating that, if any
of their lodges preferred remaining in their old allegiance, they should

enjoy full liberty to do so. Here, then, we have it shown by the
indisputable evidence of facts that for a century and upwards the Grand
Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland have claimed, have exercised,
and in certain cases have surrendered the right to charter lodges in the
colonies and dependencies of the British Crown; and it strikes us it
is rather late in the day—and our contemporary must forgive us if we add
that it is supremely silly on its part—to deny the existence of a right which
has been thus claimed, exercised, and in certain cases surrendered, because
during the last two or three years there have been sundry Grand Lodges
in America which dispute its validity, while the Great Priory of Canada
has had the hardihood to set up Templar Encampments in one of our
Australian Colonies and justifies its conduct on the ground that just now
there are no Templar bodies established there, and that, in consequence it
is "unoccupied" territory. But by way of showing the absurdity of
our contemporary's argument, as we understand it, that a right is non-ex-
istent, when or because somebody disputes it, we may mention that not so
very long ago, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba—in British North America—
chartered a lodge in territory claimed by the Grand Lodge of England to
be within its jurisdiction, and on being remonstrated with by the latter, at
once withdrew its charter and apologised for its intrusion. The Grand Lodges
of the United Kingdom may surrender their rights in certain cases or
annul them altogether of their own free will and accord, but it is nonsense
to suggest that they can be deprived of what they have exercised from time
immemorial by laws enacted by other Grand Lodges, or that those rights
cease to exist merely because some of the Grand Lodges in America declare
them non-existent.

Freemasonry and Marriage. It was hardly to be expected that the correspondence which
has been proceeding for many days past in the *Daily Telegraph*
on the question recently propounded by Mrs. MONA CAIRD—
"Is Marriage a Failure?"—would be continued long without some letters
appearing in condemnation or praise of Freemasonry in relation to the
married state; and, as will be seen from the letters we reprint elsewhere,
this expectation has already been realised. We do not anticipate that any
good will result from the correspondence, interesting and even amusing as
many of the letters are, which our contemporary has been conducting, and
for this reason, that in certainly eight out of every ten cases the writers have
seen fit to generalise from their own individual experiences. They base
their arguments in favour of the success or failure of marriage on what has
passed in their own immediate circle. Even those who incline to take a
broader view are content with quoting the general experiences of a par-
ticular epoch or country, thus ignoring the fact that at other epochs and in
other countries the result may have been or may be directly opposed to their
experience. But be this as it may, and confining our attention to the subject
so far as it affects Freemasonry, it is probably not surprising that a "Free-
mason's Wife," who introduced Freemasonry into the discussion, should
consider that membership of our Society is inconsistent with happiness in
the married state. To judge from the tone of her letter, this unhappy lady
must possess two out of the three attributes ascribed to women by Sir
WALTER SCOTT—himself a brother of the mystic tie. She may or may
not be "coy"—we favour the belief that she is not—but, we
imagine there is little doubt from the manner of her writing that
she is both "uncertain" and "hard to please." Nor, it seems, do we
stand alone in this opinion, for "Old Freemason" suggests there is in
her letter "some degree of malice against her husband's Freemasonry and
habits," and recommends her to try "love and forbearance" rather than
"denunciation," which, as he caustically observes, "is apt to gall and em-
bitter, and has been tried often without success." She is probably a woman
of the CAUDLE type, with an extra allowance of bile in her composition,
and, however much her husband may have been originally disposed to spend
his leisure hours at home with the partner for life of his joys and sorrows,
it did not take him long to discover that, if he wished for a few hours' peace
and quiet, when his labours for the day were ended, he was more likely to
find them at his club or lodge than in the society of a woman "uncertain"
of temper and as "hard to please" as a spoiled child. The chances are
that any attentions he showed her when they first settled down as married
folk were received with coldness, either because she expected something
better or greater, or because they were not the kind of attentions she wished
for generally or at that particular time; or, as likely as not, for no particu-
lar reason at all. Or, the husband may have thought that occasional visits to
his club and lodge were not inconsistent with his duties as a married man, and
he may have gone thither, unwisely perhaps, a little too soon after marriage,
"et hinc illæ lacrymæ"—or rather these naggings and snarlings about
his selfishness, when if the woman had asked him, in a tone of kindness,
how he had enjoyed his evening, the club and lodge visits would have
remained occasional, instead of becoming more and more frequent, and
ultimately a settled part of his daily routine of duty. But, as
any stick is good enough to beat a dog with, and as women are not

as a rule logical, and especially not so when they are angry, "Freemason's Wife" finding that to rail at her husband had no longer any effect, has at length taken to rail at club life and Freemasonry as being at the root of all evil in married life. We have no sympathy with a brother who attends to his lodge duties to the exclusion of his home duties—he is, at the outset of his Masonic career, most particularly enjoined not to be guilty of this neglect—but it is only a woman in a state of wrath with her lord and master who would dream of making Freemasonry responsible for the sins, either of omission or commission, of a few of its members. However, this feminine disputant has been answered, not only by two members of the Order, but by "Another Freemason's Wife," and if she wishes for further evidence that Masons are not neglectful of the claims of their wives and children to be well and duly cared for, we refer her to our Girls' School and the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, as well as to the help so generously furnished to the needy families of deceased Masons by our Board of Benevolence. There cannot be much the matter with Freemasonry when it cares so lovingly for the widow and the orphan.

OLD WARRANTS.—XXI.—XXII.

COPY OF No. 453, CALLOWHILL

By the Right Worshipful and Right Hon. the Earl of Cavan, Grand Master of all the lodges of Freemasons in the Kingdom of Ireland. The Worshipful David Latouche, Deputy Grand Master. The Worshipful Peter Latouche and John Latouche, Esqrs., Grand Wardens.

Whereas our trusty and well beloved brothers, Terence Clarke John Browne, and James Reilly, have besought us, that we would be pleased to erect a lodge of Freemasons in the town of Calohill County Fermanagh 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 premisses 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, Terence Clarke, John Browne, and James Reilly, of whose abilities and knowledge in Masonry, we are satisfied; Do by these Presents of our certain knowledge and meer motion, Nominate, Create, Authorise and Constitute the said Terence Clarke John Browne and James Reilly 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 Terence Clarke John Browne and James Reilly 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 Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal of office this first day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1767 and in the year of Masonry 5767.

Entered by me,

G. BAKER, D.G.S.

Bro. Obadiah Ternan, M.D., the Prov. G. Sec. for Tyrone and Fermanagh, has kindly transcribed the foregoing (after considerable difficulty in deciphering the document) for the series of old warrants.

Again, I am thereby enabled to correct the list of Grand Masters in the official Calendar, as the year 1768 is annexed to the name of the Earl of Cavan, as Grand Master whereas it should be 1767, add possibly earlier. The Earl of Westmeath is registered for 1765, and apparently was succeeded by the nobleman above noted. I have other corrections in store, one being of special interest.

COPY OF No. 84, BANDON.

Tyrone By the Right Worshipful, and Right Honourable Lord Visct. TYRONE Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free Masons in the Kingdom of IRELAND, the Rt Worshipful John Putland Deputy Grand Master, the Worshipful John Putland Esqr and Kean O' Hara Esqr. Grand Wardens.

WHEREAS our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers Matthew Adderly Esqr. Mr. Richard Screech & Mr Robert Morris have besought us, that We would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free Masons, in the Town of Bandon 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 Matthew Adderly, Richard Screech and Robert Morris 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 Mathew Adderly Master, Richard Screech and Robert Morris 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 Mathew Adderly, Richard Screech and Robert Morris 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 hitherto set Our Hands and Seal of Office this twenty ninth Day of May . . . in the Year of our Lord God, 1738 and in the Year of Masonry, 5738.

Intratur per JOHN PENNELL Sec

The transcript of the foregoing Warrant, made by Bro. G. A. Armstrong, of Bandon, is one of the best sent me for the series, being in facsimile, and the signatures especially are exceedingly well done. I only wish our artistic brother may come across other old Charters of value, so that he may have other opportunities of exercising his skill.

This Warrant of No. 84, Bandon, as it will be seen, is over 150 years old, having passed its sesqui-centennial on the 29th May last. Lord Tyrone, the G.M., was elected to that distinguished office on June 1st, 1736, and duly "proclaimed" on the 24th of that month, as also on the same day of the month in 1737. His lordship was succeeded by Lord Viscount Mountjoy on June 6th, 1738, who was installed and proclaimed

accordingly on the 24th of that month. The latter nobleman subsequently became 1st Earl of Blessington, and afterwards was elected as Grand Master of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge of England.

In all probability No. 84 was the last Charter granted and signed by Lord Tyrone (previously Sir Marcus Beresford), who afterwards, I believe, became Earl of Tyrone.

As this old lodge is still on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, it would be interesting to know what Records are preserved of its transactions for the last 150 years, and particularly if the first Minute Book is still in existence. Had the numbers been changed from time to time, as in England, and not re-issued to later lodges, No. 84, Bandon, would now be noted as No. 10, or thereabouts, as it is the senior, in point of age, of most lodges distinguished with higher numbers on the Register.

W. J. HUGHAN,

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on the 5th inst.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th June for confirmation.

2. To read a letter addressed to her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick of Germany, Crown Princess of England, by his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, tendering to her Imperial Majesty the condolences and sympathy of the Grand Lodge of England on the recent death of her Illustrious Consort, the late Emperor Frederick III., and also to read the gracious reply of her Imperial Majesty thereto.

3. To report that a complete set of the clothing of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England had been prepared, and transmitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of Grand Lodge, to his Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., Grand Master of Sweden, for the gracious acceptance of his Majesty, in commemoration of his recent appointment as Past Grand Master of England.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The widow of a brother of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, Keighley	£50	0	0
A brother of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge Peace and Harmony, No. 60, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, No. 1958, Havant	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Gihon Lodge, No. 49, London	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Heming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, No. 208, Dewsbury	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of Lodge Prudentia, No. 1859, Negapatam, E.I.	50	0	0
A brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead	50	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6574 1s. 9d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £100, and for servants' wages, £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £33 1s. 4d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

21st August, 1888.

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

- No. 2267, The Laidley Lodge, Laidley, Queensland.
- 2268, The Hallamshire Lodge, Sheffield, West Yorkshire.
- 2269, The "Peace" Lodge, Wigan, West Lancashire.
- 2270, The Carnarvon Lodge, Bowrae, New South Wales.
- 2271, The St. Pancras Lodge, St. Pancras, London.
- 2272, The Rye Lodge, Peckham.
- 2273, The Natimuk Lodge, Natimuk, Victoria.
- 2274, The Werriger Lodge, Werracknabeal, Victoria.
- 2275, The St. John's Lodge, Leichhardt, New South Wales.
- 2276, The Barrier Lodge, Broken Hill, New South Wales.
- 2277, The St. Paul's Lodge, Limassol, Island of Cyprus.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on the 23rd ult., in the Wesley Schools, Chapel-street, Camborne. There was a very large and influential gathering of brethren, and the day's proceedings passed off most successfully. The meeting was held under the auspices of Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1544, the brethren of which are to be heartily congratulated on the admirable and most perfect arrangements which they made. The town itself was gaily decorated with bunting and flags of all kinds, and a pretty but unpretentious arch leading from the station to the schoolroom (outside of which were coloured poles festooned), offered a "Welcome." The commodious schoolroom was most handsomely fitted up as a Grand Lodge, and the decorations of flags, pretty devices, and the exotics and hothouse plants gave the room a fine appearance, which was much admired. Over the P.G.M.'s chair was inscribed in text "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity;" whilst at the further end of the room were the words "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set." On either side of the room were "God said let there be light, and there was light" and "Peace and harmony." The Hon. Secretary of the lodge, which is flourishing (Bro. Hugh P. Vivian, P.M.), was invested with the P.J.G.W.'s collar.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W.P.G.M., sat on the throne, and was supported by

Bros. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M.; Edward D. Anderton, P.M. 331, P.S.G.W.; Wm. Nettle, P.M. 510, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. W. R. Erskine, 589, P.G. Chap.; Wm. Guy, P.M. 496, P.G. Treas.; Wm. Andrew, P.M. 789, P.G. Reg.; Chirgwin, P.M. 131, P.G. Sec.; B. Gidley Derry, P.M. 330, P.S.G.D.; J. Jennings Hawken, P.M. 331, P.S.G.D.; John C. Burrow, P.M. 1544, P.J.G.D.; Arthur T. Grant, P.M. 318, P.J.G.D.; John H. Cousins, P.M. 557, P.G.S. of Works; Joseph Sarah, P.M. 589, P.G.D.C.; Joseph Doney, P.M. 856, P.D.G.D.C.; John T. Till-

man, P.M. 131, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Battie Rashleigh, 75, P.G.S.B.; Henry Jones, P.M. 1954, P.G. Std. Br.; John Harris, P.M. 510, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas C. Mack, P.M. 131, P.G. Org.; Thomas Gill, P.M. 967, P.A.G. Sec.; Henry Searle, P.M. 699, P.G. Purst.; John Langdon, 131, P.A.G. Purst.; Thomas H. Spear, P.M. 330; Thomas R. Mills, P.M. 1006; W. B. Carne, P.M. 893; Edmund Herring, P.M. 1071; Geo. Cassell, P.M. 1136; and Thomas S. Bailey, P.M. 1151, P.G. Stewards; and James N. Francis, 75, P.G. Tyler; and J. C. R. Crewes, Clerk to Prov. G. Sec.

Letters of apology were received from, among others, Bro. the Hon. Rev. J. T. Boscawen, P.M. 699, P.P.S.G.W., enclosing £5 as promised to the Cathedral, and stating that he would give a similar donation this year.

