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As we anticipated last week, the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, passed off very quietly. The letter of the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M., to his widowed sister, the Empress FREDERICK of Germany, was couched in the most sympathetic terms, and expressed very felicitously both the sentiments of respect and admiration entertained for the late EMPEROR by United Grand Lodge, and its condolence with the illustrious lady who is so nearly and dearly related to our GRAND MASTER. The reply of the EMPRESS, which was also read, was equally happy in its expressions of thanks and in its recognition of the sincere sympathy felt with her in the irreparable loss she has sustained. Both these letters were directed to be entered on the minutes, and so was also the GRAND MASTER'S letter to the King of SWEDEN, requesting his MAJESTY'S acceptance of the clothing and insignia of his rank as a Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge. As the King is absent from his capital, no reply as yet from his MAJESTY had been possible, but we doubt not he will appreciate the compliment paid him by Grand Lodge, and the manner in which it was conveyed to him by his Royal Highness our GRAND MASTER. When this correspondence had been read, the business, which was mostly formal, was dispatched, and Grand Lodge was closed in harmony. Our usual report will be found in another part of our columns.

Freemasonry in Cornwall. A CONSIDERABLE amount of interest invariably attaches to the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall when the brethren meet in annual communication as they did at Camborne on the 23rd ult. Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGECUMBE is a wise ruler, who knows how and when to use the controlling power with which he is entrusted so as to cause the smallest amount of friction amongst the members, and to secure at the same time the greatest amount of benefit to the body over which he presides. He is well supported by his officers, among whom are many Masons of tried experience and great energy, on whose co-operation he is able to rely with confidence whenever any unusual demand is likely to be made on the province, or any event of exceptional importance is likely to occur. The rank and file, too, are well-disposed to their duty, and generous in their support of Masonry and its Institutions, the result being that when the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge takes place, the reports are generally favourable as regards the past and hopeful for the future. The recent meeting at Camborne was no exception to this rule. Some differences of opinion appear to have arisen as to the policy it would be most advantageous to follow in the case of the Charitable moneys at the disposal of the province, but the question was wisely referred to a Committee, which will consider and report at the next Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. Grand Secretary's report showed a substantial increase in the number of subscribing members, and that the lodges were attentive to their duties, and for the most part prompt in furnishing the information which it was part of his office to obtain from them. He also announced that a sum of £615 had been paid over on behalf of the province to the Treasurer of the Truro Cathedral Fund. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement of accounts was most encouraging, while the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and of the Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association showed there was every prospect of the benefits conferred by these Associations being slowly but surely increased. The Annuity and Benevolent fund has close on £4350 invested or in hand, the income arising from which amounts to £182 19s. During the past year the sum paid in annuities and educational grants was £135, and £216 15s. 6d. had been laid out in the purchase of a £200 Cape bond, while the expenses of Management were only £19. Since 1864, when the Fund was started, over £6748 had been received, and £2400, of which £281 was for cost of management, expended, the balance of investments and in hand being as already stated, £4350. Bro. GILBERT B. PEARCE, Secretary of the Charitable Association, also reported encouragingly, 205 memberships having been subscribed for, and the sum obtained during the three out of the five

years the Fund had been in existence, being £902. Subsequently Bro. C. TRUSCOTT read a report for the last two years, showing how the votes of the province had been employed, and with what result, and a few money grants having been voted, and the P.G. Officers for the year invested, the business of the meeting was brought to a conclusion. Thus the only question that remains to be considered is as to the manner in which the Charitable contributions shall be applied, and we have no doubt the Committee to which it has been referred will be able to recommend a plan by which the local Charitable Funds will be benefited, while the great central Masonic Institutions will continue, as in the past, to receive that measure of generous support to which they are entitled. There is one thing certain that every brother in Cornwall, from the Prov. G. Master downwards, has good reason to be satisfied with the proceedings of the past year.

The Prov. G.
Lodge of
Somersetshire.

OUR Somersetshire brethren are to be congratulated on the good fortune which attended them at the recent annual meeting at Chard of their Provincial Grand Lodge. Somersetshire, by reason of the exemplary manner in which its Masonic duties are discharged, occupies a position among our provinces somewhat in excess of its numerical strength. Its lodges are only some 25 in number, but the work they do, and above all the manner in which they do it, is quite on a level with that of a larger province. This is no doubt due in great measure to the fact of their having the Pro Grand Master of England to preside over them as Provincial Grand Master. It is just 20 years since Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON received his patent of appointment from the late Earl of ZETLAND, and it is no exaggerated compliment to his lordship that during that time no province in England has fared more prosperously. But he could not have done what he has for his province had he not been able to gather about him such men of weight and influence as Bros. R. C. ELSE, J. L. STOTHERT, Col. A. PERKINS, C. L. FRY-EDWARDS, S. A. BASKETT, and others; men who are not only loyal to the principles of Freemasonry, but by their precept and example are the cause of loyalty in others. At all events, the success of Lord CARNARVON'S rule is plainly to be seen in the reports relating to the past year, which were presented at the meeting at Chard on the 22nd ult. The funds of Prov. G. Lodge were reported by the Prov. G. Treasurer to be in a more satisfactory state than they were even a twelvemonth since, when the balance in hand was £180, while the Provincial Grand Secretary reported, on behalf of the Charity Organisation Committee, that the contributions to the Central Charities from Somersetshire during the past year amounted to £1292, of which £945 figured in the Returns at the Girls' School Centenary Festival on the 7th June, the list of Bro. J. L. STOTHERT, who represented the Province on the occasion, amounting to £882, and being the highest individual Steward's list then sent in. We know, from our experience of previous years, that such overwhelming evidence as this of the spirit by which the province is animated was not needed in order to convince the Craft generally of its loyalty and devotion to Craft interests, but it is none the less gratifying to know that it has been forthcoming. Lord CARNARVON, too, must have been delighted with all that he saw and heard, and, above all, at the cordiality of his reception, which, after his prolonged absence from England, must have been indeed most welcome; while the news he brought with him of the prosperous condition of English Freemasonry at the Cape and in the Australian Colonies will encourage the Masons of Somersetshire to pursue the course they have so long marked out for themselves with even greater energy than before. We trust his lordship and the brethren he presides over may always be able to present as bright and promising a record of a year's doings as was presented at Chard during the latter half of last month.

Canadian
Aggression.

It is to be regretted that the Grand Chapter of Canada, in imitation of the course pursued by the Great Priory of Canada, should have adopted an aggressive policy towards the ruling powers of English Masonry, and that just as the Great Priory has chartered sundry Templar encampments in Melbourne, the capital of the British Colony of Victoria, so the Grand Chapter should have issued warrants for the constitution of two Canadian Royal Arch Chapters in the same city. It would appear from the report of the proceedings of the recent annual convocation of the said Grand Chapter, that though our Grand Chapter has remonstrated and pointed out that "The Grand Lodge of England"—of which, according to our Masonic system, it forms a part—"has always held that the jurisdiction of Colonial and Dominion Grand Lodges cannot be recognised as extending beyond their own territorial limits," the only notice taken of the remonstrance is a reply to the effect that "Your Grand Council claim and maintain that the G.C. of Canada"—being the peer of the Grand Chapter of England—"has the right to open and establish Chapters in any country or colony where a Supreme Governing body does

not already exist." The result is that warrants for the Australian Kil-winning and City of Melbourne Royal Arch Chapters, Nos. 96 and 97 on the roll of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which it seems have been already working for some time past "under dispensation," have been, or are in course of being issued, and unless prompt steps are taken to arrest the course of this aggression, we may look to see other chapter warrants emanating from Canada and wherever else in British territory an independent Grand Chapter has been established. It is difficult to imagine a more wanton, uncalled for, and graceless attack than this on the supremacy of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England—for in this matter, as we have already pointed out, the two authorities are one. No pretence is made that the interests of Canadian Masonry will suffer if such a step is not adopted, or that they can be in any way advantaged by its adoption. There are probably not a dozen resident Masons in Melbourne, or even in the whole Colony of Victoria, who were initiated in a Canadian lodge, while those of English origin are numbered by thousands, and there are plenty of Royal Arch chapters for our people to graduate in without having recourse to the good offices of Canada. If this new departure is continued, there must be an end to all harmony among the various Grand Lodges in the British Empire. It will be impossible for them to live on amicable terms with one another if every Grand Lodge to which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland have conceded, or may hereafter concede, independence is to be free to attack or ignore the rights and privileges of the latter. Those rights and privileges are not of yesterday, but date from a period when Canada was not even a British dependency, and, though nothing like an elaborate system of international Masonic law has ever been compiled and received the assent of the different Masonic powers, there must be some virtue in the unwritten law of Masonic jurisdiction which has existed and been respected for all these generations. We trust the Grand Chapter of Canada will have the grace to follow the example of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba referred to last week, and withdraw her warrants, the issue of which is not only, as we believe, an offence against Masonic law, but likewise against Masonic decency.

BY-LAWS OF AN OLD LODGE.

Some 30 years ago, the "Articles and Regulations of the Friendly Society in connection with the Operative St. John's Lodge of Airdrie" were agreed to, based on the rules in force from January, 1803. The lodge itself was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on August 6th, 1799, as No. 270, becoming 203 in 1848, when the present enumeration was settled.

Evidently this lodge was operative in origin, and was started as an actual organisation on October 8th, 1788, according to the "preamble," the object being to support "persons who have been, or are now, Masons in low and needy circumstances." Such lodges were common to Scotland last century, and some, as this society, have continued to this day, not a few being rich in funds. The list of office-bearers for 1857 contains titles unusual in English lodges and some peculiarly arranged. The R.W.M. comes first, of course, followed by the P.M. Then follow the Senior and Junior *Standard Bearers* and the Treasurer. The next officers are the Senior and Junior Wardens and the *Mark Master*. The others are the Secretary, Senior and Junior Stewards, the *Clerk* and the Tyler.

The "Articles," or By-laws, are singular in character, and several are quite enigmas to us. Had they been agreed to by a lodge independent of any Grand Lodge, the peculiarities might easily be explained, but as No. 203 was, and is still, on the Scottish roll, the matter is certainly a mystery.

No. 1 provides that "all persons entering with this lodge must at the time of his or their admission, be above the age of fifteen, and under 40 years, To secure the designation of the lodge as *operative* it is proposed to admit speculatives only in the proportion of two to three operatives."

We should like to know what the minimum age of *fifteen* means, for that of *eighteen* is the law of the Scottish Grand Lodge.

No. 2 concerns the fees for admission, which were *eleven and sixpence* for apprentices from 15 to 25 years of age, Fellow Crafts *seventeen shillings*, and Master Masons *one pound two shillings and sixpence*, making a total of £2 11s. Extra payments were required for older candidates, the highest being a total of £5 5s. for those above 34, but not above 40.

We presume these sums must refer to the "Friendly Society," and additional to those required to be paid on initiation, for, according to the Constitutions of 1848, then in force, the minimum inclusive fee for the Apprentice Degree was twenty-six shillings and sixpence, no part of which could be remitted or deferred.

As, however, Article III. relates to the "Management of the Lodge," it would seem as if the Fees also concerned that Body. All the officers were subject to ballot, save the "Clerk and Officer" (Tyler), who may be continued from year to year, if considered desirable.

Article 5 concerns the "Office Bearers" of the Lodge, and defines their duties, e.g. "The *Mark Master* shall attend to give marks to the Brethren, and see them enrolled in the Book" . . . "The *Standard-Bearers* to carry the Standards, and attend at all meetings of the Lodge," &c. "The Stewards shall each have a Key for the Box, and it shall be their duty to assist at all meetings of the Lodge."

Article 6 provided for fines on refusing office, and for non-attendance. Other articles relate to the "Aliment," or payments in case of sickness; one of which, concerning "disputes," is worth quoting. In the event of any dispute between a Brother and another Member, or an outsider, "two neutral men" were to have the matter referred to them, and if unable to agree, they were required to elect "a third party," who, with the two chosen by the Lodge, were "empowered to settle the point at issue." Each of the "disputing parties" were required to deposit the sum of *half a guinea*, in evidence of their due submission to the final award, which was to be binding in character.

Lodge 203 is in the Lanarkshire Province (Middle Ward), and we hope this notice will catch the eye of some member of that province, or perhaps Bro. Edward Macbean, of Glasgow, would kindly look the matter up and report in these columns.

CHARLOT'S LODGES IN PARIS.

In "5809 [1809] Charlot issued "L'Indicateur de la Tenue des Loges et L'Orient de Paris." It was evidently intended to be an annual publication, this copy being possibly the first of the series. Kloss only notes the work for 1809, and I have failed to find it in any catalogue of our large collections or libraries and bibliographies, either at home or abroad, so it is likely not to have been continued, and must be rare. It only runs to some 90 pp., rather smaller than the size of the Calendar formerly published by the Grand Lodge of England, 1777-1813.

After the Introduction and Calendrier, a table is printed of the places of meeting of the lodges held in Paris, followed by lodges held at the several localities named, and also the lodges arranged according to the days of meeting, concluding with a carefully prepared Index. No attempt is made to give the dates and origin of the lodges thus enumerated.