The PROV. G. SEC. reported that there had been 119 initiations, being an increase of 12 over the previous year, 40 joining members, and 1378 subscribing members, making a total of 1537, being an increase of 61 over last year. During the year several questions arose on the effect of the by-laws of some of the lodges, and on examination it was found they were in several important particulars in contradiction to the revised Constitutions. These were laid before the Grand Secretary for his opinion, and subsequently, at his suggestion, circular letters were sent to the W. Masters of all lodges inviting the lodges to carefully consider their respective by-laws, and where necessary to make such alterations as would bring them in accordance with the revised Constitutions, and he was glad to acknowledge the readiness with which the request was acceded to. Up to the present the necessary alterations had been made in the by-laws of eleven lodges, and these had been approved by the Prov. G. Master and confirmed by the G. Master. There were still one or two lodges whose by-laws required amendment. Some of the lodges still omitted to send in their returns at the proper time. And two or three had omitted to send in the return of the Past Masters' attendances; and so in those lodges the Prov. G. Master was unable to know who were the most regular in their attendance, and who on that ground would be entitled to be rewarded with provincial collars. On April 13 last, £610 8s. 6d. was paid over to the Treasurer of the Cathedral, and on 1st June, £5 was received from Tregenna Lodge, and also paid over to the Treasurer, making a total contribution of £615 8s. 6d. Dispensations had, in accordance with the Constitutions, been granted to Mount Edgcombe Lodge to instal their W.M. on the 9th instead of November 2nd last; Phoenix Lodge to instal on the 19th instead of the 16th January last; One and All Lodge to initiate a candidate aged 20, who was leaving England to fill an appointment in the Cape Mounted Police; Bro. R. Bonney to hold the office of W.M. of Molesworth Lodge; and Mount Sinai Lodge to wear Masonic clothing at the funeral of the deceased Bro. Boase. The following grants for relief had been obtained from the Board of Benevolence in London: A brother of Restormel Lodge, £30; widow of a brother of Loyal Victoria Lodge, £15; widow of a brother of Tregulow Lodge, £10; and to a brother of Eliot Lodge, £10.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. W. GUY, reported that the year commenced with a balance of £127 11s. 3d.; fees of honour, £38 4s.; fees from lodges, £178 14s., which, with several small items, brought the total up to £368 18s. 3d., leaving a balance in hand of £152 16s. 2d.

The TREASURER of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund reported that the donations and subscriptions amounted to £176 17s., being an increase of £30 16s. 6d. over the previous year; the balance at the commencement of the year, £69 1s. 6d.; voted from Grand Lodge, £26 5s.; interest from bonds and stock, £152 12s. 5d.; and £110 from railway debenture bond, making a total receipt of £534 15s. 11d. Of this sum £135 had been paid to annuitants and in educational grants, £216 15s. 6d. spent in the purchase of a £200 Cape bond, expenses of management £18 19s. 6d., leaving a balance at the Cornish Bank of £164 0s. 11d. The capital invested amounted to £4348 6s. 11d., being an increase of £176 18s. 9d., from which was derived a yearly income of £182 19s.

The SECRETARY reported that a vacancy had occurred in the male annuities by the death of Bro. John McLean, and petitions had been received from two brethren. Petitions had been received from two widows for the annuity vacant by the death of Mrs. Vicary last year. A petition had also been received for an educational grant. Since the last annual meeting the capital account had increased £176 18s. 9d., and there was an increase of £30 16s. 6d. in the annual subscriptions as compared with the corresponding period of last year. From the commencement of the fund in 1864 to the present time the receipts had amounted to £6748 3s. 5d., out of which there had been paid to male annuitants £1315 11s.; female annuitants, £193 10s.; grants for relief, £70; educational grants, £540; expenses of management, £280 15s. 6d.; total, £2399 16s. 6d.; leaving a balance to the credit of the fund of £4348 6s. 11d.

The Committee of Relief reported that having received a petition on behalf of the widow of a brother of lodge 318, they had granted a sum of £3, which had been paid.

Bro. GILBERT B. PEARCE, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Honorary Secretary Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, said: At the third general meeting of the subscribers, held at Truro, on February 8th, it was reported that 205 memberships had been subscribed for, the total amount contributed being 266 guineas, of which 235 guineas were available for the ballots, the remainder being for nominations fully paid up. Thirty-three life subscriptions of the value of five guineas were drawn. Compared with previous years this amount was sixty guineas less, but this was not owing to any falling off in the members of the Association, but to the fact that in 1887 a large number of brethren were induced to complete their payments by paying at once the remainder due from them. The number of new subscribers this year was thirty-one, and this important feature was mainly due to two lodges only, Redruth and Bodmin, to whom must be given the credit of adding between them a score of new members. Yet with this increase of thirty-one new members they had just exactly the same number subscribing this year as last, a corresponding number having ceased to subscribe, having mostly completed their payments, and a few failed to continue. Of the 205 memberships, 177 were individual, and 28 lodges and chapters. Of the thirty lodges in the province, twenty subscribed from the lodge funds, and one had subscribed since the last ballot. Of the remaining nine, seven were represented by individuals. The Charities selected were: Girls, 205 guineas; Boys, 45; and Masonic Benevolent Institution, 25. The additional votes gained were: Girls, 25; Boys, 8; Benevolent, 4; total life votes, 37; and 9 perpetual votes for Girls, and 2 for the Benevolent Fund. The total amount obtained through the Association was as follows: First year, £234 4s.; second, £379 1s.; third, £288 15s.; total, £902. Bro. Pearce desired to bring the claims more particularly before the brethren at Prov. G. Lodges. Three of the five years had gone, and they could refer to the result with some pride and satisfaction; but in two years more all the members that began with them

would have ended their payments, and a fresh start would have to be made. No doubt a large number of those would begin again, and they would consider that the continual payment of a guinea or two was no great tax on them for so worthy and needy a cause, but new members were wanted always to be joining every year.

Bro. BAKE, P.P.S.G.W., then rose to move, in accordance with notice of motion, "That (1) in future funds be formed in the county from the subscriptions now generally transmitted to the larger Charities in London, and to be used for similar purposes; (2) that a Committee be formed for carrying out these Charities, and to make regulations and laws for their government, and also to make any arrangements in connection therewith, and that when such laws, regulations, and arrangements have been submitted to the Prov. G. Master and met his approval and signature, they are then immediately to take effect; (3) that the Committee consist of Bros. Anderton, Hughan, P.G.D., and Pearce, and such others as the Prov. G. Master may select." Having explained that he was prevented by illness from attending the last Prov. G. Lodge, Bro. Bake went on to state that in 1887 the county had only two boys and one girl in the great Masonic Institutions, the election of whom cost 615 votes. Three hundred of these votes cost on an average £5 each, and the other 315 cost £3 each, amounting in the aggregate to £2245. If that money had been kept in the county and invested at 4 per cent. it would have produced £96 17s. per annum, out of which £30 per year could have been allowed to the parent of each of the three children educated in the Masonic Schools. The children would then be educated according to their present station in life, instead of being taken to London, educated above their station, and becoming dissatisfied on their return with the position in which they found themselves. Bro. Bake then moved the second and third sections of this resolution.

The PROV. G. MASTER suggested that the Committee should take the question into consideration, and report to Grand Lodge before any action was taken.

Bro. Major Ross was of opinion that the question was of such importance that it should be considered by the various lodges before anything definite was settled.

Bro. ANDERTON denied that the children in the great Masonic Charities were educated above their station. He moved as an amendment—"That a Committee be formed to consider and report at the next meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge the best means of employing the funds collected in the province for charitable objects."

Bro. GILBERT PEARCE seconded. If this province adopted the principle advocated by Bro. Bake, and other provinces followed suit, what would become of the great Masonic Charities?

There being no objection, the amendment was agreed to, Bros. Bake and Chirgwin being added to the Committee.

Later in the day it was suggested that Bro. Truscott should also be placed on the Committee.

Bro. BAKE objected, and said he should withdraw if the proposal was carried.

Bro. TRUSCOTT withdrew his name.

The brethren then walked in procession to church, headed by the band of the Volunteers. A special service was gone through, and Bro. the Rev. W. REED ERSKINE, P.G.C., preached a powerful sermon.

On their return, Prov. Grand Lodge was re-opened, and

Bro. C. TRUSCOTT presented the following report for two years—In October, 1886, we secured the election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the son of a brother of Fowey Lodge, 977. At the following elections of April and May, 1887, the votes of the province were used to repay loans contracted to secure the election of the foregoing candidates. In October, 1887, in accordance with the decision of the Committee of Relief, we polled for the daughter of a deceased brother of Phoenix Lodge, 331, and secured her election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The polling at this election ran high, and this necessitated our borrowing more heavily than usual, but I am happy to state that after repaying loans with our votes of April and May last, we are again free. We owe 400 girls and 500 boys' votes, total 900; and are owed 80 boys, 242 old Masons, and 744 widows' votes, total 1066. The present voting power possessed by the province I estimate to be about 300 girls, 350 boys, 450 widows, and 350 old men. This province is at present receiving from the Central Charities annuities to four old men and five widows, amounting to £320, and we have two boys in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and two girls in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, altogether a grant from about £480 to £500 per year. The Relief Committee at its last meeting adopted four candidates as deserving cases, and to be polled for certain as our votes may allow. I purpose naming the first case in October. I regret to have to complain of many cases of unnecessary delay in forwarding the voting papers to me, and I shall feel extremely obliged if the brethren will for the future sign and send them to me promptly after receiving them. I would suggest that every lodge appoint a brother as Charity Steward to attend to the collection of all papers in his lodge and send them to me. Some lodges do this, and it greatly facilitates my work. As Steward representing this province this year, I beg to report that I collected for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £43 1s., for the Institution for Girls £130 4s., and for Boys £76 13s.—a total of £249 17s. Bro. Truscott further reported that the province had got ten candidates in seven years on the funds of the great Masonic Charities, from which they derived a great amount of benefit, and which deserved all the support they could give them.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY reported that a brother of Restormel Lodge, No. 856, had been elected an annuitant on the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund with 444 votes, a brother of Lodge Fortitude, No. 131, having only 275 votes. The widow of a brother of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 75, got on the Fund with 383, votes against 244 recorded for the widow of a brother of Lodge Three Grand Principles, No. 967. The son of a deceased brother of Lodge One and All, No. 330, with 644 votes, is entitled to an educational grant of £15 for three years. In making the last announcement, Bro. Chirgwin said he wished the brethren generally, and especially those who acted as guardians to children on the Fund, to understand that the grants were for the education of the children elected, and not for the general purposes of the family. It was the duty of the brethren to see that the money was properly expended.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thought it was important that it should be known that the grants given were for the education of the children to whom awarded, and not for the benefit of the family generally. He therefore moved that it be an instruction to the Special Committee appointed to inquire if the educational grants are properly expended.

Bro. BAKE seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Bro. ANDERTON, £10 was voted to the unsuccessful female candidate for the Annuity Fund.

The officers of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were re-elected, with Bros. Anderton, Milford, and Chirgwin added to the Trustees.

It was agreed after a slight discussion to grant, on the motion of the P.G. SECRETARY, 50 guineas to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. It was then asked what the province proposed to vote to the great Masonic Charities.

Bro. ANDERTON thought, if they were going to adopt a new scheme with regard to their Charitable funds, they should keep the balance in fund.

Bro. TRUSCOTT having remarked that the province would be receiving nearly £500 this year from the great Masonic Charities, moved that 30 guineas be given to each of the Institutions—the Benevolent Fund and Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. BAKE moved, as an amendment, that no money be voted until after the Committee appointed to consider the question of the Charity funds had presented a report.

Bro. PEARCE said the proposal of Bro. Bake would considerably damage their Charity organisations, at any rate, at present. They were deriving a very great benefit from the great Masonic Charities. They had nine annuitants, and were receiving £320 per year in cash.

Bro. Bake's amendment not being seconded, a fact which was received with applause, it was after further discussion decided to give 20 guineas each to the Boys' School and Benevolent Fund, and 10 guineas to the Girls' School.

The P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing :

Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.	...	...	Prov. Dep. G.M.
" G. P. N. Glencross, P.M. 510	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Hugh P. Vivian, P.M. 589	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. R. Erskine, 588...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" R. F. Frazer Frizell, 893 ...	...	...
" E. Milford Cock, P.M. ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. P. Edyvean, P.M. 330	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thomas Chirgwin, P.M. 131	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Lidgley, P.M. 589 ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. G. Polglase, P.M. 75 ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. W. Higman, P.M. 496	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Reynolds, P.M. 331 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Huthnance, P.M. 450	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" P. Giles, P.M. 496	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. B. Neame, P.M. 589 ...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" G. M. Downing, P.M. 131	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Major Ross, 131	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. C. Welch, P.M. 967 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. A. Bennett, 699	...	...
" Howlett	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Tonkin, P.M. 131	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. R. Mills, P.M. 1006	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Langdon, P.M. 131	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. T. Rodda, P.M. 1544 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. M. Richards, P.M. 318	...	...
" W. Colenso, P.M. 121	...	...
" J. A. Bersey, P.M. 893	...	...
" P. H. Dawe, P.M. 967	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. Down, P.M. 2166	...	...
" Nicholls, 1544	...	...

Bros. H. P. Vivian and W. Bailey, 1544, were appointed Auditors.

The SECRETARY reported that £11 6s. had been collected in church. It was decided to give 2-5ths to Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, 2-5ths to the Miners' Hospital, and 1-5th to the vicar for disposal.

Bro. ROWE gave notice to move at the next Provincial Grand Lodge to raise the age limiting the educational grant from 14 to 15.

Bro. BINCKES, in returning thanks on behalf of the Charities, appealed for help for the Boys' School, the festival of which only produced £8600. They were sadly in want of funds, and there were 76 candidates for election in October, but they could only elect 23. He congratulated the province on the great interest it had always felt in Masonic Institutions, and he hoped no jealousy would be felt in supporting either of the Charities.

Invitations were received from Looe, Liskeard, and Truro for the next Provincial Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said it was the rule to meet alternately in the eastern and western divisions of the county, and as Truro was in the western division he could not think of Truro next year. A new lodge had been proposed for Camelford by a worthy brother, to whom Masonry owed a great deal in Cornwall and elsewhere, but he (the P.G.M.) must postpone the consideration until he was convinced that it was a centre where a lodge was likely to be permanently worked.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to luncheon at the Assembly Rooms.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET-SHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 22nd ult. in the Town Hall, Chard, under the presidency of the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. England, Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, Dep. Prov. G.M. The P.G. Lodge was held under the banner of the Prudence and Industry Lodge, No. 1953, and the brethren of that lodge deserve praise for the excellence of their arrangements, and for the hospitality dispensed by them. The spacious hall was well fitted up as a lodge room, and tastefully and elaborately decorated with flags, palms, and other choice plants in pots, whilst in the centre of the room a fountain at play had a very pleasing effect. The banners of the various lodges throughout the province were also exhibited on the walls.

The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. J. C. HUNT, first called over the roll of lodges, and the whole of those in the province were found to be represented.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY next read the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Bridgwater on the 15th July, 1887, and they were confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treas., Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, next read the accounts of Provincial Grand Lodge for the past year, which showed that the

balance in hand last year was £180 10s. 10d. The year's expenditure amounted to £112 4s. 7d., and after depositing £100 in the Wilts and Dorset Bank, and a floating balance in addition of £143 4s. 1d., they had absolutely made a profit on the year of £62 13s. 3d.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. WICKSTEED (who had assisted in auditing them), seconded by Bro. J. B. MARWOOD, the accounts were duly passed.