As the names of these lodges in 1809 are useful guides to trace the particulars on Masonic medals of the period, and to identify them, I append the table printed under the several places of meeting, and hope the information may prove of service to Bro. G. L. Shackles and others who make that department their special study.

W. J. H.

Table Des Loges, Rue Neuve-des-Petits-Champs.		
Le Phénix.	Royal Arch.	Sainte Joséphine.
Sainte-Coroline.	Saint Joseph.	L'Age D'Or.
Anacréon.	Les Frères-Unis.	Le Grand-Sphinx.
Rue du Vieux-Colombier.		
La Caroline, ci devant la Colombe.		
L'Imperiale Des-Francis-Chevaliers.		
La Paix-Immortelle.	L'Amitié.	
Saint Eugène.	La Parfaite-Réunion.	
La Vraie-Réunion.	L' Union.	Isis.
Le Chapitre-Metropolitan.		
Rue J. J. Rousseau, hôtel de Bullion.		
Saint-Alexandre-D'Ecosse et le Contrat-Social *	L'Olympique-de-la-Parfaite Estime.	
La Constance-Eprouvée.	Les Liens de la Parfaite Amitie.	
Les Neufs-Soeurs.	La Parfaite-Union.	
Rue Saint-Honoré, No. 219, bis.		
Les Chevaliers de la Croix.	Les Nomophiles.	
L'Aigle Française.	Les Commandeurs du Mont Thabor.	
L'Epi D'Or, La Trinité.	La Triple-Harmonie.	
Les Amis de la Justice.	L'Abeille Impériale.	
Le Point-Parfait.	La Rose-Etoilée.	
Saint Napoleon.	Les Admirateurs de l'Univers.	
Rue des Guillemettes, au Marais.		
Les Bons Anus.	La Reunion des Etrangers.	
Saint Augusta de la Parfaite Intelligence.		
Les Artistes Reunis.	Les Amis Indivisibles.	
La Constance Couronnée.	Les Disciples de Pythagore.	
Les Coeurs Unis.	Les Amis de la Vertu.	
Au Grand Châtelet.		
L'Accord Parfait.	La Fidélité Parfaite.	Jérusalem Ecossoise.
Saint Antoine du Parfait Contentment.		
Les Amis de la Sagesse.	Les Arts Et L'Amitié.	
Les Amis de la Paix.	Le Chapitre D'Arras.	
L'Union Parfaite de la Persévérance.		
Le Chapitre D'Arras.	St. Claude De La Paix Sincère.	
L'Aigle Imperiale et les Elevés De Minerve, réunis.		
Mars et les Arts.	La Clémentine Amitié.	Themis.
Saint Jean de Jérusalem.	Le Temple Des Muses.	
Saint Jean de la Grenade.	Les Tributaires D'Hiram.	
Rue Neuve-Saint-Médéric.		
Les Sincères-Amis.	St. Jean De La Palestine.	
Saint Michel.	St. Louis de la Martinique.	
Saint Victor Des Amis De La Victoire.		
St. Pierre Des Amis Réunis.	Mercure et Themis.	
Les Amis Incorruptibles.	Les Amis de Vesta.	
St. Thérèse des Amis de la Constance.	La Triple Unité.	
Rue des Gros Saint-Jacques.		
Les Elèves de la Nature.	La Bonne Union.	
Rue du Jour, pointe St. Eustache.		
Le Centre des Amis.	Le Vrai-Zèle (Chapitre)	
Rue Neuve-Saint Eustache.		
L'Athénée Des Etrangers, rit ecossais.		
Place du Palais de Justice.		
Les Loges de ce local, ne sont pas encore connues."		

OLD WARRANTS, XXIII. TO XXVII.

Bro. Cooper, of Dundalk, has secured from willing brethren transcripts of the following, but as the original charters are either illegible as to names of Grand Officers, or of very late date, I do not think it needful to furnish more than these few particulars.

No. 13, LIMERICK, A.D. 1840 (1732).

This warrant, dated 18th December, 1840, but credited to the year 1732 in the official calendar, was evidently issued to Bros. Michael Furnell, Thomas Wallnutt, and John Boyse, jun., as W.M. and Wardens, of what was substantially a new lodge, with the old number revived.

No. 184, DRUM, A.D. 1789.

The lodge at Drum was doubtless originally chartered in 1748, as the calendar of the Grand Lodge of Ireland states. The present warrant, however, is dated 5th March, 1789, the names of the Grand Officers being obliterated. The Grand Master, according to the few letters left of the name, was doubtless *Lord Glerawley*, who was succeeded in that year by Lord Donoughmore (2nd Baron and subsequently 1st Earl).

No. 295, 4th DRAGOON GUARDS, A.D. 1758.

The warrant for this lodge was originally granted for the First Regiment of Horse, "commanded by Liet.-General Brown," and dated 24th June,

Réunis, mere-loge Ecossaise.

1758, signed by John Calder, as D. Grand Secretary. A note thereon states "This warrant sent in in 1835, was re-issued January, 1878, to Bros. . . . 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards," signed by Samuel B. Oldham, D.G. Secretary, 11th January, 1878.

No. 335, BROOMHEDGE, A.D. 1880.

By authority of his grace the Duke of Abercorn, G.M., the number 335 was assigned to a lodge at Broomhedge, Lisburn, on 24th March, 1880. The Grand Lodge calendar has the year 1759 to this lodge, but plainly in error, as to all appearances, the present charter was for a new lodge, which was to take the number 335, once held by its predecessor of 1759. At all events, that is the fair explanation of the text of the existing warrant, kindly obtained for me by Bro. McConnell, of Belfast. The obliging Dep. G. Secretary of Ireland (Bro. Archibald St. George), has searched, but failed to find the original charter of 1759, which, he states, was cancelled in 1788, and "though subsequently (in 1795) marked *restored*, yet it is quite possible that a duplicate might have been sent instead of the original."

No. 413, BANDON, A.D. 1764.

Warrant granted to Bros. John Coleman, William Harris, and John Barker, to meet in the town of Bandon, dated 2nd February, 1764, and signed by John Calder, the Dep. G. Secretary, but names of Grand Officers could not be deciphered by Bro. Armstrong, which I much regret.

W. J. HUGHAN.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The September Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, in the Temple, Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, P. Dist. G.M. of the Punjab, and Dist. G.M. of Malta, presiding.

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, acted as Deputy G.M.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk, as Past G.M.; Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as S.G.W.; and Bro. Col. Sackville West, P.J.G.W., as J.G.W. There were also present several other Grand and Past Grand Officers.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th June, which were then put and confirmed.

The next business on the paper was to read a letter addressed to her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick of Germany, Princess Royal 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.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then said—Their illustrious brother his late Imperial Majesty the Emperor Frederick III. of Germany having unfortunately departed this life since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, the M.W. G.M. thought it his duty, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England, to address a letter to her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of England, expressing the sympathy and condolence of Grand Lodge with her in her affliction, and he had now the honour to read this letter. It was as follows:

To her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland.

Madam,

Four months have scarcely elapsed since in my capacity of Grand Master of Freemasons of England, I addressed a letter to your Imperial Majesty's late Consort, the Emperor Frederick the Third, to offer to his Imperial Majesty the condolences of our Grand Lodge on the death of his august and venerable Father, the late Emperor William, together with our congratulations and good wishes on the accession of his Imperial Majesty to the Throne.

Since then your Imperial Majesty has, alas! suffered an irremediable sorrow in the untimely death of one on whom the expectations alike of his own people and of the nations of Europe were fondly set.

Not less truly have the English people, who have ever affectionately followed your Imperial Majesty's career from early childhood, entered into your Imperial Majesty's last and greatest sorrow. His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Frederick had for many years occupied a prominent position in the Freemasonry of the German Empire under his august father; and the Grand Lodge of England had ever looked up to his Imperial Majesty with just pride. I desire, therefore, as the head of the English Craft, to express for them their deep and heartfelt sympathy with your Imperial Majesty, and fervently to pray that the Great Architect of the Universe, who, in his inscrutable wisdom, has inflicted this grievous blow, may grant to your Imperial Majesty strength to bear the trial with which you have been visited.

I remain, Madam, your Imperial Majesty's affectionate and devoted brother,
(Signed) ALBERT EDWARD,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

London, 1st August, 1888.

To this letter the following gracious reply had been received:—

Sir,—I beg your Royal Highness to do me the favour of conveying to the Freemasons of England my heartfelt and grateful thanks for their sympathy, expressed through you, for my great and irreparable loss. The Freemasons of England have had many opportunities of learning how great an interest his Majesty the late Emperor Frederick took in matters relating to the Craft of which he was a member, and knowing how his Majesty was bound by ties of fellow feeling and common interest to all those who in all countries labour for the welfare of their fellow-men, they will grieve that a life so full of noble aims has been cut short by untimely death.

It has always been a joy and pride to me to know that my beloved husband the late Emperor Frederick was appreciated in my own country, and it has been a sad pleasure to me to perceive, from numberless addresses which I have received, that my countrymen mourn with me in my deep and unutterable sorrow.

Your Royal Highness's affectionate Sister,

VICTORIA,

Empress Frederick of Germany and Queen of Prussia.

Friedrichskron, 11th August, 1888.

The reading of both these letters was received with applause.

The acting GRAND MASTER said these interesting letters having been read, he had the honour to propose that they be entered on the minutes of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. SANDEMAN said the motion scarcely required seconding, but for the

sake of form he seconded it, under the conviction that it would be unanimously carried nem. con.

The next business was 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.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said it would be in the recollection of all the brethren present that at the last meeting of Grand Lodge the brethren elected his Majesty the King of Sweden, who was Grand Master of his own country, to the position of Past Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M. of England, said it was only following out the wishes and desires of Grand Lodge, that his Majesty King Oscar should, as speedily as possible, be presented with the insignia of the rank to which the brethren of England had elected him. His Royal Highness therefore directed to be prepared a set of clothing and insignia of a Past Grand Master of England, which was done, and the clothing and insignia were duly forwarded to his Majesty King Oscar as soon as practicable. He was sure it would be pleasant for the brethren to hear the letter which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master wrote in forwarding this clothing to his Majesty, and, with the permission of the Grand Master in the chair, he would now read it. It was as follows:

Marlborough House, 23rd July, 1888.

To his Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c.

Sir and Most Worshipful Brother,

On the 6th June last, the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England unanimously resolved to invite your Majesty to accept the rank and position of a Past Grand Master of their body, which you were graciously pleased to accept, and your Majesty was good enough to be present on the next day at one of our Masonic Charitable Meetings in the Royal Albert Hall wearing the insignia of that office.

The Grand Lodge of England are very desirous of marking in some manner their warm appreciation of the great honour your Majesty has thus conferred upon them; they have therefore requested me, as their Grand Master, to solicit your Majesty's acceptance of the complete set of the clothing and badge of a Past Grand Master of their jurisdiction which accompanies this letter, in recollection of the day which your Majesty made an auspicious one for the Freemasons of England by your gracious presence at the Centenary Festival of the daughters of their distressed brethren.

With the expression or my own personal thanks for the interest your Majesty has thus taken in the Grand Lodge over which I preside,

I have the honour to remain, your Majesty's faithful brother,

[SEAL]

ALBERT EDWARD,
Grand Master Grand Lodge of England.

He might point out that his Majesty King Oscar since the forwarding of that clothing had been absent from his own kingdom, and, therefore, it had been impracticable for his Majesty to acknowledge the clothing, which he was sure he would do at the earliest occasion.

The acting GRAND MASTER said he knew the brethren would agree to the proposition he was about to make—"That this letter also be entered on the minutes of the day's proceedings." He begged to propose it.

Bro. SANDEMAN seconded.

The motion was carried.

The following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were, on the motion of Bro. JAMES BRETT, Senior Vice-President, seconded by Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, Junior Vice-President, confirmed:—

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

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was unanimously adopted:—

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.

Grand Lodge was afterwards formally closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE RIDLEY LODGE, No. 2260.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., presided, and was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. H. Holmes, Past Grand Deacon, and a large number of Prov. Grand officers and members of the various lodges in the province. The Prov. Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, the W.M., officers, and brethren of which were charged with, and well fulfilled the duty of, making suitable arrangements for the reception of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Every lodge in the county had a good

muster under their respective banners, and the brotherhood in the adjoining county of Durham was well represented.

The chair of S.W. was filled by Bro. Ralph Cook, and the greater part of the officers were present. Among the visitors from the Province of Durham were Bros. John Wood, P.P.J.G.W.; Thomas Coulson, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Athey, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. C. Jepps, P.P.G.D. Surrey; J. Barker, P.P.G.O. Durham; and others.

An interesting feature in the proceedings of the meeting was the consecration of a new lodge named, by permission of the Prov. Grand Master, the Ridley Lodge, No. 2260. The consecration ceremony took place in a most impressive manner, the principal officers who took part in the ceremony being the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart.; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Richard Henry Holmes, P.G.D.; the acting Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. T. B. Nichols, M.A., P.P. S.G.W., who gave the address and the prayers in a most effective manner; the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. B. J. Thompson; the Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. J. M. Winter; the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Adam Robertson; and the Prov. Grand Wardens and other officers. Bro. George Eugene Macarthy, P.M., P.P.G.R., was installed as the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge, and he afterwards appointed the officers for the Ridley Lodge, which will meet at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle, on the first Tuesday of each month. It is some twelve years since such a Masonic function has taken place in the county, and it was consequently new to many of the assembled brethren. The choral service was much enhanced by the assistance lent by Bro. J. Nutton, of Durham Cathedral. The consecration ceremony opened with prayer by the acting Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.P.S.G.W., followed by an anthem, "The Glorious Majesty," and there were several chants interspersed throughout the service.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the petition and warrant of the new lodge, bearing the signature of the M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales.

An "Ode to Masonry" was sung in fine voice by Bro. NUTTON, the first stanza of each verse being repeated by the whole brotherhood:

Hail! Masonry divine,
Glory of ages shine;
Long mayst thou reign;
Where'er thy lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land,
Thou art divine.

The unveiling of the Lodge Board, with all the symbols of the Craft, was done in solemn silence by the Prov. Grand Stewards, and after prayer the Prov. Grand Deacons presented the vessels of the consecration to the respective officers, and corn, wine, and oil were poured forth, and salt scattered, while the respective Prov. Grand Officers declared the mystic symbolism of the rites.

Much ceremonial was otherwise manifested, and after the anthem "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. ADAM ROBERTSON, proclaimed the Ridley Lodge duly constituted.

The Worshipful Master of the new lodge having taken an obligation as regards the government of the new lodge, duly installed his officers, and thereafter, with their assistance, proved his ability to officiate by closing the lodge, the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN pronouncing the final benediction. Past Masters Bros. John Page, P.P.J.G.W.; John Walker Gibson, P.P. S.G.D.; and four others assisted in the installation of Bro. E. G. Macarthy, as the W.M., and Bro. Macarthy afterwards invested the following as the officers of the new lodge: Bros. C. A. Bushell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; J. H. Bentham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., S.W.; W. G. Reynolds, P.M., J.W.; J. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; B. J. Thompson, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Treas.; James D. Dixon, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; A. F. Ball, Sec.; J. B. Lazenby, S.D.; T. O. Robson, J.D.; T. Roberts, I.G.; and W. J. H. Ryder, J.W. 1427, Org.

Bro. Sir MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, in addressing the brethren generally, remarked that happy was the country that had no history, and he was happy to say that they had had an uneventful history during the year, at all events of an unfavourable description. He would be happy to report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) that the utmost harmony and goodwill prevailed throughout the boundaries of their province. He was glad to know that the financial affairs of all the lodges were in a satisfactory condition—even the lodge which was "now considering"—(laughter)—an additional gift to the cause of Charity. He reminded the brethren that since Bro. Thompson, P.G. Sec., undertook the Stewardship of the Charities the result had been most satisfactory. His predecessor had five years ago mentioned that Bro. Thompson had been able to take up from the province £1222 for the Aged and Benevolent Institution. The sum had been exceeded this year by the contributions amounting to over £1250, which had been on Bro. Thompson's list. (Applause.) He was glad they had been able to do so much for the Charity, and that the medium had been Bro. Thompson, who deserved so well of this province and their Masonic life. (Applause.) Let him say how pleased he had been with the compliment paid him by those who had petitioned for the new lodge in the province. They were all workers in the cause of Masonry, and let them not forget it was not the mere increase of numbers they should look to, for it was the intention of Masonry to have working members in the highest interests of the Craft that they desired. There had been no decline in the numbers or in the standard of Masonry since he took the chair, and he hoped both would be maintained in the province. (Applause.) He also expressed how pleased he had been with the compliment that had been paid to him by the brethren who had formed the new lodge in the province. When he heard that they proposed to pay him the compliment they had done, to call the lodge by his name, he felt highly honoured, and it was impossible for him to refuse to advance the prayer of their petition, and he had had great pleasure in duly constituting the lodge in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order, and the charter of the Grand Lodge of England. He expressed his best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Ridley Lodge, of which, in the course of the proceedings, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley was proposed as a member.

The Prov. Grand Master afterwards appointed the following as the officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. R. H. Holmes, P.G.D. ...	...	Prov. Dep. G.M.
" J. D. Dixon, P.M. 1427 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. F. Beckingham, P.M. 1863 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Herbert Bott, 1863 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thos. Anderson (re-elected) ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Strachan, P.M. 1664 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" B. J. Thompson (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. M. Lyon, P.M. 406 ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Teesdale Wilson, P.M. 1626 ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. H. Dickenson, P.M. 636 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Adam Robertson, P.M. 1167 (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Hy. Spittle, P.M. 1342 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. D. Garland, P.M. 24 ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. W. Lambton, P.M. 431 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Jas. Carmichael, P.M. 659 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Liddle, 481 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Reid, P.M. 431 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Barbour, P.M. 1676 ...	...
" George Parsons, 1664 ...	...
" George Senior, 1676 ...	...
" George Elphick, 1712 ...	...
" John Usworth, 893 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Ridley, 406 ...	...
" Thomas Waters, 636 ...	...
" Joshua Curry (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Northumberland Lodge for the use of their lodge furniture, and an address on vellum was ordered to be prepared for presentation to Bro. Henry Hotham, who retired after acting as one of the Auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge for 24 years. Hexham was named as the place of next annual meeting. The ceremony of consecration was one of the most beautiful and solemn that has been witnessed in the north for some years, and the Ridley Lodge was altogether constituted under the most favourable auspices.

The musical portion of the ceremony was performed by Bros. John Nutton and G. Leatham, of Durham Cathedral choir, and Bros. R. Ferry and R. Liddle, P.G. Orgs.

FREEMASONS AMONG THE CATHOLICS.

A correspondent, under the title "A Catholic," communicated some interesting thoughts concerning the Papal edicts issued ever since 1738 against the Society of Freemasons. In the conclusion of his letter he urges the propriety of all the Masonic Catholics in this country uniting in an appeal to the Pope in repudiation of the charges so unjustly persisted in. He says: "Will any man tell me that if he were besieged by a petition with one hundred thousand signatures or more, containing a solemn assurance that Ancient Craft Masonry has no undue concern either with religion or politics, and that our morality is that which is inculcated by Christianity and by all religions, the authorities at Rome would not heed it? I am sure they would, coming from intelligent and educated citizens of these United States, who are capable of doing their own thinking, and who can see and judge for themselves of what material our Order is composed."

In regard to the great number of Catholic Freemasons he says: "I became a Mason many years ago, and have travelled much since. In Portugal and Spain I met with hundreds of ecclesiastics who were Freemasons, and who understood the Papal decrees to be 'merely local.' Hundreds of Catholics from conscientious scruples are deterred from joining the Fraternity, and vast numbers among the many thousand Catholics who have belonged to it, or do now belong to it and to other secret societies, feel greatly annoyed and often disturbed in their peace of mind at the species of uncertainty created by these sweeping and silly condemnations and unjust prohibitions of what we all know to be innocent and moral, and almost coeval with the birth of mankind, second only to the Divine command of God."

Masonry is not proselytising, we ask no man or body of men to come within our fold, but here is a large class of our fellow citizens, intelligent, educated, bright men, charitable in deed, and liberal in their views with whom we come in daily contact, we mingle with them in our business life, we engage with them in similar benevolent affairs, we meet in our daily walks, and we learn to esteem them, and they learn to respect us; yet there comes a voice from Rome, a strong influence from a foreign country denouncing our Benevolent Association and prohibiting Catholics from joining with their fellow citizens in deeds of charity and benevolence.

The correspondent above referred to says further—"For over 30 years I have been a member of my lodge, and I have yet to learn of the first case where Masonry makes any distinction in creed or marks any one for exclusion if he is of good moral character, and able to comply with the requirements of the Order."

"I have frequently met with Catholic brethren, honest, zealous, and sincere admirers of our Institution, who are active in the Order, yet labour under a constant dread, and in fear of that mythical bolt, that only emanates from Rome, and many more are anxious to become Masons, who, from regard of family ties and similar circumstances, now refrain."

Our correspondent says further: "It is not possible to believe that the Church of Rome, composed of educated, learned, and brainy men, does not know that Masonry teaches the highest morality and is not opposed to any religion or creed, and further that it demands of its votaries an open and firm belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. What then is the cause of all this enmity? Is it because they do not want to recede from the stand taken centuries ago, or does the Church still adhere to the view that the entrance to heaven is only through the portals of their Church, and all others must for ever be damned, and hence do not look with favour upon that universal tolerance inculcated by the Fraternity?" Be that as it may, it is certain that thousands upon thousands of Catholics are anxious to become Masons, whose intelligence, reason, education, and all logical deductions prompt them to it, but yet they are deterred by that undefined fear of a (to them) unknown authority; to those a plan such as suggested by the correspondent above referred to would be a desideratum, and would bring peace to their troubled mind; but it is not for the Masonic Fraternity to take the initiative: it is their business, not ours.—*New York Dispatch.*

HONOUR TO BRO. T. W. TEW, P.G.M.
WEST YORKSHIRE.

The members of the Prince Frederick Lodge, No. 307, assembled at the White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge, near Halifax, on Monday, the 20th ult., to welcome Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, his Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, of Wakefield, and other Provincial Officers who had responded to the invitation of the lodge to pay a special visit to Hebden Bridge. Among the Prov. G. Officers present were Bros. Thomas Whittaker, Austin Roberts, Walker (Halifax), Kendal (Sowerby Bridge), and Wm. Cockroft (Hebden Bridge.) An address of welcome was presented by the W. Master to the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy on the occasion of their first visit to the lodge, which was replied to in a very impressive and characteristic manner by the Prov. Grand Master, who touched upon points of great interest to the Fraternity, and expressed the pleasure he and his Deputy felt at the hearty reception given them. He also complimented them on the antiquity of the lodge, its efficiency, and the beauty of its appointments. Bro. Winterbottom, the host, supplied the company with a first class banquet.

The visitors from other lodges included Bros. Rickard, Buckland (Halifax), and Bro. Gaukrøger (Sowerby Bridge), who gave songs and selections of music during the evening, and Bro. I. Walker, P.M., No. 1231.

The toasts, which were heartily honoured, included those of "The Queen," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Tew, the R.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. Smith, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The W.M. of No. 307, Bro. T. Utley."

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO BRO. THE
REV. J. A. ALLOWAY.

At a meeting of the members of the Craigellachie Lodge, No. 241, held in the Public Hall, Grantown, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., Bro. the Rev. J. A. Alloway, Ventnor, Isle of Wight (who has been residing in the town for some time back), was presented with an album containing a choice collection of local views, by the members of the lodge, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the Freemasons of Grantown.

The R.W. MASTER (Bro. John Stewart) made the presentation on behalf of the brethren, and Bro. the Rev. J. A. ALLOWAY feelingly replied.

The album bears the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. J. A. Alloway, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, by the members of the Masonic Lodge Craigellachie, No. 241, as a memorial of his visit to Strathspey, and in token of the respect in which he is held by the Freemasons of Grantown. August 22, 1888."

OPENING OF NEW LODGE QUARTERS
IN HULL.

On Wednesday next, the 12th inst., the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, will assemble for the first time in their new premises, above the lecture hall, Kingston-square. This particular portion of the Old Protestant Hall has been leased for a term of years, conjointly by the Kingston and the De la Pole (1605) Lodges, and will in future be the house of the brethren of both bodies. Extensive alterations have been made to adapt the new rooms to Masonic needs, and the change will be very welcome, particularly to the De la Pole members, whose hall in Charlotte-street was ill adapted for the dispensing of hospitality, the rooms in the first place being too small for a large meeting, and, what is more important still, the ventilation not being sufficient for an assembly of any size. The new premises will not be consecrated till the latter part of September, when it is expected that Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master N. and E. Yorkshire, will be present to perform the ceremony.

Pending the arrival of the day fixed for the consecration, his lordship has granted a dispensation to the two lodges, and the difficulty therefore as to their meeting in the new premises till then has been obviated. The whole of the alterations has been carried out under the superintendence of Bro. B. S. Jacobs, architect. Bro. Jacobs is a Past Master of the Kingston Lodge, and his undertaking the task has been a guarantee that the new quarters will be in every respect adapted to the requirements of the Craft.