Bro. J. L. STOTHERT proposed the re-election of Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards as Prov. G. Treasurer, remarking that they were much indebted to him for the able and satisfactory way in which he had heretofore discharged the duties, and that he was moreover very popular throughout the province.

Bro. J. B. MARWOOD seconded the motion, and said it was impossible they could confer the honour on a more worthy Mason.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in declaring the resolution carried, said he must add his congratulations to the Provincial Grand Lodge on their again securing Bro. Edwards' services in the capacity of Treasurer.

Bro. EDWARDS said he took it as a great compliment to be again elected, and was very glad to find that any service of his had been appreciated. He was happy to tell them that the Province of Somerset was in no less prosperous a condition now than when he first undertook office three years ago. In fact, he was pleased to say it had somewhat improved. He thanked them very much for the confidence again reposed in him.

The P.G.M. said previous to the next business on the agenda paper he had to request the attendance on the platform of four brethren upon whom Jubilee honours were to be conferred. They would remember that a resolution was passed at Grand Lodge last year in order to commemorate the Jubilee of her Gracious Majesty that power should be given to each province to appoint certain brethren to higher rank, and the four brethren who would receive that higher rank that day were Bros. T. P. Ashley, J. C. Hunt, Sydney Lewis, and Bartlett.

The brethren named having approached his lordship, the P.G.M., addressing them, said it was his very pleasing duty to have to confer distinguished rank upon them. Last year witnessed a memorable celebration of the Jubilee of our Gracious Sovereign, and amongst all classes in this country none came forward more readily than Masons to acknowledge the importance of the occasion, and to confer upon it so far as they could some special memento. By the wish of their illustrious Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and by resolution of the Grand Lodge, power was given to each Prov. Grand Master to confer these honours. He had therefore now to announce that Bro. Ashley and Bro. Hunt would assume the rank of P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. Sydney Lewis and Bro. Bartlett that of P.P.J.G.W.

The PROV. G.M. then appointed and invested the Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year as follows :

Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M. 379	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Sumner Toms, P.M. 1953	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.M. 379	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. F. L. Byrde, P.M. 1296	...	...
" C. L. Fry Edwards P.M. (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. G. Williams, P.M. 261	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Hunt, P.M. 135	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Law Wade, P.M. 446	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. De Courcy Lyons, P.M. 1199	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. H. Wooker, P.M. 1222	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Ransford, P.M. 1750	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. J. Gay, P.M. 1833	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" B. C. Board, P.M. 291	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" L. A. Weatherly, P.M. 1755	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. L. Lewis, P.M. 973	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Reynolds, P.M. 2038	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Knight, P.M. 1966	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. P. Green, P.M. 976	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. E. Wilton, P.M. 41	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. C. Manning, W.M. 285	...	...
" H. B. Crouch, W.M. 772	...	...
" A. Hart, W.M. 814	...	...
" W. L. Dames, Sec. 52	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" A. J. Salter, P.M. 53	...	...
" S. Bigwood, P.M. 41	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which stated that the most amicable relations continued to prevail with neighbouring provinces, and the best thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge were especially due to Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, D.P. G.M. of Mon.; Bro. Wm. Nott, of Wilts; Bro. Vassar-Smith, of Gloucester; and Bro. W. Parnell, of Bristol, for their valuable co-operation and support. The following brethren had served the office of Steward to the three Royal Masonic Institutions—Provincial Stewards: Bro. S. A. Baskett, P.M. 329, P.P.G.R. Dorset, Treasurer, who took up the sum of £137 for the Benevolent Institution; for the Girls' School Bro. J. L. Stothert, P.P.S.G.W., G. Std. Br., took up the sum of £882; and for the Boys' School Bro. J. H. Ferrett, W.M. 1222, took up the sum of £210. As Stewards, Bro. Col. A. Perkins, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D., and Bro. A. Hart, W.M. 814, each took up the sum of £31 10s., making for the year the very handsome total of £1292, of which £945 was for the the Girls' School Centenary Festival, on which occasion it was worthy of note that the largest sum by any individual Steward was taken up by Bro. Stothert, the Provincial Steward of Somerset. Bro. C. L. F. Edwards, P.G. Treasurer, had intimated his intention of serving as Steward for the R.M.B.I. for 1889.

Bro. T. P. ASHLEY, in moving the adoption of the report, said they could not but regard it as a very satisfactory one. He thought the Charity Organisation of the province was conducted in a manner that must recommend itself to the favourable notice of the brethren generally, and he trusted they would receive as much support in the future as in the past, and that they would continue to concentrate their efforts to secure the election of those candidates who were considered the most deserving.

Bro. ELWORTHY seconded the proposition, and
The P.G.M. said he agreed emphatically with the brother who had moved the adoption of the report, that the Committee was doing a good and useful work in the province. It was the best application of all the means available for Charitable purposes, and he believed was the most sensible way, for Charity, as they knew, lost more than half its value if given indiscriminately. It was the special merit of this Committee that it applied the money of those brethren charitably disposed in the most satisfactory way. He noticed in the report that the consideration of the question of providing new clothing was allowed to stand over, but he hoped it would not be allowed to do so indefinitely.

Bro. J. L. STOTHERT, G.S.B., P.P.S.G.W., next proposed the following resolution, remarking that the occasion referred to therein was a special and exceptional one: "That on account of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls taking place this year, the sum of 15 guineas usually granted to the brother serving the office of P.G. Steward be increased to 100 guineas, the whole forming a contribution of this Prov. G. Lodge towards the funds of the Institution in celebration of the special occasion."

Bro. ASHLEY, in seconding the resolution, which was carried unanimously, remarked that Bro. Stothert had omitted to inform the lodge that he had contributed the sum of £75 out of his own pocket.

On the proposition of Bro. EDWARDS, P.G. Treas., seconded by Bro. RADWAY, it was resolved "That a Committee be appointed to revise, if necessary, the by-laws of this P.G. Lodge, and that such Committee consist of the Charity Organisation Committee."

The P.G.M. said that the foundation stone of All Saints' Church, Rockwell-green, Wellington, would be laid on the 10th September next. The Bishop of the Diocese was to be present, and many of the brethren interested had made a very urgent appeal to him to lay the stone, if possible. He would very gladly have acceded to the request, but he found that another engagement which he could not possibly set aside would call him into the Midland Counties, and it would be impossible for him, of course, to be in two places at the same time. He had, however, considered the matter, and should be perfectly ready to accord the necessary dispensation for wearing Masonic clothing on the occasion. He hoped the affair would pass off very satisfactorily.

Bro. FORTY, P.M. 291, proposed that a grant of £50 be voted to Bro. Woodward, of Burnham, 76 years of age, and for many years P.G. Tyler.

Bro. J. B. MARWOOD seconded the proposition.

Bro. C. W. RADWAY moved as an amendment, and it was seconded by Bro. JOHN HUGHES, that Bro. Woodward be voted 7s. 6d. per week until the sum of £50 be exhausted.

Bro. FORTY withdrew his proposition in favour of the amendment, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The collection of alms amounted to £6 18s. 4d., and on the motion of Bro. S. TOMS, the sum was voted to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served. The R.W.P.G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon presided, and was supported by most of the Provincial Grand officers.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, including "The Health of the R.W. the Prov. G. Master," and that of "The Health of the R.W. the Deputy Prov. G. Master."

The R.W.P.G.M. the Earl of CARNARVON, in responding to the toast of his health, said some of the remarks made by his excellent friend, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, reminded him of the fable told of a certain person, not a very reputable character he was afraid, of whom it was said that when he was thrown upon the surface of mother earth he rose with increased vigour. Similarly when he came to Somersetshire and touched upon the red soil he rose up a better man than he left it. It was indeed a great pleasure to him to find himself there that day amongst his Somersetshire brethren. He had experienced on many former occasions so much kindness and good-will from them that he should be very ungrateful indeed if he did not reciprocate the cordial welcome and reception they invariably gave him. His health was much less strong than he could desire, and to recover it he had made a long journey. He believed he travelled not much less than 13,000 miles by sea and land, and he was thankful to say that those 13,000 miles of sea and land, with all the kindness he experienced on the other side of the world, had sent him back to England very much better and stronger in health than when he set out, and he rejoiced to take advantage of that renewed strength and health to come into the Province of Somerset on one of his first public appearances. Time flew fast, and trains waited for no man, and therefore what he had to say to them must be compressed into a few minutes; but first let him convey for himself and for all those who did not belong to the Chard Lodge their thanks for the gracious hospitality which they had received that day. The spacious lodge room in which they were entertained, the warm and brotherly feeling by which they were welcomed, would live as an abiding recollection in the minds of all of them. Next let him congratulate them upon the state of the province generally, and let him give praise where praise was due. He owed great thanks as Prov. Grand Master to all the Officers of Grand Lodge, and to all the Masters of every lodge, for it was by their steady inculcation of Masonic principles, by their maintenance of Masonic rule, that Masonry had been maintained in the old paths. Next let him thank his excellent friend and Deputy, who, in his absence, his too frequent absence, did all that he could do or all that he could desire. Let him say now—as he should not be able to do so when his toast came in its due order—that in that toast he had cordially joined in anticipation of its coming round. As he said just now, he had travelled 13,000 miles across the ocean to regain his health in a different climate, and he found himself in a second England. It was a wonderful land, wonderful to him in all ways—both from what he had observed and known of it, and also from what he could not have known—a land where the English race had taken root in all its strength, where great towns had sprung up occupying the places which but a few years ago were covered with wilderness and forest, with railroads, with high roads driven through the bush, with rivers navigated, wealth accumulated, with everything in fact that constituted a great, powerful, and civilised community. All these things struck him more than he could say. He watched them with the deepest interest, but one of the things which struck him more than all was that, concurrently with other institutions, with English laws, with English language and religion and literature, English Masonry had also gone forth, and had made its indelible impress upon the character of that new continent. Nothing pleased him more than to see how English Freemasonry had not only grown enormously in numbers, not only numbered among its adherents men of wealth and station and influence, but how it was treading in the good footsteps of the parent Society in England; how it was endeavouring to found similar Institutions for the benefit and welfare of others; how it was honestly labouring to be charitable, to be liberal, to be generous, to be all they desired Masonry to be. He was not only greatly struck with this, but greatly delighted to find when he visited other English colonies, such as the Cape of Good Hope, that there the same beneficent influence was at work. At the Cape, as they knew, there were two great races who now lived on the best and most friendly terms with each other. There had been quarrels and dissensions; there had been sometimes shedding of blood. Well, now, he honestly believed that Freemasonry was just one of those influences which had gone far and was doing still more to

conciliate differences and to make friends] where there ought to be no enemies. Looking at it from a purely public and non-Masonic point of view, he was satisfied that there was no institution which exercised a more wholesome effect upon the whole community than Freemasonry did at the Cape of Good Hope. He would only say, in conclusion, that wherever he went as Pro Grand Master of England he received the most cordial Masonic welcome. The first welcome he received was from his brother Masons. There was no colony he visited, no town he entered, no place of importance in which he did not find Freemasons, and in which they did not seek to cover him with kindness and hospitality such as he could never forget, and which it was impossible for him to repay. All he could say to them was that when he returned to England he should make known to his brethren there how warmly the Masonic heart beat in those distant colonies, and how firm he believed the bond of union was between England and her colonies, and how heartily that feeling was reciprocated towards those colonies by us.

IMPORTANT DECISION OF GRAND LODGE.

No doubt our readers will be glad to have in full the speech delivered by the Grand Registrar, in which he recommended that Grand Lodge should support the decision of the District Grand Master of Jamaica in the important case of Bro. F. W. Hollar, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914. As our readers know, Grand Lodge acted on the recommendation of the Grand Registrar, and the decision in question was upheld and the appeal dismissed, but the speech itself did not appear in our report of Grand Lodge, and for that reason will be acceptable to many of our readers.

Bro. FREDERICK ADOLPHUS PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar: The next business is an appeal by Bro. Francis W. Hollar, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Jamaica, declaring that the exclusion of Bro. Francis Leith White by the said lodge was not in accordance with Article 210 of the Book of Constitutions, and must be cancelled. Before, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, entering upon the facts of that appeal, which I lay before Grand Lodge in a few words, I venture to crave the indulgence of Grand Lodge while I make a statement in reference to an appeal from New Zealand, which was disposed of at the last Quarterly Communication, and with regard to which some amount of misapprehension has arisen. That was a case in which a brother was appealing against his expulsion from the Craft—not his exclusion from the lodge—and there being several appeals before Grand Lodge at that last Quarterly Communication, I refrained as far as possible from stating more than the barest facts of the case. Indeed, I am afraid that having stated the facts rather shortly was the cause of the misconception which has arisen. The brother in question was alleged to have committed an offence which was cognisable by the Criminal Courts of the land. He had been brought before those Courts; proceedings had been commenced, but owing to what happened by the action of the parties, those proceedings were never continued and no judicial decision was come to. One of the persons implicated in the transaction then died. Now it has always been the rule that in those cases which come before the Courts of the land, Grand Lodge itself, or the District Grand Lodge, holds its hand in matters of expulsion until the proper tribunal has come to a decision. Where a Judge and jury pronounces an adverse opinion, that decision is accepted at once, but the matter is not discussed till that is seen in the paper. In the particular case in question, it was one of expulsion, expulsion entirely; but it has been supposed that the advice I had the honour to give to Grand Lodge on that appeal, and the consequent action of Grand Lodge, had in some way put it out of the power or right of a lodge to exclude one of its members for what, according to an article in the Constitutions, is called "sufficient cause." I desire to guard myself against this misapprehension, and prevent that case of Bro. Messenger, which I feel was rightly decided, and ought to be decided in the same way if brought up again to-day, from being thought a case that had anything to do with the jurisdiction of the lodge to exclude one of its members; it specially has to do with expulsion from the Craft in circumstances where a criminal charge is made, and there was nothing in the decision Grand Lodge arrived at in that particular case which precluded his lodge from excluding that brother. As a matter of fact he was excluded from the lodge and his appeal was not against such exclusion, which I may point out practically prevents him from joining another lodge unless that lodge sees the clearest evidence, on going into the whole matter, that he is fit to be a member of it. I should be sorry if it was thought that Grand Lodge laid it down that a lodge had not power over one of its members who is guilty of un-Masonic conduct and brought a scandal and disgrace to the lodge. Now with regard to this particular case of Bro. Hollar. It seems that the lodge excluded a brother from it, there being twelve brethren present in the lodge. Six of them voted for the exclusion, three, including the brother himself, voted against it, and three declined to vote at all. The law says this power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present. Now two-thirds of twelve would be eight, and six voted, therefore the District Grand Master said that the brother had not been properly excluded. Against that decision Bro. Hollar, the Master of the lodge, appeals, and he actually insists that he has complied with Law 210, because two-thirds of those who voted were for the exclusion. It is certainly impossible that six should be two-thirds of twelve, which was the number present. Then he says he ought to have asked any brother who did not vote to retire from the lodge. I can only say that if he had done so he would have grossly abused his powers as W. Master; and then again, because the District Grand Master has not sustained his action, or the action of the lodge in excluding Bro. White, he has actually broken the by-laws of his lodge by suspending the holding of its regular meeting. It is quite clear that Bro. Hollar is entirely wrong all throughout, and that the brother who was excluded was improperly excluded because he was not excluded by the votes of two-thirds of the members present. I move—"That the appeal be dismissed, and the ruling of the District Grand Master upheld."