The new premises are situate on the first floor of the building, which used to be called Protestant Hall, now styled the Public Rooms Lecture Hall. They have a separate entrance and staircase, and are entirely cut off from the other approaches to the building, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the sound rising from the lecture hall on the ground floor. The lodge room is in the form of a double cube, 46 feet long and 23 feet wide, with a raised platform at the east end and down the two sides. Adjoining the lodge is a large ante-room 24 feet by 18 feet, and a candidates' room. The banqueting room is 36 feet by 25 feet, and is arranged to seat 100 brethren. Attached to the banqueting room are two Stewards' stores, two store closets, and a hoist leading from the kitchens. The remainder of the floor is taken up by the lavatories, &c., and the kitchen staircase. Above the banqueting room is a large kitchen, with two pantries and store rooms. Both lodge and banqueting room are heated by high pressure hot water pipes, and fitted up with fresh air shafts and foul-air extractors.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The *Goldfield Times* writes of the celebration of St. John's Day (24th June) by the English and Dutch brethren in South Africa as having passed off with unusual success and in a manner "which shews that on the Gold Fields, as elsewhere, brotherly love exists to the fullest extent among the widespread membership of that ancient and honourable body of whatever nationality." It then continues: "Regardless of the dissension and race hatred fomented by the conduct of the Government towards aliens living in this State, Dutch and English, Americans, Germans 'et hoc genus omne' united in celebrating the great day of the Order in brotherly

love and unity in a manner which is in strong contrast with the feeling shown by the rulers of this land, who, one would have thought, should have been the first to set such a beneficent example. While our Government are sowing broadcast the seeds of race hatred and tolerance, events are too strong for them, and the community of interests and of feeling engendered by close companionship is fast welding together the various nationalities which together form the vast communities whose energy is fast converting the sleepy Transvaal into one vast workshop. Mr. Taljaard, for instance, would have been disgusted to see his compatriots, speakers of his darling 'taal,' joining with the detested uitlanders not only in worship of the Great Architect of the Universe, conducted in the 'cackling' language he so much detests, but in the working of a Dutch Lodge of Freemasons, carried on, it is whispered, in the same degraded tongue, and presided over, horrible to relate, by a v—de Engelschmann! The sight would have driven him into a fit, and would probably have convinced our worthy Vice-President, had he been there also, that the end of the world was verily at hand, and that the time had indeed come for him to sacrifice himself for the maintenance of the taal by precipitating himself down the nearest shaft, or placing his venerable head under one of the Central Company's stamps; while an act would probably have been promptly rushed through the Raad for the instant suppression of such pestilent Societies, and the immediate decapitation of those who took part in such rites as could possibly undo the great work of the Raad, and promote brotherly feeling and good fellowship where hatred and dissension should prevail. Fortunately for those gentlemen's feelings they were absent, and can only learn the dreadful news from our columns and those of our contemporaries, if, as is extremely improbable, they ever peruse them, or are even able to do so. The sad fact, however, remains, and however much we may harrow the feelings of our legislators by recording the fact, it nevertheless is the case that, recent 'resolutions' notwithstanding, Dutch and English live and work together in the utmost harmony, talk English together, and transact all their business in the same fearful language with a perfectly blasphemous disregard for Raad edicts or any other futile 'brutum fulmens.' This will no doubt be regarded in Pretoria as a very dreadful state of things, and as the Raad is still sitting, our officials will probably soon be in receipt of further instructions to prevent a spread of any such disastrous amicability. The Worshipful Master of Lodge Jubilee, No. —, will no doubt receive an intimation that the lodge being held under the Dutch Constitution, he must consider himself an 'official,' and the lodge a species of Government office, in which nothing but Dutch must be spoken; and we shall then hear the dire news that our Landdrost, on forcing his way into the lodge to enforce this order, was promptly placed upon a red-hot gridiron, or stabbed to the heart by the 'Tyler,' as a stranger and an outcast. It only requires some such extension of the present style of legislation to still further strengthen the bond of unity that is now being forged all over the Transvaal between the burghers and the uitlanders. Community of interests has already done its work in this direction, and our wise Government appear determined to bring about their own downfall by inflicting upon them a community of suffering which is certain to complete the work. Having carefully sown the wind, they will in due time, have the pleasure of reaping the whirlwind."

THE EARL OF MARCH ON FREE-
MASONRY.

On Wednesday, the 20th ult., the Earl of March opened a two days' bazaar in the Town Hall, Dufftown, promoted for the purpose of paying off a debt of over £300 on a hall recently erected by the brethren of the Dufftown St. James's Lodge.

The Earl of MARCH said that, as a native and resident of the immediate vicinity, he was glad to do anything he could to assist the town of Dufftown in any way, and, in addition, as a Mason himself, it gave him special gratification—although he belonged under the English Constitution, and not to the Scottish Grand Lodge—to do what he could to assist Masonry there or in any part of the country. He referred to the fact that the first lodge hall in Dufftown was built 16 years ago, and from that time, with certain fluctuations in the way of members, it had gone on increasing and prospering, and he had no doubt that in course of time it would not only be a benefit to the inhabitants of Dufftown, but to Masonry in the north of Scotland. He could not help knowing that the Freemasons were looked upon with a certain amount of suspicion by those who were not members of the Order. He thought it was the duty of every Freemason to try to explain away any such feeling as that, because he was divulging no Masonic secrets when he told them that there was nothing in the principles of the Order which might not be preached from every pulpit in every church in all the four corners of the globe. He thought it said something for the principles which guided their Order when they looked at the extraordinary way in which Masonry had spread its arms through every civilised nation, and through nations in Africa and Asia; and as soon as the discovery of America was made it had taken root there, and there was no country in the world where once they got a Freemason lodge established where they did not find that benefit accrued, not only to the immediate neighbourhood, but also to their parent lodges, and thereby increased the prosperity of Masonry in general. He supposed many of those whom he was addressing were not aware of the enormous amount of money which had been spent by Masons in Charity. He did not mean by individual Charity, but by degrees the funds belonging to Masons having reached such a considerable amount, they had founded large orphanages, some for boys, some for girls, hundreds of whom were educated and got that start in life which enabled them to fight the battle of life, and without which help they might have found no career open to them, and they might have degenerated into paupers. There was one other consideration which he thought was not out of place, and that was that at the present time, more especially even than of late years, when political considerations entered so much, so bitterly, and so deeply into every association almost which was formed, they as Masons were superior to any considerations of that kind. Politics were not allowed in the smallest degree to hold any sway over their deliberations or over their decisions.

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOLD FIELDS.

The officers and members of Dutch Lodge, the "Jubilee," which was established by provisional charter on 17th June, 1887, and of which Bro. Joseph Verey is the honorary Master, a position almost without precedent in South Africa, attended Divine Service at the English church, Barberton, South African Republic, on the 24th June last, being St. John the Baptist's Day, special arrangements for their accommodation having been made, and the centre aisle of the building almost entirely devoted to the Craft. This was the first lodge established on the De Kaap Gold Fields, and now musters about 50 members, including nearly all the local, and several Pretoria, officials. Financially, it is in a healthy condition, being comparatively without liabilities, and holding a large balance to the credit of its benevolent account, besides possessing one of the most complete stocks of lodge furniture and jewels, the cost of which has been fully defrayed. On this occasion the insignia were worn in church, and the scene, therefore, was a most picturesque one.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Joseph Verey (Hon. Master); A. Ochse, W.M.; T. A. R. Purchas, D.W.M.; A. Ewing, S.W.; J. H. Woods, J.W.; F. W. Forbes, Treas.; L. B. Chesterton, Sec.; L. Gace, K.S.; H. Steeds, D.C.; E. H. A. Cohen, A.D.C.; J. G. Louw, S.D.; P. J. S. Van der Byl, J.D.; Melville, I.G.; W. Steers and H. W. Neale, Stewards; and H. Smith, Tyler.

The choir had been augmented, Mr. Clifford Hallé contributing two sweetly rendered solos to the musical portion of the service. The sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. H. Adams, Hon. Chaplain, the lessons being read by Bro. Verey. Bro. A. W. Bayly, Hon. Organist, presided at the organ with his accustomed ability.

At the close of the sermon Sullivan's sacred song "Thou art passing hence" was rendered with much feeling by Mr. Clifford Hallé, and after a collection in aid of the Church funds had been made, a recessional hymn, sung by the choir, and joined in by the congregation, brought the service to a close.

MASONS' MARKS.

At the present year's meeting of the British Archaeological Association at Glasgow, on the evening of August 31st, Professor HAYTER LEWIS, F.S.A., submitted a paper on the subject of Masons' Marks. He said that Scotland possessed a larger number of such marks than could be shown down south. They were found cut on the stonework of nearly every mediæval building of importance, and on very many buildings of greater antiquity such marks were now used as much as they ever were, but they were hidden. Proceeding, he said that the first point was to ascertain whether they were hereditary, descending from father to son, with such slight alterations as might serve to distinguish them from each other. Certainly in many cases it was not so. On the other hand, there were cases in which the same marks were used at the present day by members of distinctly the same family, there being some slight differences for the sake of identification. The next point was—was there any distinct mark which would serve to distinguish the members of any particular lodge or company, and he might say shortly that he could see no sign which would thus define a separate group of workmen—such a sign, for example, as that of the crown above the hammer, so well known on Scottish tombstones. Yet there were certain cases in which one would expect to find them if, as was generally supposed, the companies were under clerical guidance. The only method left by which one could trace the work and the progress of any particular lodge or fraternity from one building to another, or from one date to another, so as to ascertain the progress of an art by the consecutive history of two or more buildings, was by taking a group of separate but well ascertained marks in one of them and tracing out the same marks, if possible, in another. All evidence seemed to point to there having been bands of skilled workmen attached to great monasteries, cathedrals, and in later times large cities, whose example and training influenced the districts around. When works of great magnitude were in hand, these bands were, no doubt, increased; and when the works ceased, they were lessened in number, the members dispersing here and there, and leaving their marks in various places, much as Masons now did at the finish of some great work. But he found no distinct trace of the general employment of large migratory bands of Masons going from place to place as a guild or brotherhood. As to whether they could find any distinct change between the marks of the 12th and 13th centuries, when the great change took place in the tooling and the style generally, he felt bound to say that he could not see any distinct or general sign of change. Generally it was found that the same forms which were used in early times were continued in the later, though they were then made more ornate. Putting together the information which they had, they found that certain definite methods of marking the general surface of the stones characterised the Masonry of the style which was called Norman; that in the 13th century there was introduced with the early pointed style an entirely different method of finishing the surface, and that the source of this method was apparent from the East; that Masons' marks did not appear to have been commonly used in Europe until late in the 12th century, and that some of the most prominent of those marks appeared to have been used continuously from very early times in Eastern countries.

SINGULAR DISCOVERY AT MARGATE.—A discovery of human remains has been made at Margate, in a rather remarkable manner. A man was engaged in digging a hole in a field adjoining Trinity Church, when his pickaxe suddenly penetrated a cavity and fell from his hand. He just managed to move before the earth gave way, and exhibited a large subterranean chamber about 12 feet in height. Upon examination it was found to contain a number of human and other remains, and there is also a long underground passage, probably connecting the chamber with the sea-shore. Within a hundred yards of the spot there are some very remarkable smugglers' caves, and there is little doubt that the present discovery is an obscure portion of this retreat. How the skulls and bones came there, however, is an unsolved mystery.

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Original Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—
BRO. PHILBRICK'S COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held on 27th July last it was resolved: "That the Grand Registrar of the Order (Bro. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C.) be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, selected in equal proportions from London and the Provinces, being at least Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper," for the purposes of an enquiry into the "discipline, expenditure, and administration" of the Institution.

I beg to inform you that the under-named brethren have been nominated, and have agreed to act with me, as a Committee of Enquiry, in pursuance of the above resolution, viz.:

London { John Derby Allcroft, Patron.
Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Vice-President.
Samuel Pope, Q.C., Vice-Patron.
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(West Yorkshire).
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Governor (Somersetshire).
Robert Wylie, Liverpool, Life Governor
(West Lancashire).

The Committee proposes to meet at the end of October or early in November, at a date to be hereafter fixed, and of which notice will be given.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
FRED. A. PHILBRICK.

September 6th.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The able exposition of Masonic law by the Grand Registrar, and the subsequent decision of Grand Lodge thereon in the case of the appeal of Bro. Hollar, of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, against the decision of the District Grand Master of Jamaica, to which you call attention in your issue of Sept. 1st, to my mind raises a very important point, which I think has not been before considered.

While concurring in the decision at which Grand Lodge arrived under the present wording of Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, I am of opinion that after the word "present," in line ten of this rule, the words "who shall vote" should be added; the clause would then read as follows: "This power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present 'who shall vote.'"

I do not know of any assembly in the world where the presence of members who did not vote nullified the power of those who did. Suppose for instance in the House of Commons, of which 40 members form a quorum, 39 voted one way, and one the other, and the remaining 630 members looked on. Is the decision of the 39 to be null and void because the 630 did not think fit to vote? Such a thing would be perfectly ridiculous. Yet this is exactly the position Rule 210, Book of Constitutions, as at present worded, places all lodges when any motion for exclusion is brought forward. The sooner it is altered in the manner now suggested the better.—I am, your obedient servant,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Swd. Br.,
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September 3rd.



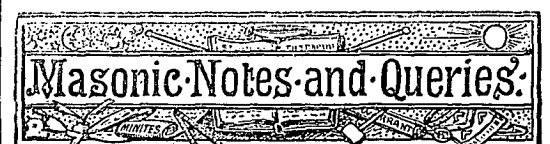
RECORDS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
PENNSYLVANIA. Philadelphia: Buck and McFet-
tridge, 306, 308, Chestnut-street. 1888.

These records contain full particulars of the proceedings of the 35th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, which was held at the Grand Opera House, Pittsburgh, on the 22nd and 23rd May last, when it is evident the sir knights had a gala time of it. The meeting was called for 3 p.m. on the earlier day, and at the appointed time the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, his Grand Officers, and the representatives of subordinate commanderies were reported as being present, and the Grand Commandery having been opened and the earlier business dispatched, the Grand Commander delivered his address, in which the events of the past year were reviewed at some length. The various reports were then submitted, that of Sir Knight M. Richards Muckle, Grand Treasurer, showing a balance on the 1st May, 1888, of 6840 dollars (£1368) to the credit of the Grand Commander, while we gather from that of Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer, Grand Recorder, there are on the roll of the Grand Commandery 61 subordinate commanderies with an aggregate membership of 7968. On the second day the Grand Officers were elected, and in the evening were formally installed in office, the following being the most prominent, namely: Sir Knights William W. Allen, G. Commander; Torrence C. Hipple, Deputy G. Commander; John J. Wadsworth, G. Generalissimo; Jos. S. Knight, G. Capt.-General; Rev. W. H. Platt, G. Prelate; James H. Coddington, S.G.W.; Charles C. Baer, J.G.W.; M. Richards Muckle, G. Treas.; and Chas. E. Meyer,

G. Recorder. Appended are sundry instructions to Division Commanders; a full report on foreign correspondence, occupying upwards of 60 pages; and a series of elaborate statistics, containing full material for those who wish to inform themselves as to the condition of the Knight Templar body in this prosperous jurisdiction. Sir Knight C. E. Meyer, by whom as Grand Recorder these ample records have been edited, deserves high commendation for the manner in which he has accomplished his task, especially as from the details given at pp. 51, 52, he appears to have been greatly pressed for time in passing the greater part of it through the press.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, 1888.
A. McPherson, 51, James-street North, Hamilton, Ont.

This volume contains a full record of the proceedings at the 31st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto, on the 20th July last, when Comps. Thomas Sargent, R. B. Hungerford, and J. J. Mason presided as Grand Z., H., and J. respectively, while the Grand Officers, Present and Past, and the private representatives of private chapters attended in considerable numbers. The address of the Grand Z. appears to have been briefer than usual, but what little he had to say was of a satisfactory nature, the part referring to the financial position of Grand Chapter especially. The Grand Treasurer's statements show that the balance at the close of the year, after defraying all expenses and purchasing a new investment, amounted to 1486 dollars, while the assets, including cash at bank, were 11,266 dollars, representing 13,935 dollars value, and the liabilities only 221 dollars. From a tabular statement appended to the Report, there appear to be 79 private chapters on the roll, including two for which charters have been issued in Melbourne, Australia, and a membership of 3498. The following are the principal Grand Officers for the current year, namely: Comps. R. B. Hungerford, Grand Z.; J. J. Mason, Grand H.; J. E. Harding, Grand J.; David McLellan, Grand Scribe E.; T. F. Blackwood, Grand Scribe N.; B. Shortly, Grand Prin. Soj.; E. Mitchell, Grand Treas.; and S. W. Ray, Grand Reg. There is a mass of statistical matter appended, and an elaborate Report on Correspondence, for which latter our worthy Comp. H. Robertson, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, would appear to be chiefly responsible, and for the compilation he deserves great credit. While, however, we welcome these Proceedings, so far that they show that R.A. Masonry in Canada is in a prosperous state, we deplore the new departure which its Grand Chapter has taken in chartering chapters in an English colony. In this case there does not exist the paltry excuse offered by the Great Priory of Canada in chartering sundry Templar encampments in the same Colony. No one will have the effrontery to deny that there are plenty of English Royal Arch Chapters in Victoria. According to the "Cosmo" for this year, they are 11 in number, under the government of a District Grand Chapter—to say nothing of the Scotch and Irish Chapters—Comp. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., being at the head of the English jurisdiction. Victoria is no part of Canadian territory, though both Canada and Victoria are among the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Thirty years ago we conceded to the Grand Lodge of Canada the right to charter lodges in Canada, and the concession would seem to apply to Arch as to Craft Masonry. But the concession did not include the right to charter lodges and chapters indiscriminately throughout British Colonies and possessions. If this aggressive policy is continued, we do not see how it will be possible for the Grand Lodge of England, of which the Grand Chapter is a part, to remain on terms of friendship with the Grand Lodge of Canada.



792] MASTERS' LODGES.

Replying to Bro. Hughan's enquiry in *Notes and Queries* of the 1st inst., I have never seen any entry similar to that he quotes. It is certainly a curious one. I am inclined to think the proceedings were very unusual. The fact that the candidates were "admitted and raised," or were "admitted to the two first Degrees of Masonry," seem to indicate on the part of the W.M. of the lodge referred to a want of perception of the true purport of a "Masters' Lodge." I shall be glad to know if any one else has seen similar entries. In reference to the "Scotts Masons' Lodge," Bro. Hughan's suggestion as to the origin of the name may be correct; at any rate, it is ingenious; but it does not seem to me to be altogether conclusive. I think, however, we must wait for further evidence before the question can be definitely decided.

JNO. LANE.

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Bro. W. J. Hughan asks in the *Freemason* of the 1st inst. whether any one has met with an instance in lodge records of the first two Degrees being given at a meeting described as a Masters' Lodge. For some time past I have been investigating the records of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth (warranted 20th May, 1786), and the term "Masters' Lodge" occurs but once in the whole series. The entry is in the following terms: "At a Lodge held in ample Form at the George Tavern on Wednesday the 2nd January 1788—Resolved that a Masters' Lodge be held on Wednesday the 6th Feby. 1788." On the 6th February, 1788, a lodge was duly held, but in the minute recording it no mention is made of its being a Masters' Lodge, and "Mr. John Stephen made an enter'd apprentice and pass'd to the second degree," is the sole record of the proceedings. But, having regard to the resolution passed on the 2nd January, and to the not very dissimilar extract given by Bro. W. J. Hughan from the minutes of the Apollo Lodge at York, there can be but little doubt that the lodge held by the Phoenix on the 6th February, 1788, was a Masters' Lodge. It would therefore appear that the interesting questions—What was a Masters' Lodge? and what business was intended to be transacted

at it? still await solution. There is, however, in the records of the Phoenix another matter which may throw some light upon this subject. The early meetings of the lodge appear to have been held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Indeed, this fact is evidenced not only by the old minute books still preserved in the archives of the lodge, but by the following entry in an old warrant book in the possession of Grand Lodge: "No. 485, the Phoenix Lodge at the George Tavern, Portsmouth, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Samuel Palmer, Master. John Rankin, Samuel Butler, Wardens. Constitution dated 20th May, 1786." At comparatively rare intervals, however, an extra meeting was held. This extra meeting is referred to in a small memorandum book in the possession of the lodge as the "Particular day." The book in question, which is the only one that designates the extra meeting by any distinctive name, gives, in a rough form, the dates of the various meetings of the lodge held from the 7th June, 1786, to the 3rd June, 1789, with the names of the members and visitors present on each occasion. In this volume five meetings are designated as having been held on the "Particular day," and in each case the day thus particularised is a third or extra meeting. The "Particular days" fell on the following dates: 1786, August 16th, November 15th, and December 27th; 1787, June 25th; 1788, October 15th. Third, or extra, meetings were, however, held on the following dates: 1787, December 27th; 1788, August 21st and December 27th; and these are not designated as being held on the "Particular day." The business appears to have been specially assigned to the day thus designated, as there are instances of candidates being initiated, and of brethren being passed and raised at a lodge held on that day. But, seeing that Bro. W. J. Hughan has now shown that the First and Second Degrees were worked at a Masters' lodge, may not "Particular day" have been another designation for the more usual term 'Masters' Lodge'?

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Perhaps Bro. Wm. Watson, who is a member of Probity Lodge, No. 61, Halifax, may be induced to search the minutes of that lodge, in which I think similar instances to those given by Bro. Hughan may be found of even earlier date. But the Apollo meeting he refers to on August 3rd was the first, and is exceptional in this sense, that all the officers were well-known Past Masters, and it could therefore be nothing else but a Masters' lodge. As it may be interesting in another way, I append an extract, giving the presiding officers' names, as follows: 3rd August, 1773, under Sr. Thos. Tancred, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Yorkshire, and in the Reign of the Rt. Hon. Edw. Lord Petre, Grand Master of All England. Present: Wm. Spencer, in the chair; John Cordley, Senr. Warden; Richd. Garland, Junr. Warden; Jos. Oldfield, P. Master; Thos. Swann, Treas.; N. Beckwith, Sec.; John Lund, junr. All these brethren distinguished themselves later as Provincial Officers for the county, the Master in the chair being described in 1767 as Deputy J.G.W. of the G. Lodge of All England! It is not the first time I have expressed a hope that the valuable records of the Apollo and Rodney Lodges would be collated, especially those of the former. I possess many notes from them, and know something of their value; in fact nothing but a feeling that the History of the Apollo would be written long before 1888, and courtesy to brethren of the Humber Lodge, prevented my giving more particulars in "Yorkshire Lodges." As a Yorkshire Mason, I protest against the word "erased" being applied to the distinguished Apollo Lodge. Its warrant, together with the paraphernalia, passed to the Phoenix Lodge in 1817 by purchase. I give the following letter (which throws a strong light on the matter), because of an important historical fact it contains respecting the prevalence of the very bad practice of obtaining dormant warrants for new lodges at that period:—"York, April 8th, 1817. Sir and Brother.—I beg to enclose you a petition signed by myself and several Masonic friends for permission to form a new lodge in Hull, to be named the Phoenix. Since it was drawn up we have been informed that the Grand Lodge refuse to grant any more new warrants, but rather wish to transfer any which may happen to be dormant. I am come over to this place to view the warrant, furniture, jewels, &c., late belonging to the Apollo Lodge, No. 368, and it is probable we shall agree for them, could we be assured of your approbation for the removal to Hull and for the name to be changed to the Phoenix, &c.—Henry Levett.—To R. P. Milnes, Esq., P.G.M. for the County of York." Henry Levett was a Hull merchant, and the petition was drawn up bearing his name as W. Master and those of Henry Hall and Richd. Geo. Ferry as Senior and Junior Wardens, also the Dog and Duck Inn, Scale Lane, Hull, as the proposed meeting place. Within six days after the above letter was written the purchase and transfer had been made. The Apollo warrant, under which the Phoenix Lodge worked, first as 368 and afterwards as 256, was delivered to the Grand Secretary by the above-named Henry Levett, of Hull, on the 11th November, 1835, and copy of a letter announcing same, dated 12th December, 1835, may be seen in the minute-book. It is of course referred to as the warrant of Phoenix Lodge, No. 256, which had then expired. The fact of transfer, not only to another body but to another town, with sanction of Grand Lodge, of course prove that the Apollo was not "erased," and certainly its members never intended that it should be. I am afraid that the year 1836 in connection with the term is also misleading to young students, as having a tendency to shut out the existence of the Phoenix, by tacking on its life to the age of the Apollo, probably without such intention on Bro. Lane's part.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

We gather from the *Kreuz Zeitung* that an appeal has been made to "the officers of the German army," and to "all gentlemen of Christian and national principles," to resign their membership of Freemasonry. There are two parties growing up in Germany, those who honour and those who hate Freemasonry. The former will eventually conquer; but, meanwhile, bitterness will ensue, and, contrary to the designs of Freemasonry, political feud will be created. The Emperor is opposed to Freemasonry, while his father was one of its strongest partisans.



Craft Masonry.

REGENT'S PARK LODGE (No. 2202).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the York and Albany Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. J. K. R. Cama, W.M.; D. P. Cama, I.P.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; N. J. Goodchild, J.W.; N. Goodchild, P.M., Treas.; C. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; John Powdrell, S.D.; W. H. Hosegood, J.D.; A. Giddings, I.G.; W. H. Embley, C. W. Rex, N. J. Vaishnav, H. Jordan, F. Palmer, F. J. Holden, N. D. Francis, G. Clappitt, H. F. Bangs, Joseph Bangs, J. P. Poynter, E. D. Elems, P.M. 85, G.I.G. (I.C.); S. Lichtenfeld, 1017; G. Wood, S.W. 1681; C. B. Shemmonds, 201; and H. Palmer, 1044.

The lodge being duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. P. J. Mehta, a candidate, which proved unanimous. Bro. N. J. Vaishnav was then raised to the Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. in an impressive manner. Mr. P. J. Mehta was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in an able way. Jewels were then unanimously voted by the lodge to Bros. Kew, Goodchild, and Sheppard for their valuable services during the first year of the lodge's existence, and was presented by the W.M. to Bros. Goodchild and Sheppard, who were present, and responded in suitable terms.

Nothing more offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a hearty banquet, provided under the able management of Bro. Holden.

All the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given by the Worshipful Master, and responded to, and, after a very pleasant evening, during which vocal and instrumental music and recitations were contributed by the several visitors and brethren of the lodge, under the able guidance and accompaniment of Bro. Poynter, the Organist, the brethren separated.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Leng, W.M.; Dandridge, S.W.; Penrose, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Wilson, S.D.; Emblin, J.D.; Faulkner, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; and several others.