Bro. the Rev. Canon GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL, P.G. Chaplain: Most Worshipful Grand Master, in seconding the resolution just proposed by the Grand Registrar, I wish to express my individual thanks and the thanks of many other brethren to the Grand Registrar for the very clear exposition of Masonic law which we have heard from his lips, laying down as clearly as possible that conduct involving scandal to our Order justifies a lodge in excluding a member from its society. This is a point about which there has been some considerable misapprehension as well as some uncomfortable feeling, and I therefore desire to thank the Grand Registrar for the very satisfactory statements which we have just heard from him.

The motion, on being put, was carried unanimously.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1888.

Reviews.

CALENDAR OF THE GREAT PRIORY OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA IN ENGLAND AND WALES, 1888-9.

This annual and familiar calendar to the Frates of the Temple, cannot fail to prove most useful, for the neatly got-up pamphlet contains most interesting matter. The proceedings of the Great Priory held on May 11th, 1888, presided over by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, are given at length, and are of more than ordinary value, as the report of the Council was in favour of authorising Centenary jewels to be worn by the members of any preceptories which shall have established to the satisfaction of the Council that it has had a continuous existence for at least 100 years. This suggestion was agreed to, provided the pattern of such commemorative jewel shall be approved by the Council, and the fee of three guineas be paid for a warrant. This action was the result of an application made by the Jerusalem Preceptory, Manchester, that such a distinction should be permitted its members, and as the evidence on its behalf was conclusive (having been chartered by the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York on the 16th October, 1786, and subsequently confirmed by Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, G.M., 20th May, 1795) the premier Centenary warrant was granted this Body. The receipts for the year amounted to £803 5s. 11d., being £166 4s. 6d. for the Benevolent Fund, and £637 1s. 5d. for the General Fund, the sums of £102 12s. 9d. and £120 12s. 2d. respectively, representing the amounts to begin the year with. The expenditures have been £30 from the Benevolent, and £757 13s. 7d. from the General, so that the balance of the latter has been reduced, whilst the former has been considerably increased. There are 108 active preceptories under the Great Priory, 15 have been struck off the roll, by order of that Body, on 1st January last, and 15 are still under suspension for default in forwarding the Annual Returns. Twelve are noted in default for one year, but they are included in our total of 108, this notice being a warning rather than a sentence of suspension. The Vice-Chancellor (Bro. W. Tinkler, K.C.T.) does his work well, as this annual testifies, for everything in his office appears to go on "smooth as a glove," and we beg to congratulate him accordingly.



790] MASTERS' LODGES.

The subject of Masters' Lodges, especially since Bro. John Lane's paper thereon, has given rise to one or two difficult points, which, even yet, have not been elucidated. We do not meet with the term, from any List, prior to the fourth decade of the last century, and according to my researches, none of such meetings could possibly date before the advent of the premier Grand Lodge. In Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," will be found, 114, "A Scotts Masons, Lodge," 116, "A Master Masons' Lodge," 117, ditto, and 120 ditto. It seemed tolerably clear as to the object of these lodges, save as to the first. To my mind, however, No. 115 refers to a lodge composed of Scottish Freemasons. At that time there was no Grand Lodge of Scotland, whereas in England and Ireland governing bodies had for some little time been in active operation. The Scotts' Degree or Degrees, so fully described by Bro. Gould in his History, do not come on the scene until about 1740. We meet with the designation at Salisbury, as respects England, in 1746. Relative to the "Masters' Lodges," the Degree known as the "Third" can be traced, by actual records or notes, back to A.D. 1724-5, but lodge minutes are not plentiful respecting such meetings until much later in the last century. When at Hull, in July, I had the pleasure of going through a number of valuable minute-books exhibited to me by the careful custodian, Bro. W. Tesseymann, whose veneration for old documents is well known to his many friends. Bro. G. L. Shackles and Bro. William Watson were also with me, so we had quite a forage and a Masonic treat, as Students. One of the volumes interested me exceedingly, being the first minute-book of the "Apollo" Lodge, warranted at York, 31 July, 1773, and removed to Hull in 1817, but unfortunately erased in 1836 (vide Lane's Masonic Records, p. 130). In it I read, "A Masters' Lodge 3 August 1773," and find that "Richd. Barnes was proposed to be made a Mason, was ballotted for and admitted, and chose one of the Tylers." And at same meeting "James Jackman was also proposed, ballotted for and both admitted to the two first Degrees of Masonry." Also on the 18th August, 1773, a candidate was "Admitted and raised." This is the first instance I have met with of the first two Degrees being given at a meeting, described as a "Masters' Lodge." Has Bro. John Lane, or any other investigator of such matters come across a similar record? Sorry my time did not permit of copying many curious particulars from the valuable books so carefully preserved in the "Humber" Lodge Masonic Hall, at Hull.

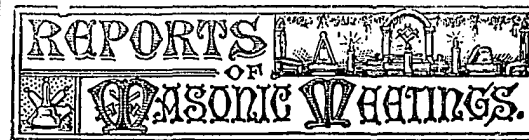
W. J. HUGHAN.

791] ALBANY LODGE, No. 151, NEWPORT (I. OF W.)

The reference to the warrant of this lodge by Bro. Le Feuvre (Notes and Queries, No. 788) requires explanation. The Newport Lodge was not authorised until 8th May, 1801, under the "Ancient," or "Athol" Grand Lodge, but somehow they appear to have obtained the old warrant of an extinct lodge chartered to meet at the

Vine Inn, Salisbury, and bearing date 9th July, 1777. That old lodge did not continue long in existence, its last payment having been made in 1782, and I have elsewhere shown ("Masonic Records, p. 99), that the lodge was vacant in 1792, the entry in Grand Lodge Register dated June, 1792, being "Received this Warrant by the Coach in answer to our Circular Letter of this year. (Vacant)." There was therefore no connection whatever between the extinct Salisbury Lodge and that formed at Newport in 1801. The date on the Grand Secretary's seal is 1773, and not 1723.

JNO. LANE.



Craft Masonry.

JERSEY.—Mechanics Lodge (No. 245).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Thursday, 16th ult., when there were present Bros. G. Long, W.M.; P. E. Sohler, Prov. G. Sec., as S.W.; T. Dunell, Treas.; O. Dodge, P.P.G.W., Sec.; W. T. Pugley, P.P.G.W.; T. Leat, P.P.G.W.; P. Blanpred, P.P.G.D.; T. Stone, P.M.; J. Elliott, P.M.; G. Rogers, P.G. Tyler; and several other members of the lodge, also a few visitors from England, including Bros. James Newton, P.P.S.G.D., and Prov. A.G. Sec. East Lancashire; John Kenyon, P.M. 348; and others.

The lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, some formal business was transacted. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room where light refreshment was partaken of and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Jas. Newton, Prov. A.G. Sec. East Lancashire, who congratulated the Jersey lodges on the possession of such a beautiful temple with every accessory for the due and proper performance of Masonic work.

Some excellent songs were rendered by various brethren, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was passed, the proverbial hospitality of Masonry as practised by the Mechanics' Lodge being highly appreciated by the visitors.

KEIGHLEY.—Royal Yorkshire Lodge (No. 265).—On Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., this lodge held an emergency meeting in the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of celebrating the centenary of the lodge's existence, the warrant being dated 23rd August, 1788.

At the election of Worshipful Master in December last, it was decided to invite the Past Masters of the lodge to be the officers during the centenary year, and this suggestion was acted upon, so that every regular officer of the lodge this year, even to the Outer Guard, has served the office of W.M.

The meeting on Thursday, the 23rd ult., was presided over by the W.M., Bro. E. Lee, P.M. 408, P.P.G. Std. Br., and he was supported by all his officers and a large array of Past Masters, among whom we were very glad to notice Bro. Maud Scott, P.M., a very old Mason, who has twice filled the office of W.M. of the lodge, the first time being about 30 years ago, and other brethren, numbering nearly 40, including Bro. J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018, P.P.G.D.C., and other visitors.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., after which he proceeded to explain the tracing board and the lecture in the First Degree, and also gave an admirable exposition of the principles of Freemasonry and the teachings they inculcate, all of which were very attentively listened to by the brethren present. The Worshipful Master then called upon Bro. the Rev. J. Room, B.A., Chaplain of the lodge, and P. Prov. G. Chap. W. Yorks, who gave a very interesting and eloquent address on the Three Grand Principles of Masonry, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and dwelt most ably on the moral teachings of Masonry, and the benefits to be derived by every brother acting up to and practising those teachings. The W.M. and Bro. Room were both loudly applauded on resuming their seats, and, on the motion of Bro. Naylor, P.M., S.W., seconded by Bro. J. H. Roper, P.M., J.D., the best thanks of the lodge were given to them for their excellent and instructive addresses, to which the W.M. and Bro. Room suitably responded. Bro. Harrison, P.M., and Bro. J. Harrison next presented to the lodge a most beautiful frame for the Centenary warrant, and on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Darling, P.M., J.W., a cordial vote of thanks was given to those two brethren for their very handsome present. We might add that the Centenary warrant had been received, and was hung in the lodge, to the great delight of the brethren.

The lodge was then closed, with "Hearty good wishes" for its continued prosperity, after which the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were put from the chair and received with musical honours, after which the toasts of "The M.W.G.M. and the Grand Officers, and also the R.W. Prov. G. Master of W. Yorks, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., and the Prov. G. Officers," were given and enthusiastically received.

Bro. J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, next proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke very highly of his abilities and of the high esteem all West Yorkshire brethren had for him, both in the Craft and other higher branches of Masonry, which toast was received with very great enthusiasm and musical honours, to which the W.M. suitably responded.

The other toasts were "The Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Naylor, P.M., S.W.; Darling, P.M., J.W.; Rev. J. Room, Chap., and others. "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Monckman and Bro. Davis. "Success to the Royal Yorkshire Lodge," and "The Masonic Charities."

Bros. Blagbro, A. Sharp, H. B. Sunnerscales, W. Men-nell, J. H. Roper, P.M., W. Darling, P.M., and others enlivened the meeting by excellent songs, whilst Bros. T. Heaton, P.M., and Grayson gave several interesting recitations in a very effective manner. Bro. T. Barwick, P.M., presided very efficiently at the piano.

The proceedings were continued until a late hour of the evening, and were closed by the singing of the National Anthem, after which the brethren retired to their respective homes heartily pleased at the great success of the celebration.

We understand that the Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire will hold its meeting at Keighley in October next, as a compliment to the lodge.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, when there were present Bros. J. T. Stewart, W.M.; W. H. Attlay, S.W.; T. Atkinson, J.W.; John N. Lawson, Treas.; B. Newbald, Sec.; R. W. White, acting S.D.; W. Clarkson, acting J.D.; Edward Smithson, I.G.; W. Edwards, Steward; John Stevenson, P.M.; Wm. H. Marwood, P.M.; Wm. H. Falkingbridge, P.M.; Francis Thornton, P.M.; G. Remmer, Joseph W. Collier, Thomas Smailes, Lewis H. Watson, and H. Trueman, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Rev. A. B. Coombe, 1211, P.G.C.; Wm. Ascough, P.M. 1248; Percy H. Benson, J.W. 1841; J. F. Last, 387; and W. Moore, 1780.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for a candidate, which proved unanimous, and he was therefore initiated, the charge being delivered by Bro. John Stevenson, P.M. Bro. George Remmer was afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C., the charge being given by Bro. Wm. H. Falkingbridge, P.M.

Soon afterwards the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when a pleasant hour was spent in fraternal intercourse.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The installation of this lodge was held on the 1st ult., when the respected Bro. Charles T. Tolman, after working up through the several Degrees in this his mother lodge, was ably installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Dr. Rogers, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer.

Bro. Didsbury, W.M., opened the lodge, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly confirmed, and the ceremony of passing Bro. H. G. Webb to the Second Degree effectively performed, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and the worthy brother received the hearty salutes from Past Masters and brethren according to ancient custom. After investing the I.P.M., who was also presented with the handsome lodge jewel (manufactured as usual by Bro. Geo. Kenning), the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz: Bros. D. R. Soames, S.W.; C. A. Woodbridge, J.W.; A. J. Verrall, S.D.; C. F. Jones, J.D.; E. B. Weatherall, I.G.; and J. Middleton, Tyler. Bro. H. Schartau was re-appointed Organist, and Bro. Dr. Rogers and C. Veal as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The addresses from the chairs were excellently given by the Installing Master, and after receiving from the visitors (Bros. W. Taylor, 1981, and F. Fisher, 1984), the customary greetings, and also from Bro. Shury Marshall, an old P.M. of the lodge, by letter from Bombay, the W.M. closed the lodge.

The inclemency of the season prevented the promised attendance of many distinguished visitors, and also deprived the banquet of the usual musical treat for which this lodge is so famed, but the general good catering and hospitality were fully maintained, and the usual toasts ably given and responded to. The little Charity Box went its customary round, and the evening closed with that love and harmony which always characterises North Middlesex.

HAMPTON COURT.—Cama Lodge (No. 2105).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Monday, the 27th ult., when the following were present: Bros. John Read, W.M.; N. D. Fracis, S.W.; W. R. Palmer, I.P.M. and Treasurer, as J.W.; Major Geary, S.W. 1383, as S.D.; Postans, as J.D.; Ganville, I.G.; Caron, Steward; Manlove, Gillham, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year took place, with the following result: Bro. N. D. Fracis, S.W., as W.M.; Bro. Palmer, Treasurer; and Bro. Harrison, Tyler. An Audit Committee having been appointed, the following notice of motion was given by the Secretary:—"That a Past Master's jewel, of the usual value, be presented by the lodge to the Worshipful Master on the completion of his year of office."

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, with their numerous lady friends, adjourned to celebrate their first summer outing—full particulars of which will be found in another column.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Faulkner, W.M.; Prior, S.W.; Penrose, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Morgan, J.D.; Prust, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; W. T. Hunt, P.M.; Priest, J. B. Williams, and Wilson.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hick personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were ably answered by Bro. J. B. Williams, W.M. of the mother lodge. The lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, after the dues had been collected, was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 24th ult. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. L. Cox, W.M.; G. E. Higginson, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; G. Swann, S.D.; P. J. Davies, J.D.; Cotton, I.G.; Cochran, P.M.; Ford, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; Chalfont, P.M.; Read, P.M.; Walker, Coplestone, Woodard, Cavers, Craggs, and J. Davies.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cavers being the candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M., having risen, Bro. Higginson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was given, and recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; H. Pett, S.D.; G. C. Stafford, J.D.; S. C. Fort, I.G.; J. R. Harnell, acting Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Laurence, S. Lichtenfeld, J. D. Graham, C. B. Shemmonds, J. Rowe, and G. H. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. and Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. D. Graham offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The lodge was called off and on. On rising for the second time, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bro. E. C. Mulvey be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Wood, P.M., W.M.; Swann, S.W.; Neville, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, Treas.; Danby, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; P. J. Davies, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; Cochran, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Craggs, Sidders, Dresden, and Heath.

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. Sidders being candidate. Bro. W. C. Williams, P.M., having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. W. C. Williams being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was rehearsed by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. S. Cochran, P.M., W.M.; F. N. Hardinge, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; A. T. Whittell, S.D.; G. Higginson, J.D.; L. Cox, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; T. Wood, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; Culverwell, C. S. Mote, C. R. Cross, and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Higginson, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hardinge was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE (No. 2021).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Present: Bros. Dr. Spurgin, W.M.; J. Greenway, S.W.; R. J. Harnell, J.W.; E. Bellerby, S.D.; C. Shemmonds, J.D.; J. C. Artand, I.G.; W. Cleghorn, Preceptor; C. Bell-rby, Treas. and Sec.; E. Tooley, Tyler; H. Hill, G. L. Reed, W. T. Woodruff, and G. S. Russell, W.M. 1399.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Reed having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Greenway worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bro. Hill offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M., Bro. Hill candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. G. S. Russell, W.M. 1399, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. Greenway was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. Artand proposed that the annual dinner of this lodge of instruction should take place at the Criterion on Monday, October 1st, and that the Preceptor, Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., should occupy the chair—seconded by Bro. J. Greenway, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Roberts, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Molony, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., acting Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Badderly, S.D.; Stutfield, J.D.; Fort, I.G.; and Snook.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Snook, 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. Snook being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Badderly being the candidate. Bro. Saunders was unanimously elected W.M. for the 7th instant. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).—The regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, E.C., on Thursday, the 23rd ult. Comp. Edward Mallett, M.E.Z., presided. There were present Comps. C. Patrick, H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J.; H. Forss, P.Z., as S.E.; Phillips, P.Z.; E. Roberts, S.N.; Hamilton, P.S.; Whiteman, 2nd A.S.; and J. J. Marsh, P.Z., Janitor. The only visitor was Comp. Frederick Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middx.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Unfortunately, through ill-health, the candidate for exaltation was unable to be present. This was a great disappointment to all who were present, as both the M.E.Z., Comp. Edward Mallett (who greatly distinguished himself by his excellent working when W.M. 141), and Comp. C. Patrick, H., well-known for his excellent Craft working, were both well prepared to do their work. However, it will prove to be but a pleasure deferred, for a candidate was proposed for next meeting, when there will sure to be some work. Apologies were received from Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas., and R. Brickdale, regretting their absence. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed, at which Comp. Edward Mallett presided.

Comp. Frederick Walters responded to the toast of "The Visitor."

Comp. J. J. Marsh, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z. 1326, replied to his toast, given specially on this occasion, he having dined with the chapter.

Comps. E. Roberts, H. Forss, P.Z.; C. Patrick, and the M.E.Z., C. Mallett, entertained the chapter with some good songs.

After a few hours agreeably spent, the companions separated, well pleased with their social reunion.

MORLEY.—Chapter of Integrity (No. 380).—A meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 20th ult., the following members and visiting companions being present: Comps. W. H. Stewart, M.E.Z.; J. Verity, P.Z., as H.; Tudor Trevor, P.Z., S.E. 306, as J.; J. H. Reynier, P.Z., as S.E.; G. Gibson, P.Z. 289, as S.N.; G. Reuss, 208, as Prin. Soj.; J. Quartermaine, as 1st Asst. Soj.; and J. Steele, P.Z., S.E., as 2nd Asst. Soj.

Immediately after the chapter had been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read, Comp. Quartermaine was duly installed successively into the chairs of J. and H. by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z. 304, 306, and 380, and P.P. G. H. West Yorks, under the special dispensation of the Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, which was duly read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the meeting. Bros. T. Barron, W.M.; C. Reynier, G. Johnson, and M. H. Sykes, of 380, were then successfully balloted for as candidates, and Bros. Sykes and Reynier, being in attendance, were exalted by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z., &c., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Verity, P.Z.

The thanks of the chapter having been specially voted to Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z., for his ready and effective aid on that and many former occasions, together with a vote of congratulation to Comp. Steele, P.Z., on his recent marriage, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the supper room, where full justice was done to the very substantial repast provided.

Mark Masonry.

FOREST OF DEAN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 340).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Speech House. Present: Bros. Harry Clark, W.M.; J. Shaw Carleton, P.M., acting S.W.; J. S. Bradstock, J.W.; W. C. Heane, P.M., acting M.O.; J. J. James, S.O.; A. Stephens, Sec.; G. F. Minett, S.D.; G. W. Holmes, I.G.; Job Webb, Tyler; and Baron de Ferrieres, Prov. Grand Mark Master Gloucestershire.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. L. Piddock, P.M. 338, who was balloted for on a previous occasion, was advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. A ballot was taken for a W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. M. F. Carter, S.W., was duly elected. A ballot was then taken for a Treasurer, and Bro. S. W. Hadingham was re-elected. Bro. Job Webb was re-elected Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Queensland.

BRISBANE.—Duke of Leinster Lodge (No. 283, I.C.).—The annual installation of the Master and officers of the above lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Alice-street, on Thursday, July 5th. There were about 40 visitors present, in addition to the members of the lodge. Bro. R. B. Howard acted as Installing Officer, and the following officers were installed: Bros. C. G. Schick, W.M.; R. B. Howard, I.P.M.; Thornhill Wheedon, S.W.; W. Brundrit, J.W.; R. E. Burton, Treas.; Joseph Bott, Sec.; H. A. Maynard, Chap.; J. K. Coates, Org.; J. Mitchell, S.D.; D. F. Brown, J.D.; C. Lawson, I.G.; and J. Harlen, Tyler.

After the ceremony there was an adjournment made to one of the ante-rooms, where a banquet was served, at the conclusion of which the toasts of "The Queen and Craft;" "The R.W. District and Prov. Grand Masters and Officers, Present and Past;" "The Newly-Installed W.M. and Officers;" "The Visiting Brethren;" and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," were honoured in Masonic fashion.

Several references were made to the prospects of a Queensland Grand Lodge, and a visitor from Adelaide strongly urged that a movement to that end should be prosecuted with vigour.

BRISBANE.—Hiram Lodge (No. 286, I.C.).—The brethren of this lodge met on Wednesday, July 11th, at the Masonic Hall, Alice-street, for the purpose of installing their officers for the ensuing term of twelve months. There was a fair attendance of members of the lodge, and also a large gathering of visitors, many of whom held posts of distinction in other Masonic lodges. Bro. Josiah Young, P.M., officiated as Installing officer, and Bro. G. S. Hutton, D.G.S., as Master of Ceremonies. After the installation Bro. B. L. Barnett, D.D.G.M., delivered the customary charge to the new officers of the lodge, and Bro. Theo. Unmack, the R.W.D.G.M., took occasion, during the interval in the ceremonial, to present Bro. Josiah Young with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift of the retiring officers of the lodge. The officers installed were Bros. L. J. Moody, W.M.; W. J. Hooker, S.W.; J. L. Hollander, J.W.; Josiah Young, P.M., Treas.; A. A. Hollander, Sec.; A. E. Harris, P.M., Chap.; E. Campbell, S.D.; R. A. Jordan, J.D.; C. D. Mossop, I.G.; and J. Harlen, Tyler.

On the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to one of the ante-rooms, where a very inviting banquet had been prepared by Mr. James Aylett.

Full justice having been done to the repast, the following toast list was duly honoured: "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The R.W.D. and P. Grand Masters and Officers," "The Newly-installed W.M. and Officers," "The retiring W.M. and Officers," "Our Visiting Brethren," and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren."

During the evening some musical selections were admirably rendered. Bro. P. Atkinson presided at the organ during the ceremonies, and at the piano after the banquet.

All the brethren present spent a most enjoyable evening, and the proceedings terminated shortly before midnight.

IPSWICH.—United Tradesmen Lodge (No. 288, I.C.).—There was a large assemblage of brethren of the different lodges in this town at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, July 5th, the occasion being the installation of the newly-elected W.M. and officers of the above lodge. There were eight members of the District Grand Lodge present who journeyed from Brisbane to assist in the function, the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Unmack, delegating a portion

thereof to Bro. J. R. Sankey, P.G.P., who delivered the obligations, &c., in a very impressive manner. After the ceremony was concluded, the brethren sat down to an excellent luncheon, and passed the evening away in true Masonic style.

BRISBANE.—Edmund Mac Donnell Lodge (No. 330, I.C.)—The installation of the W.M. and officers of this lodge took place in their lodge room, Caxton-street, Petrie-terrace, on Tuesday evening, July 3rd. There was a large attendance of visitors from all parts. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. C. Vincent, P.M., according to ancient custom, and the rites of the Craft were celebrated in a very impressive manner, the Installing Master being assisted by Bro. E. Mac Donnell, D.P.G.M., after whom the lodge is named. The charge to the newly-installed officers was delivered by Bro. M. Whinney, P.M. A pleasing ceremony took place after the installation. The D.P.G.M. presented a handsome gold pencil and pen case, the gift of the members of the lodge, to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. C. Vincent. In making the presentation the D.P.G.M. gave a résumé of the progress of the lodge, which has been very remarkable, owing principally to the exertions of the retiring Master. The officers installed were as follow: Bros. J. W. Ayscough, W.M.; J. C. Vincent, P.M.; I.P.M.; Rev. Manley Power, S.W.; J. R. Spafford, J.W.; J. Micheli, Treas.; S. George, Sec.; R. W. Ruffell, Chap.; T. Wooten, S.D.; T. Carfoot, J.D.; A. J. Sweet, I.G.; and C. Heike, Tyler.

On the conclusion of these ceremonies the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent repast was done justice to, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

BRISBANE.—Valley St. John's Lodge (I.C.)—The installation of the Master and officers of the above lodge took place on Thursday, July 5th, in the Protestant Hall. The Installing Officer was Bro. James Hipwood, P.M., assisted by Bro. A. Imrie, P.M., as Dir. of Cers. The newly-installed Master was Bro. Joseph Rose, and the I.P.M., Bro. W. Souter. The remaining officers were Bros. Wm. Osborne, S.W.; Alfred Leney, J.W.; Thomas Rees, Treas.; Henry J. Brown, Sec.; E. A. Harvey, Chap.; John Gilbert, S.D.; James Simpson, J.D.; George Bryant, I.G.; John Bowen and Walter Silcock, Stewards; and Thomas Hinks, Tyler.

After the installation ceremony the usual banquet was served. Several toasts were duly honoured, and a goodly period of harmony followed.

IPSWICH.—Queensland Lodge (No. 921).—At the conclusion of the installation ceremony of the Worshipful Master and officers of this lodge, on Tuesday evening, July 10th, at the Masonic Hall, Bro. P. L. Cardew, P.M., said he had been deputed by the members of the lodge to move a vote of thanks to Bro. A. J. Stephenson, the retiring W.M.—whom he termed the "step-father" of the lodge—for his services to the lodge in various capacities during the many years he had been connected therewith, and to show that these services had been very fully appreciated by the members, he would ask Bro. Stephenson to accept a gold P.M.'s jewel and bars, as a token of their esteem. The recipient seemed rather taken aback at the turn the proceedings had taken, but he expressed his full sense of thankfulness for the valuable present, which he should ever cherish, and proudly hand down to his children. The jewel, which is a very handsome and sterling one, besides being beautifully chased, bears the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. A. J. Stephenson, W.M., Queensland Lodge, 921, (E.C.), by the members of this lodge. 1888."

The proceedings having terminated, an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where Bro. F. Whitehouse had one of his first-class luncheons awaiting the brethren. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. H. E. Wyman, presided; whilst his Senior and Junior Wardens—Bros. John Nicholls and J. C. N. Wilson—occupied the vice-chairs.

A programme of toasts and songs appropriate to the occasion was gone through, and the brethren separated, all having spent a very enjoyable evening.

MASONIC CEREMONIAL AT DUKINFIELD.

On Saturday afternoon, the 25th ult., a number of memorial stones were laid in the walls of the new church of St. Luke's, now in course of erection at Dukinfield. The site of the building is in the more elevated part of the town, close to Higher King-street, the main road leading from Dukinfield to Ashton-under-Lyne. The floor of the church is to be 16 feet above the road, and the entrances at the west end will be reached by a number of steps and terraces on either side. Early English is the style of architecture adopted, the material employed being brick, with facings of Ruabon brick, and stone dressings. A narthex will be built at the west end of the church, and a baptistery will be placed in the first bay at the same end. At the east end the design includes a fair-sized parish-room besides an organ chamber and vestries for the clergy and choir. Accommodation will be provided for 500 worshippers. A cost of about £4500 will be incurred, exclusive of the outlay upon the heating apparatus.