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. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the chair was vacated by Bro. Leng, and occupied by Bro. Geo. Emblin, S.W. of the parent lodge. The usual questions were put and duly answered, and the lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in a very efficient manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, all business being ended, was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 31st ult. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. G. E. Higginson, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; J. Sims, Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; F. W. Woodard, I.G.; J. Collings, P.M.; G. Read, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Pattison, M. Rice, F. Craggs, J. Davies, W. J. Coplestone, W. W. Williams, and J. Cotton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies being the candidate. Bro. W. W. Williams having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. J. Collings, in his usual able and instructive manner, gave the explanation of the tracing board. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. Da Silva, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; Kilsby, J.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Fetch, S.D.; J. G. Cobb, I.G.; Crick, and Scott.

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, and Bro. Crick having offered himself as a candidate for the Third Degree, was duly questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Crick candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M., Bro. Da Silva, was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Chretien was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the exceedingly able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association was then held, when the subscriptions were received, and a ballot was taken for the 21st Life Governorship secured through this Association.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; G. C. Stafford, J.W.; S. Lichtenfeld, S.D.; E. A. Morrison, J.D.; S. C. Fort, I.G.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; R. J. Harnell, acting Sec.; G. Read, F. M. Noakes, C. B. Shemmonds, G. S. Russell, R. E. Cursons, C. Lambert, and A. Samuelli.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 4th Section of the Lecture. Bro. G. Read having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. C. Lambert offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C., Bro. Lambert candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. D. Graham was 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 4th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Sims, W.M.; Higginson, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; R. H. Williams, Treas.; W. C. Williams, Sec. (pro tem); Danby, S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; Read, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; C. Woods, Batts, Cory, and Wyldes. Bro. Strudwick, S.G.W. (S.C.) Jamaica, was a visitor.

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, and Bro. R. H. Williams rehearsed part of the

ceremony of installation, giving the customary addresses in a very impressive manner. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked. Bro. Strudwick was elected a joining member, and very ably expressed his gratification for the privilege conferred. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Harding, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; G. Higginson, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Woodard, S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Stanley, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M.; T. Wood, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; F. Craggs, Arnott, Whittell, L. Cox, T. Head, Stonnill, and F. West. Visitors: Bros. D. M. Davis, P.M. 1017; Bick, 1326; and Vallentine, P.M. 1017.

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. T. Wood, 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 lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Vallentine, P.M. 1017, D. Davis, P.M. 1017, and Bick, 1326, were elected joining members. Bro. P. J. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. Dresden, W.M.; S. Cochran, P.M., S.W.; James Sims, P.M., J.W.; F. Craggs, Sec.; Conway, S.D.; P. Skar, J.D.; J. Davies, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; G. Read, P.M.; Jesse Collings, and many other distinguished brethren.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. R. H. Williams with the usual formalities. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the Second and First Degrees. Bro. S. Cochran was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on Monday, the 24th instant.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M., S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Higginson, S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M. 834; F. Cochran, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; E. D. Aslete, J. Fox, G. Webb, and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Fox offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Fox being candidate. The W.M. rendered the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Cochran, P.M., offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cochran, P.M., candidate. Bro. A. Williams formally tendered his resignation of the office of Secretary of the lodge, which was accepted with deep regret. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and then closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE (No. 2021).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Present: Bros. G. Greenway, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; E. H. Bellerby, J.W.; Shemmonds, S.D.; J. S. Kingston, I.D.; J. R. Harnell, I.G.; C. P. Bellerby, Sec.; T. C. Artand, J. Rowe, G. Reid, R. J. Harnell, W. Parker, C. Thompson, and Collings.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. G. Reid offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C., Bro. G. Reid candidate. Bro. Cursons worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Parker proposed that Bro. R. E. Cursons be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by Bro. E. H. Bellerby, and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The annual dinner will take place on Monday, the 1st prox., at the Criterion. Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Preceptor, in the chair.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Saunders, W.M.; Mann, S.W.; Stutfield, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Piper, S.D.; Baddeley, J.D.; Mason, P.M., I.G.; Arnold, Blades, Dr. Harper, and Chabot.

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. Chabot being the candidate. Bro. Blades, 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. Blades being the candidate. Bro. Chabot answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Chabot, 2030, was unanimously elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the W.M., to be recorded on the minutes, for the very able and efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremonies of initiation and passing. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Poole, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Esling, J.W.; Wood, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Andrews, Sec.; Folkard, King, Levett, Grover, Jones, Cowland, Alexander, and Ruffles.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Levett as candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of each Lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Russell, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Russell returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The ballot for those members who have attended 15 times during the raising of £55. ss. will shortly be taken—to be devoted to one of the Charities. Members should, therefore, attend as often as possible.

The will of the late Bro. Col. King-Harman, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Meath, has been proved in the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice, Ireland, the executors being Sir G. Allanson Cayley and Major Douglas King-Harman, the brother, and the personality being sworn at over £44,000. The deceased has left the Rockingham estates to his only daughter, Miss King-Harman, with the proviso that any one she marries shall assume the name of King-Harman. His widow, who is residuary legatee, is amply provided for, and among the legacies are two of £100 each to the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The regular meetings for the season were resumed on the 3rd inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall. There was a good attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. W. F. Carmon, presided, and he was supported and assisted by Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M., P.G.S.B., P.P.S.G.W.; John Strachan, P.M. 346, P.G.D.; John Page, I.P.M.; M. H. Dodds, I.P.M. 124; M. Corbitt, P.M.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Harrison, S.W.; Robert Whitfield, J.W.; William Brown, M.O.; W. M. Lyon, as S.O.; W. Kleine, J.O.; William Richardson, Sec.; A. Simpson, S.D.; J. A. Armstrong, J.D.; T. R. Short, as I.G.; A. Dodds, and others.

The ballot was successful in favour of Bro. T. R. Jobson, Secretary of 1664, who was advanced to the honourable Degree by the W.M. in a highly satisfactory manner. After the usual "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors the lodge was closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

DEVONPORT.—St. Aubyn Chapter (No. 20).—The annual meeting of the members of this chapter was held at the Ebrington Hall, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The M.W.S. elect, Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, J.P., was installed. The M.W.S. of the past year, Frater W. Trevena, officiated as the Installing Officer, assisted by Frater C. Watson, T. Goodall, J. Allen, P.M.W.S.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st; F. B. Westlake, 30th; J. H. Keats, P.M.W.S. 38; and E. Aitken-Davies, M.W.S. 38, P.M.W.S. The fratres invested as the officers were Frater Captain Quin, R.N., Prelate; F. Crouch, 1st General; G. L. Woodland, 2nd General; C. Watson, P.M.W.S., Treas.; T. Goodall, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. H. Gillman, Raphael; W. G. Watson, G.M.; J. Austin, P.M.W.S., C.G.; C. Newton, Org.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.M.W.S., Herald; and S. Harvey, Equerry.

III. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the chapter a group of handsome photographs of the Supreme Council, 33rd, appropriately framed. On a panel was inscribed, "Presented to the St. Aubyn Chapter S.P.R.C., of H.R.D.M., No. 20, Devonport, by the Ill. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st, P.M.W.S., and High Prelate, August 29th, 1888."

In the evening the fratres dined together at Williams's Restaurant, Chapel-street. Frater Dr. F. A. Davyson, M.W.S., presided.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

YORK COLLEGE.—The quarterly meeting of this college was held on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the charming seaside resort of Whitby. The W.M. and brethren of the Lion Lodge most fraternally gave the use of their handsome hall and other apartments for the convenience of the fratres of the college, and made other elaborate arrangements for their entertainment and pleasure. Some of the fratres took the opportunity of making a short stay at Whitby, and arrived there on the previous day; the bulk of them, however, arrived by the morning train from York, Leeds, &c., and were met at the station by Bro. Steward, the W.M. of the Lion Lodge; Bro. John Stephenson, P.M. of the same lodge, and a veritable patriarchal Mason in Whitby; Bro. Attlay, S.W. of the lodge; and other brethren.

A walk to the West Cliff brought them to the Freemasons' Hall, where they found that the thoughtfulness of their friends had provided light refreshments, after which they were conducted to the new and beautiful church just erected and consecrated, the details of the architecture of which were much admired, as well as many valuable gifts made to the new edifice by local Freemasons. From the church the party strolled through the quaint old town up the Eastern steps of the Cliff to the old parish church, in itself a great curiosity, owing largely to the mass of carved galleries and private pews with which it is crammed, and which are now nearly all swept away throughout the country. Close to the church are the remains of the glorious monastery, once the pride of that coast, and dedicated to St. Hilda. Here the party were met by Mr. Walker, architect, who read an interesting paper on the foundation of the Abbey and the life of Hilda, the founder, and pointed out some of the architectural peculiarities of the structure.

At 2.30 p.m. the party wended their way back to the Freemasons' Hall, where another Masonic treat awaited them, for in one of the rooms Bro. John Stephenson, P.M., had arranged a number of curious Masonic relics, including books, charts, and certificates, some of them extremely rare and valuable, and the inspection of these afforded great pleasure to the fratres.

The M.C. was then formed in the hall, and ballots were taken for the following candidates: Bros. F. D. Harrison, 600 (Bradford); John Stephenson, P.M.; W. H. Marwood, P.M.; T. N. Marwood, P.M.; J. T. Steward, W.M.; and W. H. Attlay, S.W., all of 312, Whitby; and T. Masterman, 1611 (York); which were all successful. The following accepted aspirants were then received into the M.C.: Bros. T. J. Armstrong (Newcastle), Rev. T. Randell (Durham), J. Stephenson (Whitby), W. H. Marwood (Whitby), J. T. Steward (Whitby), and W. H. Attlay (Whitby). Frater J. R. Dore (Huddersfield) read a very interesting paper on the Saxon Poet Cædmon, whose life was spent at Whitby and who was a monk in the Abbey of St. Hilda. Frater Dore was cordially thanked for his paper, which was ordered to be printed in the transactions of the college. Votes of thanks were also passed to Frater Steward, W.M., Stephenson, P.M., and the brethren of the Lion Lodge, for their kind reception of the college, as also to Mr. Walker for his paper on the Abbey. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Leeds, and the M.C. was dissolved.

The party, numbering nearly 30, afterwards met at high tea in the Crown Hotel, after which and a pleasant stroll upon the pier and along the quays, the bulk of the fratres left by the last trains for York, Leeds, Durham, and other places.

Scotland.

ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE ST. MARK LODGE, No. 102, GLASGOW.

The annual excursion of Lodge St. Mark, No. 102, took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult. A large number of the brethren proceeded per train to Linlithgow, where they entered carriages, and thence drove through the policies of the Earl of Hopetoun to the Forth Bridge. Here Mr. Arrol had two foremen to conduct the brethren through the works, and show all the appliances for constructing the famous bridge. A walk down one of the canti-levers and along the wooden pier, a quarter of a mile long, was also enjoyable. Mr. Arrol's own steam launch conveyed the company round the different portions of the work in progress and the guard ship Devastation. The return to Linlithgow was made by a different route, and at half-past four dinner was served in the Star and Garter.

The following brethren were, amongst others, at table: Bros. R. Blyth, R.W.M. (who presided); C. Wilson, P.M.; A. Mackay, S.W., Croupier; Dr. W. W. Anderson, Thos. Halket, Chaplain; George Watson, Stwd.; John Bryce, D.M.; J. Campbell, Treasurer; C. K. Clark, Secretary; Colin Gelletly, G.I.G.; Mr. Wilson (London), Bros. A. Lauder, A. Main, I.P.M. Lodge Maryhill; David Kellock, Robert Burns, Robert Anderson, Gavin Thomson, George McCulloch, J. Christie Smith, and others.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Bro. BLYTH said: The place of interest of the most historical importance to strangers is the venerable fabric used as the parish church, and situated so near the Palace as to form almost a part of it. This venerable and impressive pile is an exhibition of mingled eloquence and strength, and one of the most entire and beautiful specimens of old Gothic architecture in Scotland. But the ancient church, like many more, did not escape the wrath of the Reformers, many of its ancient statues having been destroyed. One of them escaped, and is adopted by the town of Linlithgow as their patron saint—St. Michael. The original edifice is of uncertain date, but it is very probable it was built by David I. of Scotland, the sore Saint. Its nave was destroyed by fire in 1424. In connection with the ancient church is the old graveyard, where the old Baron Livingstone and others are interred, making it a Scottish Westminster Abbey. Immediately north of the church stand the ruins of the Palace, in olden times one of the principal residences of the Kings of Scotland. At the head of the avenue leading to the Palace from the town is a fortified gateway, formerly ornamented with the insignia of the knightly orders of the Garter and the Golden Fleece. The ruins of the Palace cover nearly an acre of ground, and are composed of many apartments. On the west or oldest side is the apartment where Queen Mary was born. After giving some further historical details, the Chairman concluded by a very happy quotation descriptive of the Palace from Scott's "Lay of the Last Minstrel."

The company afterwards visited Linlithgow Palace and the places of historical note in the ancient town, and returned to Glasgow in the evening.

The excursion was most successful.

Ireland.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT DERRIAGHY.