The chief corner-stone was laid at the north-east of the chancel, with full Masonic honours, by Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire. Provincial Grand lodge was opened, under the banner of the Unanimity Lodge, at the Astley Arms Hotel. There was a large and influential attendance of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and brethren. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C., acting D.P.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Judge Horatio Lloyd, who had written a letter of apology, and among those also present were Bros. George Mellor, the D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire; Thos. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; P.G. Std. West Lancashire; George H. Brown, P.G.D. of C.; T. R. Hunt, P.G. Std.; W. Booth, P.P.G.D.C.; J. E. Steward, P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Hartley, P.P.G.C.; John Clayton, P.P.S.G.D.; Geo. Balfe, P.S.G.D.; John Buckley, P.P.J.G.D. of East

Lancashire; A. W. Siddall, P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Wainwright, P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Marwood, P.P.S.G.W., acting P.S.G.W.; Thomas Bowers, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Griffiths, P.P.G.O. Cheshire; Lance Bentley, P.G.R.; W. H. Vaughan, P.G.R. of East Lancashire; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Std. Cheshire; W. W. Dunning, P.G.O.; Robert Finlow, P.G. Std. Br.; Jos. Jackson, P.G. Purst.; T. Matthews Jones, P.G.S. of W.; Thos. C. Thorburn, P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. E. Gibson, P.G. Treas.; W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler; G. R. Brady, P.G.S.B.; G. Hammond Danby, P.S.G.D.; T. A. Daniel, P.P.G.S.B.; Edwin Woodhead, P.J.G.W.; E. George Simpson, P.J.G.D., W.M. 2144; Robert Thatcher Bowden, P.P.G.S. of W.; and Hy. Jackson, P.P.G. Purst.

The acting PROV. S.G. WARDEN expressed, on behalf of the brethren of that part of the province, their deep sympathy with Bro. the Hon. Tatton Egerton, M.P., in his recent bereavement by the death of his son, and proposed a vote of condolence with their hon. brother. This was carried unanimously, and Lord EGERTON thanked the brethren for their sympathy, and said he should be gratified in conveying an intimation of their kindness to his relative.

From the hotel the brethren, wearing Craft regalia and office insignia, walked in procession to the adjacent iron church, which the new structure is destined to replace. Here a service was sung by Bro. the Rev. A. T. Brereton, Bro. the Rev. T. J. Brereton, P.P.G.C., intoning the prayers. The lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C., and Bro. the Rev. A. Knox, P.G.C., delivered an address. There was a very large congregation.

Following the service there was a procession of the congregations and Sunday school children connected with various neighbouring churches, the clergy, the Freemasons, and several bands of music, to the site. Among the clergy, in addition to those already named, were the Rev. R. G. Bulkeley, vicar of St. John's, Dukinfield; the Rev. Canon Fagar, Ashton-under-Lyne; the Rev. Canon Symonds, Stockport; and the Rev. J. G. Bird.

Mr. A. C. BOYD, on behalf of the Building Committee, formally asked Lord Egerton to lay the corner stone, and said it was a source of great satisfaction to the parishioners and the people of Dukinfield to have his lordship's presence on such an important occasion.

Bro. Charles Webb then handed to the R.W.P.G.M. an ancient trowel, possessed by the local lodge for a century, with which to execute his task.

In accepting this his LORDSHIP said he was glad to be able to renew his acquaintance with Dukinfield, a neighbourhood he represented 30 years ago when returned to Parliament for the North Cheshire Division.

The Rev. A. T. BRERETON, Curate-in-charge, at the request of Lord Egerton, read the following statement: The parish of St. John, Dukinfield, in the diocese of Chester (vicar, the Rev. R. G. Bulkeley), in 1875 contained about 16,000 inhabitants. In 1879 about 5000 were assigned to the new parish of Christ Church; since that time a large number of houses have been built at the West or St. Luke's end of the parish, so that the population of St. John's parish now amounts to about 12,000 souls. It had been thought for some time that a new parish should be formed, and a new church built to provide for the spiritual needs of the still fast increasing district of St. Luke's. In 1885 a commission was issued by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, to inquire into the spiritual wants of the Rural Deanery of Stockport which commission reported as follows:—"We advise that a new church, to be called St. Luke's, Dukinfield, with schools and parsonage, should be built midway between the present St. Luke's (iron) Church and the growing district of Newton Wood, and that a population of about 5000 be assigned to the new parish." This report of the commissioners was accepted by the Lord Bishop, who, early in 1888, founded the fund called by his name for supplying the great and increasing spiritual needs of the Rural Deanery of Stockport. Very soon the sum of £2500 was granted from the said Bishop of Chester's Fund towards the erection of a church for the proposed new parish of St. Luke's, Dukinfield. This sum of money formed a nucleus, to which has already been added subscriptions and donations amounting to £2500, making in all about £2500 in hand or promised towards the cost of the church. A sum of about £1000 for the building fund and a further sum of £1000 for the endowment fund is still required, in order that the church may be consecrated and the new parish formed free from debt.

Lord EGERTON afterwards said that he came to lay the corner-stone with very great pleasure, not only in his Masonic, but also in his private, capacity. It was a great satisfaction to him, and to all churchmen, that the new church would be the first fruits of that movement which was set on foot by their excellent bishop, who they regretted was now about to leave the diocese before he had seen his work completed. That was the first church of many which they trusted would be built in the district to supply the wants of the people. He was glad as a Mason to be present, and to perform those ceremonies which symbolised the great truths which Masons professed and upheld.

His lordship then proceeded with the rites of the Craft, and the stone was well and truly laid. The comfort of the spectators was, however, much interfered with at this stage by a heavy downpour of rain. After the shower the other memorial stones, three in number, were laid at the west front of the building by the Rev. R. G. Bulkeley, Mrs. Boyd, and Mrs. Brereton.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN BY THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Her Majesty having consented on the occasion of her visit to Glasgow to receive an address from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the deputation of brethren met under the dome of the Exhibition in front of the Royal reception room on Friday, the 24th ult., when the following address was presented by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., M.W. Grand Master of Scotland, on behalf of that body:

"May it please your Majesty, we, the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, humbly avail ourselves of this opportunity, when your Majesty has been graciously pleased to specially honour our Grand Master, to offer to your Majesty the expression of our loyalty and devotion. By no community in your Majesty's wide dominions is this sentiment more deeply cherished than by the Freemasons

hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who are most highly honoured by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales being patron of their Order. In the name and on behalf of the whole fraternity, we humbly solicit permission to express our deep conviction that in your Majesty we are privileged to possess a Sovereign who through a long and eventful reign has both in public and private life given the noblest illustrations of the principles which regulate our Order. We conclude by imploring the Great Architect of the Universe to long preserve your Majesty, and pour down upon you His eternal blessing."

Her Majesty handed to Sir Archibald Campbell her reply, which was as follows: "I receive with great pleasure the dutiful address which you have presented to me on the occasion of my visit to Glasgow. I fully recognise and readily appreciate the value of the charitable works which it is the great object of your Society to promote. I thank you cordially for the expression of your loyalty and devotion."

The members of the deputation were then presented in a body to her Majesty by Sir Archibald, and then the Consular body in Glasgow followed the example of the Masons of Scotland, and presented likewise an address of welcome.

The following brethren composed the deputation, namely: Bros. Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., P.G.M.; the Earl of Haddington, Depute G.M.; Sir Wm. Pearce, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Glasgow; Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Argyll and the Isles; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; the Rev. Professor J. Herbert Story, D.D., G. Chap.; the Rev. Robert Henderson, M.A., G. Chap.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.D.; Lieutenant Colonel John Campbell, J.G.D.; Fred. E. Villiers, P.G.W. and Provincial G.M. of Dumfriesshire; Colonel J. Clark Forrest, Prov. G.M. of Lanarkshire; Middle Ward; John Graham, C.A., Proxy Prov. G.M. of Bermuda; Dr. James Middleton, Prov. G.M. of Roxburgh and Selkirk shires; James Caldwell, P.G.D.; Dr. John Falconer, Proxy Prov. G.M. of New South Wales; James Crichton, Proxy Prov. G.M. of New Zealand; and Major F. W. Allan, Proxy Prov. G.M. of Gibraltar. The Grand Secretary handed the address to the Grand Master, who placed it in the hands of the Queen, and, by the Royal permission, presented the Grand Secretary, Bro. Murray Lyon, to her Majesty, and then the other members.

LADIES' DAY AND SUMMER OUTING OF THE CAMA LODGE, No. 2105.

The first ladies' day and summer outing of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 27th ult., and proved an unqualified success. The majority of the company assembled at Waterloo Station at 9.30 a.m., and soon afterwards took their seats in a very comfortable saloon carriage, courteously provided by the S.W. Railway Company, and of which Bro. Macaulay is the Secretary, and departed for Hampton Court. This historical and interesting place was reached about 10.15. A deputation of the brethren escorted the ladies to Hampton Court Palace, during which time the W.M., Bro. John Read, P.M., and P.P.G. Org. Middx., opened the Cama Lodge (this being the date of a regular meeting), and carried out the agenda as it appeared on the summons, when, nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

About noon the ladies and brethren sat down to a substantial cold luncheon at the Mitre Hotel, after which the party went on board a steam launch, generously provided by the I.P.M., and proceeded up the river as far as Chertsey. They here landed, and, after a very refreshing cup of tea, again proceeded on board the launch and returned to Hampton Court, reaching the Mitre Hotel about 5.30 p.m.

At six the company sat down to dinner, when there were present Bro. John Read, W.M., and Mrs. Read and Miss Plumpton; Bro. W. R. Palmer, I.P.M., and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Palmer; Bros. T. Poore, P.M. 720 and Sec. 2105; N. D. Fracis, Postans, and Saunders; Bro. Major Geary, R.A., S.W. 1383, and Mrs. Geary; Bro. Gillham and Mrs. Gillham and Miss Daniels; Bro. Granville and Mrs. Granville and Mrs. Reilly; Bro. Caron and Miss Caron and Miss Reilly; and Bro. Manlove and Mrs. and Miss Manlove. Visitors: Bro. L. B. Pilen, P.M. 256, and Mrs. Peck.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably put to the brethren by the W.M., particularly "The Health of the Ladies," which was responded to in most felicitous terms by Bro. POSANS.

"The Health of the Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treasurer, and first Master of this lodge.

Luncheon, dinner, and dessert were served by Bro. Sadler in a manner that elicited the heartiest expression of satisfaction from all partakers thereof. Songs and recitations proved an interlude to the proceedings, and at 9.15 p.m. the company returned by train to town, eventually separating well pleased with such an enjoyable re-union, and still more gratified that a fine day had been vouchsafed for such a pleasant gathering.

"IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?"

The following letters have appeared at various dates in the columns of the *Daily Telegraph* in the correspondence which has been proceeding for more than a week past on the subject—"Is Marriage a Failure?" We give our opinion on the compatibility of Freemasonry with married life in our editorial page.

To the Editor of the "Daily Telegraph."

Sir—One point not yet mentioned which militates against happy marriages is the unparalleled selfishness of a husband of the Freemason type. He cares not a straw how many lonely hours his wife spends or what becomes of his children. All the responsibility of training and developing their characters is thrown upon the wife, in order that the husband may sit drinking, smoking, and gambling at his clubs, or go through curious ceremonies, and eat and drink to repletion at his lodges. The money such a man squanders on his own selfish indulgence is incredible.—Yours, &c.,

FREEMASON'S WIFE.

Tottenham, August 23.

Sir—"Freemason's Wife," who apparently writes with some degree of malice against her husband's Freemasonry and habits, had better try and recall him by means of love and forbearance, such as are inculcated by the teachings

and Benevolent Institutions of Freemasonry, and not by the habits of some of its members. Denunciation is of very doubtful value in any such cases. It is apt to gall and embitter, and has been tried often, without success.—Yours faithfully,

OLD FREEMASON.

Watford, August 24.

Sir—I cannot allow the letter of "A Freemason's Wife" to pass without a protest, for although, unfortunately, there undoubtedly are ranged under the banners of Freemasonry some unworthy men who neglect their home duties, yet it is most unjust to the many thousands of true Freemasons to imply that to be connected with the Craft is necessarily to be both selfish and unfaithful. The very principles on which the Order is founded are wholly opposed to any neglect of duty, and everyone admitted into the Craft is solemnly charged to neglect none of the ordinary duties of life; and no man, whatever ceremonies he may have gone through, or however he may bedeck himself with Masonic jewellery, is worthy of the name "Freemason" who is careless of his home or family, or who disregards in any degree his civil, religious, or domestic duties. If the husband of "A Freemason's Wife" will act according to his Masonic obligation, his wife will have no further reason to complain of any lack of duty or affection to his home, and she at least will have no cause to consider marriage a failure.—I beg to remain, yours faithfully,

THE LEVEL.

Wellington, Somerset, August 24.

Sir—I am tempted to reply to a "Freemason's Wife," because I do not hold the same opinions. My husband is a Freemason. His friends and my brother tell me he is honoured and respected by one and all. I hear him say that next to his home and the comforts of his own fireside his Masonry is his greatest pleasure. My experience is that far from making him a selfish man it tends to make him a better one, for I believe Freemasonry to be all that is noble and good. In my opinion marriage would be less a "failure" if women would but be a little less selfish, and bear in mind that because they cannot belong to lodges themselves and spend the rest of the evening at an hotel there is no reason why their husbands should not. I do not want my husband always at my apron strings, and much as I love his company and appreciate his evenings at home, I am still more pleased with his honours and the position he holds as a Freemason. There are, I dare say, loose men who are Masons and do not make good husbands, but after 14 years of a happy married life I am proud to sign myself,

ANOTHER FREEMASON'S WIFE.

Eton, August 25.

THE LATE BRO. SIR JOHN BRAND, PRESIDENT OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE.