On the afternoon of Saturday, the 18th ult., the ceremony of opening, consecrating, and dedicating the new Masonic Hall at Derriaghy, Milltown, was performed in the presence of a large assemblage of brethren. The new hall has been opened under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, of which the following members were present: Bros. Thomas Valentine, D.P.G.M.; John McConnell, P.S.G.W.; W. J. Stokes, P.J.G.W.; Thos. Nesbitt, Asst. Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. Dr. Irvine, P.G.C.; Thomas McCartney, P.S.G.D.; H. Osborne McCormick, P.G.I.G.; Samuel Leighton, P.G. Org.; and W. J. Fennell, P.P.J.G.W. and Dir. of Cers. Amongst the lodges represented were Nos. 7, 10, 28, 51, 56, 97, 106, 111, 121, 154, 178, 195, 243, 314, 513, 609, 659, and 811.

The hall is a very handsome and commodious structure, which has been built by Messrs. D. and P. M. Henry on a site given by Bro. William Alderdice, P.M. 602, and of which the reversion had been kindly granted by Sir Richard Wallace, Bart. The interior arrangements of the hall are so perfect that nothing has been left undone which could in any way conduce to the comfort of the members or the welfare of the lodge. Many of the Provincial Grand Officers expressed great satisfaction both with the arrangements and the building.

The brethren assembled in Bro. Wm. Alderdice's, where the lodge had sat for upwards of 100 years, and a Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened a procession was formed, and on arriving in the hall the brethren fell to the right and left (uncovered), when the Consecrating Officers passed to the places assigned them.

After the necessary preliminaries the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN offered up prayer as follows:—"O Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, Thou Great Architect of the Universe, Giver of all good gifts and graces, Thou hast promised that whosoever two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt be in their midst. In Thy name we have assembled, and in Thy name we desire to proceed in all our doings. Grant, O Lord, that the sublime principles of Freemasonry may so subdue every discordant passion within us, and so harmonise and enrich our hearts, that this lodge may ever humbly reflect that order and beauty which reign before Thy throne. So mote it be."

An ode having been sung, the W.M. of No. 602 addressed the Prov. Grand Master as follows: Right Worshipful Master,—The brethren of this lodge, being animated with a desire to promote the honour and interest of the Craft, have erected a Masonic hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous that the same shall be examined by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and if it should meet their approbation, that it be dedicated solemnly to the purposes of Freemasonry, in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in reply, said: "Worshipful Brother,—I have much pleasure in acceding to the

wishes of the lodge," and the ceremony of consecration was then carried out most successfully.

The lodge was then covered, and the PROV. GRAND MASTER gave an address, and the Masonic National Anthem having been sung, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a luncheon prepared by the members of Lodge 602, in the Assembly Room, Lisburn, Bro. Ferguson presiding. When the cloth had been removed,

The CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured.

The sentiment of "Our Three Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland" was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast was one which he was sure they would all be delighted to honour. It was a pleasure and a privilege to have an opportunity of entertaining their Prov. Grand officers. He might add on behalf of the brethren of No. 602, that they felt extremely pleased and honoured by the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, who had spurred them on to erect the hall, and who had assisted in removing them from the old room. He had much pleasure in proposing the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Valentine.

Bro. VALENTINE, in responding, said, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge he had to return them his sincere thanks for the manner in which they had received the toast, and for the pleasure it had afforded them in being of some assistance in dedicating a building to their lodge there, which, he thought, reflected great credit upon them. The Chairman mentioned that he (the speaker) had been of some assistance in spurring them up to this good work, and he was delighted to hear that he had done so. He was perfectly satisfied that there was not a brother in Lodge 602 who was not pleased that day that he was spurred on to exert himself in that direction. He could only say that the hall reflected the utmost possible credit upon the members of Lodge 602, and he thought that it was in every way suited for the performance of their peculiar rites and ceremonies. It afforded the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim pleasure to assist on such occasions as that, particularly in assisting in dedicating to the Order such a nice comfortable hall as they had been engaged in that day. He again thanked them for the reception they had given him.

Bro. STOKES rose to propose "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Ferguson, of Lodge No. 602." He was sure it afforded him great pleasure to come from Belfast to assist in the dedication of their new hall that day. Their proceedings seemed to him to be more like a picnic than anything else; the day was so nice and fine, and the surroundings so beautiful. It had afforded him great pleasure indeed to assist in the dedication of their pretty hall. He knew, comparing it with some halls that had been already erected, that it stood far above, and was vastly superior to, any erected yet. It was an extremely nice hall, and the accommodation seemed to be all that they would require. He thought their thanks were due to the W.M. for spurring the members on to do what they had done. It was very good indeed of the brethren to entertain them to that luncheon, and he was sure they all appreciated such kindness. He had much pleasure in giving the toast of "The Chairman."

The toast having been drunk with the customary honours,

The CHAIRMAN said he was placed in a rather peculiar position, and he thought it would be necessary for him to explain how he came to occupy that position. Their Worshipful Master regretted very much that he was unable to be present. He (the Chairman) accepted the toast so kindly proposed by the Provincial Grand brother on behalf of their Worshipful Master and on behalf of himself. He also had to thank the brethren for the way they had received the toast. He was pleased, as a representative of Lodge 602, to have an opportunity of entertaining them, and he thanked them for their kindness and the trouble they had taken in connection with the dedication of the hall. There were several reasons for the erection of the hall. One was the want of accommodation in their lodge-room, and there was a great deal of pressure brought to bear upon them by the Grand Lodge, and they had either to erect the hall or leave the neighbourhood. They trusted before long to be able to clear off the debt that now remained upon the building, and for that purpose they proposed holding a bazaar the last week in October, which they trusted would be the last occasion upon which they would have to appeal for support, and they asked their sympathy and support upon that occasion. He thanked them very much for the kind way they had received the toast.

The CHAIRMAN next gave the toast of "The Past Provincial Grand Officers of Antrim," which was briefly responded to by Bro. ORR; and several other toasts having been given and honoured, the proceedings were brought to a termination by the singing of the National Anthem.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE DISTRICT GAS COM-

PANY.—The ordinary half-yearly meeting of this Company will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday next, the 14th inst., when the report of the Directors and the audited balance sheet will be presented, a dividend will be declared, and the general business transacted. From the Directors' report and the balance it is evident that the Company has fared very prosperously during the past six months. The receipt from the sale of products is stated at £14247 or £2664 in excess of the corresponding half year of 1887, while the Private Gas Rental has increased to the extent of £1623. The balance arising from the excess of receipts over expenditure amounts to over £16,645, and the balance of net profit to be carried forward to next account subject to the payment of the half years' dividend is close on £21,417. The Directors under these circumstances recommend the declaration of a dividend for the half year to 30th June last at the following rates per annum, namely, 6 per cent. on the Preference Stock; 7 per cent. on the Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock; 10 per cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock; and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares, the whole dividend payable amounting to nearly £13,625 or less Income Tax to £13,256. It is further announced that from and after the date of the present Michaelmas Quarter's Accounts the price of gas will be reduced to 2s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet. The chair will be taken promptly at 3 p.m.

NEW YORK HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

In his address at the annual communication in June last of the Grand Lodge of New York, Grand Master LAWRENCE gave a full account of the work done during the past year for the Hall and Asylum Fund. He said: As our affairs stand to-day, there is no reasonable doubt that the payment of the debt will be completed before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. Indeed, it is quite reasonable to hope that it may be consummated by the close of the present calendar year. Still, the work is not yet done. Flattering calculations in the past have often proved delusive; and our only course consistent with wisdom is to persevere steadily to the end, until the debt is paid, not prospectively, but actually, and to the last penny. In addition to the great number of lodges which have already freed themselves from this obligation, many others are now actively pursuing that task, and promise further payments in the near future. The course of the Grand Lodge at this time should, in my judgment, be such as to encourage those who are intending to make such payments, and to impress upon any who still hesitate the necessity for so doing. To one and all it should be made entirely plain that the payment of the debt is the work of the entire Fraternity, and not of a part of it, and that loyalty to the welfare and to the established purposes of the Craft demands that all alike shall enter upon it and partake in it according to their means. Should the debt be extinguished as speedily as we now hope, it will still remain in the highest degree desirable to increase as far as possible the amount at our disposal for the erection and conduct of the Asylum; and to this purpose payments received from the lodges after the debt shall have been completely paid can most usefully be applied. One effort more is needed, my brethren; and by that effort not only can the debt, with all its bitterness and its burdens, be for ever banished from our sight, but if those whose contributions are yet to come shall respond with the same heartiness as those who have already given their aid, we shall possess, twelve months from to-day, the tangible and sufficient means to lay the foundation-stone of the Asylum, to place the keystone upon its summit, and to complete it and pay for it to the smallest detail! Thus nearly do we approach that which has been the goal of the Fraternity during nearly half a century; and thus, amidst the happiest surroundings, we bring to a conclusion this review of the events of a most laborious year. While its duties have been exacting, they have been willingly performed, and those who have been entrusted with the management of your affairs may in all sincerity declare that nothing deemed likely to result to the benefit of the Craft has intentionally been left undone.

ARE OFFENCES MASONIC?

It seems strange, and yet it is a fact, that many incongruous expressions long pass unchallenged, their unsuitableness and inappropriateness not being discerned by any of those who use them. Thus it has been with the phrases "Masonic offence" and "Masonic crime." They have been used in reports of Committees on grievance and appeal, in addresses of Masonic Grand Officers, in reports on Masonic correspondence, and in Masonic periodicals and papers, unquestioned as to their correctness. Doubtless, thousands of the Fraternity have uttered them without thinking of their impropriety. Hundreds of times, when searching for gems for this magazine, we have observed them without perceiving their inconsistency, and not till we were in the midst of our review work for this issue of the "Voice of Masonry" did we discover their discordance, incompatibility, and irreconcilableness. Then, like an inspiration, the questions came to us, How can an offence, or a crime, be Masonic? How can a Mason do a Masonic wrong, or commit a Masonic sin? Instantly the answers followed. There is no concord of Masonry with offences and crimes, and it is impossible to reconcile a Mason's wrong-doing with the pure principles of Masonic morals. Offences and crimes are un-Masonic, and a Mason who so seriously errs that he must be disciplined, never is charged with *Masonic* conduct, but always the contrary. He is not tried on specifications of *Masonic* doing, but just the reverse. If he is found guilty, the verdict is not that his offence or crime was Masonic, but just the opposite. And if he is expelled, or suspended, or reprimanded, it is not for anything Masonic in his acts, but for the measure of grossness they possess un-Masonically. This being true, the phrases named should be dropped, and for them we should substitute un-Masonic conduct or un-Masonic acts, or some other phrase that contains no disagreement in its signification—no contradiction in its terms.—*Voice of Masonry*.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS DREWETT.

Bro. Thomas Drewett, who was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, died at his residence, 72, Southwark Park-road, on Sunday last, after an illness, arising from a complication of disorders, which had kept him almost entirely a prisoner to the house since the beginning of the year. Bro. Drewett was well known in connection with several well-fought elections to the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School of late years. And though, owing to his peripatetic life, he had not taken office in a lodge, he was known to be a good and true member of the Craft. For the long period of thirty-five years the deceased had been in the employ of the well-known firm of Slee, and Co. (formerly Slee, Payne, and Slee), of the Vinegar Works, Horselydown, and also proprietors of the equally well-known Batty and Co.'s manufactory of pickles, preserves, and condiments, Finsbury Pavement. Bro. Drewett was a man of many gifts, and his happy post-prandial speeches will be long remembered by those who heard them. The interment took place at Nunhead Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, when many brethren and other friends gathered together to show the last token of regard. Upon the coffin were laid many wreaths and floral devices, but of them all one only was lowered into the grave, and that was a small bunch of old English flowers clustered round a sprig of acacia, sent by Bro. J. C. Barnard, of Sittingbourne. Bro. Herbert Slee, with Messrs. Tucker and Hearne, represented the firm with which Bro. Drewett had been so long connected, and amongst others at the graveside were Bros. Geo. Gabb, John Hodges, A. Hubbard, and E. Elverston.

BRO. JOHN H. YOUNGHUSBAND.

We regret to announce the death, at Waterloo, at the ripe age of seventy-seven, and after a long illness, of Bro. John H. Younghusband, who for twenty-eight years prior to 1868 had filled the post of Secretary and Treasurer to the Liverpool Exchange. This office he resigned to take charge of the Lombard Newsroom in London as its first manager, but after remaining in office two years, failing health caused his retirement. On leaving the Liverpool Exchange he was the recipient of a costly testimonial from those with whom he was associated in business, and his loss was greatly felt by the habitués of the newsroom. The deceased was a prominent member of our Society, being a P.M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, and of its offshoot, the Royal Victoria, No. 1013, as well as a P.Z. of the Chapter of Friendship, No. 241, and a Past Prov. J.G. Warden, of West Lancashire. One of his good works still survives in the flourishing Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, No. 241, of which he was virtually the founder, while for many years he filled the onerous post of Treasurer of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution. The interment took place on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Crosby Church, being attended by a large and influential gathering of friends, among whom were Messrs. Calderwood, Watson, Pearson, Greetham, and Mayle; whilst the brethren were represented by Bros. Captain J. Macnab, 241, and Secretary W.L.M. Inst.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G. D.C.; J. Pendleton, C. A. Luker, Past Masters; and others. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by the Rev. R. Love, M.A., Vicar of Great Crosby.