On Sunday, July 22nd, the Jubilee Lodge held a most solemn and impressive Service of Sorrow to the memory of the late Bro. Sir John Henry Brand, in the Kaap Exchange. After the opening of the lodge and the Masonic rites had been conducted with closed doors as usual, the public who had received invitations were admitted to witness and participate in the interesting service. There were a great many ladies and gentlemen present. After an organ voluntary by Bro. A. W. Bayly, and prayer by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Adams, an address was delivered by the W. Master, Bro. Ochse. As printed leaflets of the whole service were in the hands of visitors, they were enabled to join in the prayers and responses with the brethren. The anthem—"Days and moments quickly flying"—was most impressively sung. The reading from Holy Writ was that most magnificent chapter commencing "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," with its rich Eastern imagery and allegory. "Thou art passing hence, my Brother," a solo by Mr. C. Hallé, was a very high and splendid effort on that gentleman's part, listened to with breathless attention; as likewise the duet "Vital Spark of Heavenly Flame," sung by Mr. Hallé and Bro. E. H. A. Cohen. Addresses were also delivered by Bros. J. C. Verey, J. Z. De Villiers, and the Rev. Adams. The first-named, it should be mentioned, arranged this service, having had the melancholy task of assisting at a similar ceremonial many years ago at the Good Hope Lodge, Capetown, on the occasion of the death of President Brand's father, Sir Christoffel Brand. During the singing of the processional hymn, "Great God, what do I see and hear?" the brethren, headed by the W.M., marched in procession two abreast round the centre of the lodge, where a coffin covered with wreaths was placed, and bearing some insignia indicating the deceased brother's high rank as a Knight of the Rosy Cross. At the conclusion of the hymn, the W.M. deposited his piece of evergreen on the emblematical bier, pronouncing these words:

"This evergreen, which once marked the temporary resting place of the illustrious dead, is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded that we have an immortal part within us that shall survive the grave, and which shall never, never, never die."

All the brethren deposited their evergreens in like manner, and the service was shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion. After the public had left, the lodge was closed in the usual manner.—*The Barberton Herald and Transvaal Mining Mail.*

There was some capital shooting at the Rainham Ranges, Essex, on Monday, in connection with the annual prize meeting of the 2nd City of London Rifles. The challenge cup given by Bro. General Sir Fred. Roberts, Bart., honorary colonel of the regiment, was won by Sergt. Fortunati, with a score of 146 points out of a possible 175, 7 shots each at 200, 500, 600, 700, and 800 yards. The Merchant Taylors' Challenge Cup was won by Capt. Thomson with 81 points, at 200, 500, and 600 yards (seven shots at each range), after shooting off a tie with Private White, who had made the same score. Sergt. Fortunati won the challenge cup and jewel given by the Salters' Company, with a score of 85 points, seven shots each at the same three ranges; and Private Shand took the challenge cup given by Mrs. Rimington, with a score of 23 points, out of a possible 25 points, five shots at any range.

PICNIC OF THE PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

The members of this lodge may justly feel gratified and proud at the successful result of the new departure in Masonry, at least in this part of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, by arranging a picnic for the brethren of the lodge and their "wives and sweethearts." The Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, whose warrant dates October 16th, 1884, holds its meetings at the Soldiers' Institute, and has been making wondrous strides since its constitution, it now mustering some 105 members, with an extremely good show of votes for the Masonic Charities. Lately a warrant was granted for a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the lodge, and the constitution of which will take place shortly. Each quarter a banquet is held after lodge business, but this quarter the idea was mooted by Bro. R. G. Pither, Secretary, that a picnic should take its place.

A committee was formed, comprising all the officers of the lodge, with the result that the affair passed off on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., with great éclat. At 8.30 a.m. upwards of a hundred brethren assembled at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, and left in five four-horse brakes, well supplied by Mr. A. W. White, for Goodwood, via Emsworth and Chichester. Thanks to the Colonel and officers, the centre brake was occupied by a portion of the band of the Border Regiment, who played several selections en route.

Amongst those present were Bros. T. Tufnell, W.M.; G. Bevis, P.G.D. of C., I.P.M.; J. Palmer, P.P.G. Stwd., P.M.; W. Miller, S.W.; Q. Cecconi, J.W.; R. G. Pither, Hon. Sec.; G. Williams, S.D.; E. R. Fisher, J.D.; G. Woodthorpe, I.G.; W. Porter and T. Making, Stwds.; J. Wells, Tyler; G. Reading, P. H. Emanuel, Grigsby, Freake, Biggs, Boyce, Prior, McFail, G. Williams, H. King, Cronin, and others.

The first halt was made at Farlington, from whence the party went to Emsworth and Chichester, where there was a wait of three quarters of an hour, during which time the majority of the visitors visited the cathedral. The band played several pieces during the interval, much to the satisfaction of the farmers and citizens. Corney Seat, Goodwood, was reached about one o'clock, where a van was in waiting for volunteers to help "lay the cloth." When all was ready the brethren sang grace. Ample justice was done to the fare provided.

During dinner some capital pieces were played by the band, and afterwards the W.M., Bro. Tufnell, on behalf of the lodge, gave a hearty welcome to the ladies, and hoped the innovation was the commencement of similar outings. Dancing was indulged in on the lawn, after which all assembled in the pheasantry, where Mr. Russell photographed groups of the members of the lodge together, and also of the whole party.

A return was again made for the Seat, and dancing was indulged in, whilst some paid a visit to the course. At six o'clock the return journey was made via Funtington to Westbourne, where a sumptuous tea was provided at the Cricketers.

After the repast and grace had been sung, Bro. P. H. EMANUEL proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for making such successful arrangements for the day, especially eulogising Bros. Tufnell and Pither, who had bore the brunt of the work. The Secretary, Bro. Pither, was, as they all knew, a most indefatigable worker, and whatever he undertook was done well.

Bro. TURNELL and Bro. PITHER severally responded. Bro. G. READING proposed "The Wives, Sisters, and Sweethearts of Masons," and Bro. GRISBY responded.

Dancing was again indulged in, and the journey home was commenced at 9.15, the Soldiers' Institute being reached at 11 o'clock.

Obituary.

BRO. H. JEFFS, P.M., P.Z., &c.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Henry Jeffs, who for many years past has been a conspicuous member of our Society in Gloucestershire. The deceased was initiated in the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, the senior of the two lodges which have their quarters in his native city of Gloucester, and had thrice filled the chair of W. Master, namely, in the years 1866, 1867, and 1875. He was also a joining member of the junior Gloucester lodge—the Zetland, No. 1005, and was W.M. in 1880 and again in 1882. His services were recognised by his appointment to the chair of Prov. J.G. Warden in 1872 and 1873, and last year, when his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master accorded permission to the several Prov. Grand Masters to confer Past Provincial rank on distinguished brethren in the provinces, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire, was pleased to bestow on Bro. Jeffs the rank of Past Prov. S.G.W. He was Z. of the Unanimity Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 82, Cheltenham, in 1884, and held the same office in the Royal Lebanon Chapter, No. 493, Gloucester, the year following. He was a Past Master of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 10, and Past Prov. J.G.W. of the same Degree. He was known for his antiquarian researches, and was chiefly instrumental in obtaining the erection of a memorial to Bishop Hooper, who was burnt to death near Gloucester Cathedral in the reign of the first Mary.

BRO. JOHN T. ALSTON, P.M.

The funeral of Bro. John T. Alston, of the firm of Messrs. J. and W. Alston, contractors, of Liverpool, took place at Everton Cemetery on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and was attended by a large gathering of the family and friends of the deceased, as well as very many members of the Masonic Fraternity, with which he had been connected for several years, being a Past Master of the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 213. Among the brethren present to show respect to Bro. Alston's memory were Bros. G. R. Ashston, W.M. 203; C. Birch, P.M. 203; E. Johnston, P.M., P.S.G.D.; J. P. Bryan, P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. May Smith, 1570; J. N. Hounsell, P.M. 203; W. McCulloch, 203; W. Gick, P.M. 203; P. Ball, P.P.G.T.; J. Casey, P.M. 1570; H. Taylor, 203; H. James, P.M., P.G.D.; J. M. Smythe, H. 203; B.

Bailey, S.D. 2114; S. Dean, 203; T. Saxon, 241; J. Brotherton, P.M. 241; J. Winsor, P.M. 241; W. Thomas, 203; W. H. Martin, 203; J. Martin, 823; J. W. Baker, Sec. 203; J. Galloway, I.P.M. 203; W. Eastwood, 203; F. S. Fisher, 203; J. McEwen, Steward 203; R. Britten, P.M. 1756; J. Grierson, P.M. 1756; Bradley Pass, 477; T. S. Sergeant, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Wilson, 203; W. Heaton, 203; Phillips, 203; E. Donnelly, S.W. 203; J. G. Highfield, 203; G. J. Clough, S.D. 203; F. G. Elsworth, 241; J. B. Treasure, 1013; C. Bargery, P.M. 1756, P.G.D.; Bullen, 1756; and others.

BRO. JOSEPH E. HIRST, 823.

The remains of the late Bro. Joseph E. Hirst, of 124, Spencer-street, and 6 and 8, Rigby-street, Liverpool, were interred in the Necropolis of that city, on Saturday afternoon, the 25th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. The deceased was highly respected in his business, and by his kindly disposition had endeared himself to a large circle. Up to his death the deceased was a member of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, and the following brethren of his lodge joined in the procession: Bros. W. Maddox, W.M.; W. J. Lunt, C.C., P.M.; Robert W. Gow, I.P.M.; J. J. Boyle, P.M.; R. T. Britten, S.W.; W. Spencer, Steward; Evan Morgan, W. J. Quine, Edward Beaven, Robert Arden, Walter Gaskill, P. Nicholson, C. H. W. Bush, G. Thomas, and others. The services in the chapel, and likewise at the grave, were conducted by the Rev. Daniel Jones, minister of Everton-road Baptist Chapel.



At this time of year audiences are not inclined to be too particular as to the fare served up for them theatrically, and so Bro. W. Lestocq, W.M. 1319, and Bro. Walter Everard have collaborated and written a farcical comedy, which they term "Uncles and Aunts," and Mr. C. H. Hawtreys has produced it at the Comedy Theatre. Its plot is of the thin order, and somewhat complicated. The characters consist of a couple of pairs of lovers, a couple of uncles, and a couple of aunts. An elderly gentleman makes love—and an ass of himself at the same time—to one of the young ladies, and then transfers his affections to an aunt, whom he calls his Aurora Borealis. This old gentleman—Mr. Zedekiah Aspen—is played by Mr. W. S. Penley, who adds another success to his already large stock. His old men are as clever as his young ones. As the sporting young man in "The Arabian Nights" and as Rev. Mr. Spalding in the "Private Secretary" Mr. Penley achieved great fame; this he has certainly added to in his latest character. His make-up is most ludicrous, and so while he is on the stage the new farcical comedy goes very merrily, and we should say will continue to draw for some time. The authors have modestly assigned themselves small parts to play, Bro. Lestocq only coming on in the last act. Mr. Chas. Groves ably assists the piece, as do Misses Cissy Graham, Vane Featherstone, and Elton. A very quiet bit of character acting is done by Mr. W. F. Hawtreys as the old butler. It is quite a relief to see the part of a manservant represented on the stage naturally and different from the usual buffoonery. Mr. Jerome's "Barbara" is again the opening piece, and well worth seeing. "Uncles and Aunts" ought to have a run owing to Mr. W. S. Penley's comical acting.

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Bro. Henry Bracy has undertaken the reins of management and opened the Avenue for a short season. The pieces he has selected are Mr. Arthur Lane's comedy-drama, "Gladys," which was produced at a matinée in December, 1886, and the burlesque, "Don Juan, Junior," by Mr. E. Righton and Mr. R. Reece. We recollect its being performed at the Royalty eight years ago under the management of Miss Kate Lawler. Mr. Righton played the chief part then, as he does now. There is a bevy of very fine looking damsels, chief of whom are Miss Emily Spiller, Miss Kate Everleigh, and Miss Rose Dearing. The burlesque is written up to date, allusions being made to the *Daily Telegraph's* correspondence columns regarding marriage, General Boulanger, and the Naval Manœuvres. "Don Juan, Junior," bristles with puns on words, the music is tuneful, the medleys have to be repeated, and the burlesque is prettily staged. "Gladys" is chiefly remarkable for the acting of the heroine by Miss Florence West, who is ably supported by Mr. Lewis Waller, Mr. Buckstone, Mr. Royce Carleton, and Mr. Kinghorne. The plot deals with a villain who marries a lady and then makes her his catspaw to dupe his victims to secure their money by the foulest means, and even compromises his wife's honour. The hero, of course, is a former lover of the wife, then penniless. He comes into a fortune and is able to wed Gladys, as her marriage to Stapleton is illegal. We do not see why these two pieces should not prove a gain for the few weeks Bro. Bracy has the theatre. We must all regret, however, that this popular singer and actor does not appear himself in the programme he has provided. Mr. T. Dove-Keighley returns to an old post. Where he formally deputised he is now installed as acting manager, and oaks after the comforts of Bro. Bracy's patrons.

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Mr. Rider Haggard's "She" is due at the Gaiety on the 6th inst., with Miss Eyre as leading lady. The new Shaftesbury Theatre is to open towards the end of the month with "As you like it." Bro. Augustus Harris re-opens Drury Lane with the drama by himself and Mr. W. H. Hamilton. Miss Agnes Hewitt, on the 8th, re-opens the Olympic with "The Ticket-of-Leave Man." Bro. Henry Neville in his old part as Bob Brierley, Mr. F. J. Harris re-opens the Opera Comique with a new comic opera now in active rehearsal, and the Globe programme will change from "Bootle's Baby" to the "Monk's Room." The Vaudeville re-opens with their old success, "Joseph's Sweetheart," at the end of the month, when Mr. Rutland Barrington takes over the management of the St. James's Theatre. So there is a busy time in store at the theatres. Later on, three new theatres will bid for public favour.



The Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622, resumes its meetings at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at 8 o'clock. Bro. David Rose, P.M., is the Preceptor, and Bro. T. Grummant, P.M., the Secretary.

Bro. H. Martyn Barker, M.B., M.R.C.S., &c., W.M. 1869, has recently completed a very successful course of lectures, at Brading Vicarage, on first aid to the injured, in connection with the St. John's Ambulance Association.

The Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will resume work on Friday, the 7th inst., at 8 p.m., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Comp. Moore will occupy the chair of First Principal, and for those who know his careful working this will be sufficient attraction. The worthy Preceptor, Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, has arranged to work the ceremonies of installing the three Principals, taking one ceremony on each evening before the rehearsal of the exaltation ceremony. We hope the Principals and P.Z.'s of South London will avail themselves of this opportunity of perfecting themselves in the ritual, for Comp. Hilton is kindness personified, although very exact in the rendering of all ceremonies.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction resumes its meetings, under the able guidance of Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., to-morrow (Saturday), at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, at 7.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the National Artillery Association at Shoeburyness terminated last week, the result as regards the winning of the officers' prize being that it was carried off by a Southern detachment belonging to an Essex Corps, which had scored 102 points the previous week, none of the Northern detachments having been able to beat that total. The inspection of the second or Northern contingent and the distribution of prizes took place on the 23rd ult., and Bro. the Earl of Limerick, President of the Association, as usual, delivered an address, in the course of which he expressed his thanks to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the School of Gunnery for the valuable assistance they had rendered during the meeting.

The weekly meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will be resumed on Tuesday next, the 4th instant.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser (Lord Mayor of London), accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Bros. Sheriffs Higgs and Davies, arrived at Termonde, his native place in Belgium, on Sunday, and met with a most cordial reception from the municipality.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Lord Alfred Paget, who had held the office of Clerk Marshal to her Majesty with one or two brief interruptions since 1846 and concurrently till 1874, that of Chief Equerry as well. Our deceased brother was a great favourite with both the Queen and Prince of Wales, and was also popular in society. He was Vice-Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, and his death, which occurred suddenly on the evening of Friday, the 24th ult., took place on board his yacht, off Inverness. The deceased was the third son of the distinguished cavalry officer, the Marquess of Anglesea, who lost his leg at Waterloo, and was in his 72nd year, having been born in 1816. The funeral took place in Hampton Church on Wednesday, among those present being, in addition to the members of the family, Bros. Lord Suffield, Admirals Lord Alcester and Sir E. A. Ingfield, and others. The Hon. W. H. Carington, Equerry to the Queen, represented her Majesty, and Major-General Arthur Ellis the Prince of Wales.

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton presided at an ordinary meeting held at St. James's Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, of the shareholders of the Manchester Ship Canal Company. The report and accounts, which were of a satisfactory character, were unanimously adopted.

The 700th performance of "Dorothy" took place at the Prince of Wales's Theatre on Friday, the 24th ult., when the house was crowded by a most enthusiastic audience, and floral souvenirs were presented to everyone present.

During her visit to the Glasgow Exhibition last week her Majesty was shown a number of relics which had been brought from the Bishop's Castle for her inspection, and of which the following is a list, viz.: The Bachuill Mohr, the pastoral staff of St. Moloch (early 7th century), lent by the Duke of Argyll, K.G.; sword given by King Robert Bruce to Sir James Douglas (the Good Sir James), lent by the Earl of Home; infant chair of James, son of Mary Queen of Scots (King James VI.), lent by the Earl of Mar and Kellie; silver hand bell of Mary Queen of Scots, lent by Lord Balfour of Burleigh; leading strings of James VI., embroidered by Mary Queen of Scots, lent by Lord Herries; autograph letter of Queen Mary, written to Henry III. of France a few hours before her execution, lent by Alfred Morrison; the gun with which James Hamilton of Bothwellhaugh shot the Regent Moray, lent by Lord Hamilton of Dalzell; pistol carried by Viscount Dundee (Claverhouse) on the field of Killiecrankie, lent by J. Lacon, of Duntrune; Covenanters' flag, carried at the battle of Drumclog (motto, "Avendail for Religion, Covenant, King"), lent by the Weavers' Society of Strathaven; the Glenorchy Charm Stone of Breadalbane, lent by the Marquis of Breadalbane; the Black Chanter or Feadan Dubh of Clan Chattan, lent by Cluny Macpherson; the Ardvorlich "Clach Dearg," lent by Colonel Stewart, C.I.E., R.A.; sword of Viscount Dundee (Claverhouse), lent by the Duke of Montrose; sword of King Robert Bruce, lent by the Earl of Elgin; the Brooch of Lorne, lent by Colonel C. A. McDougall, of Dunollie. The various relics were shown to her Majesty by Mr. Jas. Paton, Curator of the Museum and Corporation Galleries. The Queen examined with curiosity the leading strings of her Royal ancestor, James VI. She also desired information regarding the "Charm Stone," which was given by Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Paton, and she called the special attention of the Princess Beatrice to the sword of Claverhouse, included in the collection.

The East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, of which Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.M., P.J.G.W. Surrey, is the Preceptor, will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday next at the Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 7.45.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, after attending York Races on Wednesday, left for Danby Lodge on a visit to Viscount and Viscountess Danby for a week's grouse shooting. A numerous party of guests has been invited to meet his Royal Highness.

A meeting of the Belvidere Chapter, No. 503, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and was numerously attended. In addition to the usual business, Bros. R. McVicar and G. F. Baker were admitted to the Order. The members afterwards dined together at the New Inn Hotel, by kind invitation of the Principal of the chapter, Comp. C. G. Long.

Bros. Jacob Mayer, M.W.G.M.; Brenham Van Dusen, D.G.M.; Jas. F. Robinson, S.G.W.; Christopher Taylor, J.G.W.; Daniel C. McKercher, G. Treasurer; and J. Babcock, G. Secretary, are among the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Oregon appointed at the annual Communication held at the Masonic Hall, Portland, Oregon, on the 13th June last.

The 33rd annual Foresters' Fête in aid of the Distressed Gift and Asylum Funds was held at the Crystal Palace on Monday, the weather being very fine and the attendance considerably in excess of what it was last year. A long and varied programme had been arranged, and every one seemed satisfied with the entertainment.

OLD LONDON BRIDGE.—The old bridge had by the beginning of the 18th century become perilously ruinous. Pennant speaks of remembering the street as dark, narrow, and dangerous; the houses overhung the road in such a terrific manner as almost to shut out the daylight, and arches of timber crossed the street to keep the shabby old tenements from falling on each other. Indeed, Providence alone kept together the long-topping, dilapidated structure, that was perilous above and dangerous below. "Nothing but use," observes this agreeable and vivacious writer, "could preserve the repose of the inmates, who soon grew deaf to the noise of the falling waters, the clamour of watermen, and the frequent shrieks of drowning wretches." Though many booksellers and other tradesmen affected the great thoroughfare between Kent, Surrey, and Middlesex, the bridge houses were, in the reign of George II., chiefly tenanted by pin and needle makers; and economical ladies were accustomed to drive there from the West-end of the town to make cheap purchases. —From *Cassell's Old and New London* for September.

The M.W. the Grand Master remains at Hom-burg. Among the brethren staying there are Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; R. G. Glover, P.D.G.D.C.; Col. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; Herr Kùhe, P.G. Org.; W. E. Stewart, P.G.S.B.; and R. G. Clutton.

"She" will be produced at the Gaiety Theatre on the 6th inst. The final rehearsals of the elaborate scenic effects has necessitated closing the theatre for a week. Mr. Chasemore has designed the dresses, and the "Ammahagger" dance is being arranged by Mr. John D'Auban. The music has been specially written by Messrs. Edward Solomon and Hamilton Clark. Miss Fanny Enson, Miss Mary Rorke, and Mr. Edmund Murice have been engaged. The whole is to be produced under the stage direction of Mr. William Sidney. Mr. Eugene C. Stafford is now sole manager for Miss Eyre's season.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts visited the Lansdowne Ragged Schools, Southwark, and after inspecting the flowers and plants which had been cultivated by the children of the institution, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors, and was honoured with a vote of thanks for her kindness.

The annual prize shooting contest of the Honourable Artillery Company of London took place at the Park Ranges, near Tottenham, on the 24th ult. There was some very good scoring, the championship of the regiment being secured by Private Gilbert.

The Princess Mary Duchess of Teck and the Duke, with the Princes Adolphus, Francis, and Alexander of Teck were present at the first annual sports of the Post Office Athletic Club, held in the Old Deer Park, Richmond, on Saturday, and when the programme had been gone through her Royal Highness very graciously distributed the prizes.

Opportunity was taken of the visit of the Queen and several members of the Royal Family to the Glasgow Exhibition to invite the Princess Henry of Battenberg to christen a new war vessel built for the Government at Govan, on the Clyde, by the firm of which Bro. Sir W. Pearce, M.P., is Chairman, and on the 23rd ult the Princess travelled to Govan for the purpose. Her Royal Highness was received by Bro. Sir W. Pearce and other officials of the Company, a guard of honour of the Seaforth Highlanders being in attendance, and in due course the ceremony was performed and the vessel, which had been named the *Marathon*, glided into the water amid the cheers of the spectators, and to the triumphant sounds of "Rule Britannia," played by the band of the training ship *Cumberland*, followed by the National Anthem. In the afternoon her Majesty, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, visited Paisley, to the great delight of the inhabitants, who gave the Royal visitors a most hearty welcome. On Friday the Queen paid a second visit to the Exhibition, and finally left Blytheswood, the seat of Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., whose guest she had been during the visit, by train for Aberdeen, en route for Balmoral, where she arrived shortly after nine a.m. on Saturday morning.

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 over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of saving suffering when anyone is afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—ADVT.

The members of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction are requested to meet at eight o'clock on Monday evening next, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, near to the station, in order to assist Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M., the Preceptor, to form plans for the ensuing session. Bro. P. Skar is the W.M. elect for the evening.

Sir Knight E. W. Price, G. Commander, presided at the 30th annual convale of the Grand Com-mandery of New Jersey, U.S.A., at Trenton, in May last. There are 1267 members in the jurisdiction, and the financial report looks healthy. Sir Knight Isaac C. Githens is the new Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Charles Bechtel continues G. Recorder.

The memorial tablet in St. Paul's Cathedral to the late Major-General Sir Herbert Stewart, K.C.B., which Bro. General Lord Wolseley unveiled towards the end of July last, was sculptured by the well-known academician Mr. J. E. Boehm, and founded in bronze by Bro. Alfred Barnard, of Chelsea, an initiate of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, who appears to have been commended on all sides for the excellence of his workmanship.

The Countess Amherst and the Ladies Margaret and Charlotte Amherst have arrived within the last few days at Montreal, Sevenoaks.

TELEGRAPHIC FEATS.—The telegraph—and especially the submarine telegraph—has reached a marvellous pitch of perfection. Two months ago there was a cricket match between Oxford University and the Australian team. The result was known and published, and papers recording it were actually selling in the streets of Melbourne within two hours of the close of the innings. For the result of a race to be obtainable in London within ten or twelve minutes of the time when the horse passes the post at Chester or Newmarket is not nowadays at all uncommon; but the Melbourne feat is astonishing. The message, after it left London, had to pass through France, the continent of Europe, Asia Minor, Aden, Bombay, Penang, Malacca, Singapore, and Java; from Java along a cable 1100 miles to Port Darwin, and from Port Darwin to Melbourne, or by an alternative route equally long. Then it had to be set up, printed, published, sold, and distributed; yet all was done within 120 minutes.—From *Cassell's Saturday Journal* for September.

Bro. George Reynolds, the well known Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, sailed from Liverpool on Wednesday last in company with Bro. Skinner, of the same lodge, for a short tour in the States. The principal object of their visit is to present a vote of thanks, which has been beautifully illuminated on vellum, to General Shryock, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland, in acknowledgment of his gift of a commemorative medal of the Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland to each member of the Anglo-American Lodge. It will be remembered that General Shryock paid a visit to this country last year and was entertained at a banquet by the members of No. 2191, when he received a most hearty welcome. Bro. Reynolds will also visit New York and Philadelphia—where, as a representative of the International Lodge, he will doubtless be hospitably received.

The anniversary of the establishment of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, which was founded in 1864 in memory of the late Prince Consort, was celebrated at the institution, Collingwood Court, near Bagshot, on Saturday last. The Charity supports 117 boys and 57 girls, and on this occasion there were present some 80 old pupils, in addition to a numerous gathering of friends and supporters.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut held its 70th annual assembly in Hartford on the 7th May last, Comp. James H. Welsh, M.P. G.M., being in the chair. According to the reports submitted there are 2195 members in the jurisdiction, and its finances are satisfactory. The Grand Master for the current year is Comp. John P. Weir, and the Grand Recorder, Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler.

The Italian Exhibition in London has many attractions; foremost we may mention the reception hall, which contains some noble examples of Italian sculpture, and on the right a collection of pictures lent by the King of Italy and from the Italian National Gallery, amongst which the "Charge of Bersaglieri" is most notable. The pavilion of the Roman jewellers is full of unusually effective objects which command and arrest attention from the many thousands of visitors.

The corner-stone of a new Masonic Hall at Minneapolis will be laid on Wednesday, the 5th instant, by the Grand Master of Minnesota, and his Grand Officers and the brethren in that jurisdiction have been very naturally looking forward to an event which is likely to exercise so beneficial an influence on the fortunes of the Craft. The estimated cost of the Hall is set down at 335,000 dollars (£67,000), and it is expected that the muster of the brethren on the occasion will be the largest ever known in the State.

NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE.—Extract from *Kentish Town Magazine*, for April, 1886.—"The above-named Institute, under the special patronage of the Clergy, Medical Men, Gentlemen and Ladies of the N. and N.W. districts, affords in its daily and extensive practice, wondrous exemplification of the great progress that has been made in the science of dentistry during quite modern days, and also proves indisputably the great boon which the above-named Institute confers daily upon numerous sufferers. Defective teeth and gums are well known to be the foundation of the most painful complaints that afflict mankind, and that the several ailments of the mouth need the skilled attention of eminent scientists, if they are to be cured, or even alleviated, and in order that such skilled attention might be within the reach of all grades, the NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE was established. Situated at 80, Fortress-road, Junction-road, Kentish Town, under the superintendence of Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., Royal College of Surgeons of England, assisted by a staff of skilled and qualified gentlemen, this Institute supplied artificial teeth; latest scientific improvements; extracts teeth, and perform all other necessary operations painlessly, and bestows benefits that cannot be over-estimated upon this portion of our largely-populated suburbs that would not seek the aid of Hospitals and Charities in the Metropolis. We may add that Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., R.C.S.E., has had 20 years' experience in hospitals and private practice, is of a very kindly disposition, and eminently fitted for the position that he holds, where he has earned the golden opinions of all who have consulted him. Mr. FURBER is also a well-known benefactor, having devoted ten years of his early practice to serve the poor, during which period his well-tutored and able hand relieved [free of cost] no less a number than 20,000 suffering patients."—Fees at this Institute are moderate, and Free to "the Unemployed."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, September 8, 1888.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.
Lodge 2148, Walsingham, M.H., Wilmington, Kent.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.
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, SEPTEMBER 3.
Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road.
" 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.
Mark 139, Panmure, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, 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, SEPTEMBER 4.
Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, Woolwich.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
Chap. 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.

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 Bldgs., 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.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hot., High-st.,
Croydon, at 7.45.
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 Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,
E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.
UNITED GRAND LODGE, at 7.

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.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.
Lodge 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath,
near Croydon.
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

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, Felfham.
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, SEPTEMBER 7.
Lodge 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Chap. 1489, Ezra, Metropolitan Asylum, Balls Pond-road.

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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.
Ubique, 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
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Cam-
berwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.
Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt-pk.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
" 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
" 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

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