It almost goes without saying that a drama of the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde kind would not be long played without its being travestied. Mr. George Grossmith has done this, and Bro. Lionel Brough has brought it out on the Royalty stage. A piece like Mr. Louis Stevenson's, which deals with the supernatural, does not lend itself very readily for burlesque, as in it the original nearly approaches the ludicrous. However, Mr. Grossmith, without keeping strictly to the "strange story" of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, has made plenty of fun in the "Real Case of Hide and Seekyll," which Bro. Brough renders in a most amusing vein. In the travestie, Dr. Seekyll makes all his household by drinking a potion turn into different people. His old, broken-down housekeeper becomes a jovial Red Riding Hood, a sailor is transformed into a volunteer, the old butler with white hair becomes a page boy, and the "buttons" finds himself the butler. Bro. Lionel Brough ably mimics Mr. Mansfield, both as Hyde and Jekyll, in voice, dress, postures, and change of face. He introduces a couple of short, funny songs. Every one, after paying a visit to the Lyceum, ought to go to the Royalty. Mr. Thomas's farcical comedy, "The Paper Chase," goes as well as ever. Bro. Brough, as Mr. Busby, is seen in one of the drollest parts he has ever undertaken. The little Royalty Theatre resounds with laughter every evening, and, we hope, will continue to do so for some time.

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Mr. Beerbohm Tree has again shown himself a most capable manager as well as actor. Ever since he took up the reins of government he has added success to success. When he hears a play read or sees one acted he seems to be able to judge if it will do for the Haymarket or not. Up to now he has not had a failure, and we hope he never will. Mr. C. Haddon Chambers, in June last, produced a play—of the "Jim the Penman" type—at Mr. Tree's theatre, which the lessee decided to make his autumnal piece, after it had been judiciously altered for the better. In "The Red Lamp," Mr. Tree's first production, the motive power was the love of a woman for her brother; in "Partners," commercial morality and gratitude were strongly depicted; in the new play "Captain Swift," we have the devotion of a mother for her son as the mainstay. It is true there is also a strong love interest between the ex-bushranger and a lovely English heiress, but that is not the chief interest. Mr. Seabrook is one of those kind hearted old gentlemen who made acquaintance with people casually, and ask them home to visit the family only to find out that the visitors are adventurers. However, in this case Mr. Seabrook had a real cause, for Mr. Wilding has saved the old man from being killed by a cab. Wilding has just returned from Queensland, where he has led the life of a bushranger. His manners are good though, and once he gets his foot inside Mr. Seabrook's house, he resolves to reform and be as respectable as his host. He at once tries to win the hand and heart of Miss Darbisher, the niece and ward of Mr. Seabrook. This young lady is supposed to marry Mr. Harry Seabrook, but Wilding's manners captivate her, and she pledges her love to him. But the "long arm of coincidence" reaches out to seize him. A Mr. Gardiner arrives from Queensland, where he has been a squatter, and is an old friend of the family, and becomes engaged to Miss Mabel Seabrook. He recognises in Wilding the Captain Swift who robbed him up the bush of a valuable horse and fifteen hundred pounds to boot. But because the highwayman did not attempt to take his life, he feels a sort of indebtedness, and keeps Wilding's secret, and even assists him, out of his very good nature, to win the hand of Miss Darbisher. There is something about Wilding which fascinates men and women alike. Wilding loves to entertain the company with some of his adventures abroad, and finds out too late to his cost that he has been too free with his tongue. One evening he tells them a tale about his being parched with thirst and meeting a man named Marshall, which of course is himself. The family butler hears this, and having his suspicion recognises in Wilding his foster-brother. Still yet another, and the chief net is woven around him, just as he is about to be united to the family and become what he longs to be—respectable. When Mrs. Seabrook knows of his engagement to her husband's niece, she pleads with Wilding to give her up. She will ply him with money—anything, so long as this marriage does not take place. But he won't hear of this. The detectives from Queensland have arrived. Gardiner will not assist them, but he warns Wilding to get away to Spain. The desperado listens to nothing. At last Mrs. Seabrook is obliged to tell

him her secret. She has long ago discovered in Wilding her illegitimate son. She has kept all knowledge of this act of her life from her husband, and begs her son to go away, for if he marries Stella he will be arrested and bring disgrace on the family, and her secret must come out. He promises not to divulge. The match is broken off, for Mr. Seabrook has now found out that Wilding and Captain Swift the bushranger are one and the same person. Wilding comes to see Gardiner, who informs him the detectives are outside. Mrs. Seabrook also arrives to warn him; he still promises to keep his mother's secret. A knock is heard, the gas is put down, and Mr. Seabrook enters with the police. Wilding retires behind a curtain and shoots himself, falling at his mother's feet; and so ends the play. The interest is sustained throughout. It is necessary to see the whole of the first act, as the action commences with the rising of the curtain. Capt. Swift is by no means a one part play. There are many characters in it, and all have essential parts. Its powerful play of passion, its rapid succession of dramatic situations, and its splendid character sketches all tend to make it one of the best things done at the Haymarket. Mr. Tree's hero is a masterly piece of acting. Very finely rendered is the victory by domestic and respectable surroundings of the ne'er-do-well instincts of a man whose life—not altogether his own fault—has been one career of robbery, is subjugated by love, and accepts for another's sake a death of expiation. We have never liked Mr. Tree better. Mrs. Tree invests the part of Stella Darbisher with womanly tenderness and distinction. Miss Rose Leclercq, as the worldly Lady Staunton, gives a good character sketch. Lady Monckton's Mrs. Seabrook acts with plenty of passion and power. Miss Cudmore deliciously plays the girlish part of Mabel. Mr. Fuller Mellish, as Harry Seabrook, looks and acts manly. Of course, Mr. Brookfield throws into the character of the butler Marshall much effectiveness. Mr. Kemble plays to the life—and in such a subdued tone, which makes it all the more prominent—the old, kind-hearted, and muddle-headed Mr. Seabrook. Bro. Macclin's Mr. Gardiner is one of the best things he has done yet. He plays in a quiet, yet very forcible way, which does him the greatest credit. We know no one who could render it as well.

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For once London has endorsed the provincial verdict of a theatrical piece. As a rule dramas and operas are produced in London, and then, if a success or a partial one, are sent round the country. "Pepita" has, however, been played over 700 times on tour, and for some reason or another—we know not why—Londoners have been not allowed to give their opinion of Mr. Lecocq's work until last week, when the English proprietors, Mr. Horace Lingard and Van Biene, brought this comic opera to Toole's Theatre. We had heard and frequently read of its favourable reception in the provinces. We went, therefore, anxious to hear it, and came away delighted. We have heard a whisper that the opera as given here is not all Lecocq's, Mr. Van Biene having introduced several of the lyrics and composed some of the music. Judging of "Pepita" as a whole, it is bright and sparkling; it contains many sweet and catchy solos and part songs and effective choruses. The dialogue is amusing and free from vulgarity. The dresses are neat, and the singing altogether above the average; but Toole's Theatre is too small for a choir. Possibly by now the ladies of the chorus sing a little softer and the band under Mr. Beine is more subdued. The story seems to be that the King of the Canary Isles leaves a daughter, born of a humble mother, which fact is known only to General Bombardos. Inez and her foster sister, Pepita, fall in love and marry two innkeepers. Until the proper time comes for Inez to claim the throne against General Patagues' protégé, the Prince, Pepita assumes various disguises: now she is the wife of an innkeeper, now a military cadet, then a vivandiere, and then a bullfighter. Miss Wadman plays the principal part of Pepita, and never lets an opportunity pass of scoring in every character. One of the attractions of her singing is that one always hears the words of her songs. "My mother's word" and "I do not care" are perhaps the prettiest of her many lyrics. Miss Wadman too, with much vivacity, leads the bolero at the close of the first act, "The dance in the morning." Miss Kate Cutler is an able lieutenant as Inez, and is satisfactory in all she has to do. Messrs. Horace Lingard and Louis Kelleher, whom we welcome back to London, are very amusing as the innkeepers, but were rather chary with their encores. Mr. Fritz Rimma as a stalwart sergeant-major deserves a word of praise for the originality he puts into a very minor part. Mr. Marnock and Mr. Frank Seymour as the rival generals cannot be spoken of too highly. The contrast in height, one looking about six feet four, and the other about half that stature, is most ludicrous. Their duet "My excellent friend Bombardos" was encored over and over again. It is a wonder to us that such a funny song with such a catching air has not been heard in the music halls or on the piano-organs long ago. It ought to make one of the musical successes of the season. The chorus is well rehearsed—one advantage of having been played so much before appearing in London—the costumes delight the eyes of the audience, and the verdict certainly is very favourable. "Pepita" ought to become as popular as did the composer's "La Fille de Madame Angot."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

VIVIAN.—On the 3rd inst., at Creed Rectory, Grampound, Cornwall, the wife of the Rev. C. H. G. Vivian, of a daughter.

WILSON.—On the 1st inst., at Porthminster House, St. Ives, Cornwall, the wife of M. Wilson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MILLER—MATTHEWS.—On the 1st inst., at Bowes Park, C. W. Miller, son of the late T. Miller, of Edmonton, to Clara Matthews, daughter of the late J. Matthews, M.R.C.P., of Camden Town.

DEATHS.

BEDFORD.—On the 2nd inst., at Camden-road, Mary, wife of F. Bedford, aged 79.

CORDWELL.—On the 2nd inst., at Keston, Emily, daughter of Charles Mark and Mary Cordwell, of Manor Farm, Lee, aged 21.

CREE.—On the 2nd inst., the wife of the Rev. W. Cree, of Kirkby Lonsdale, aged 32.



The installation of Comp. the Rev. Charles W. Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., who has been appointed by his Royal Highness the Grand Z. to be Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Cheshire, has been arranged to take place at a Provincial Grand Chapter which will be held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Thursday, the 27th inst. The ceremony will be performed by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., and the companions of the several chapters in the province, in full Royal Arch clothing, are earnestly invited to be present on the auspicious occasion. A banquet will afterwards be held at the hotel at 4 p.m., and those who intend staying to partake of it are requested to forward their applications for tickets—price 6s. each, including dessert—to Comp. H. Claud Lisle, Prov. G. Scribe E., Nantwich, not later than Saturday, the 22nd inst.

According to the *World*, Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., will be sworn a member of the Privy Council in recognition of his services in connection with the International Conference on the Sugar Bounties.

It has been determined to hold an Armada Celebration at Hastings on Thursday, the 20th inst., when there will be, among other entertainments and displays, a torchlight procession and a display of fireworks.

At the half-yearly meeting in Dublin, on Saturday last, of the Irish Loyal and Patriotic Union, it was resolved to contribute the sum of £100 to the Royal Irish Constabulary Jubilee Fund.

Prince Christian, with the Princesses Victoria and Louise and Prince Christian Victor, left Cumberland Lodge, Great Windsor Park, and proceeded by the Great Western Railway en route for Hamburg, where they will join the Princess Christian, and then spend several weeks in Germany.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon have left their Hampshire seat, Highclere, near Newbury, for Bretby Park. Bro. the Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt arrived on the 31st ult. at Powerscourt Castle, Co. Wicklow, for the autumn.

A special edition of the *Official Gazette* of Berlin, issued on Monday evening, contains an announcement of the betrothal of the Princess Sophie, third sister of the Emperor William, and a grand-daughter of the Queen, to the Duke of Sparta, Crown Prince of Greece. The Princess is 18 years of age and the Prince has just completed his 20th year.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales and the other guests of the Viscount and Viscountess Downe enjoyed some excellent grouse shooting over his lordship's estate last week, upwards of 400 brace having been shot in one day.

A shooting match, at 200, 500, and 600 yards, is being arranged between teams chosen from each of the lodges attached to the Queen's (Westminster), London Rifle Brigade, the South Middlesex, and the 1st Surrey Rifles, to take place at Caterham on Thursday, the 27th inst.

The Printers' Fete in aid of the funds of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation will be held at the Alexandra Palace, to-morrow (Saturday), when a full and varied programme of entertainments, including Baldwin's descent from his balloon and the display of fireworks illustrating the last days of Pompeii, will be given.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, accompanied by the young Duke and Princess Alice, were in town on Saturday last, in order to be present at the marriage of Colonel F. S. Russell, of Aden, with Miss Baillie, of Redcastle, who had been Lady-in-Waiting to her Royal Highness.

At the festivities on the Dudley and Himley estates in connection with the coming of age of the Earl of Dudley, which came to a conclusion last week, his lordship entertained over 11,000 men, women, and children, and at least another 15,000 witnessed the entertainments.

The Empress Frederick, widow of the Emperor Frederick of Germany and Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland, is expected to visit the Queen at Balmoral next month.

"The First" fell on Saturday last, when partridge shooting nominally began, but owing to the general backwardness of the harvest throughout the country there will be little done till the middle of the month. On many estates, owing to the heavy rains, there will be very little sport.

All the preliminary arrangements in connection with the forthcoming visit of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., to Ulster have been completed, and it has been settled that his lordship shall be entertained at a banquet on the 18th October, and address a public meeting the following night.

The Queen, who fired the "first shot" at Wimbledon in 1860 at a target which has ever since been one of the most conspicuous features in the Exhibition Tent at the Wimbledon meetings, has been graciously pleased to accept the cartridge-case of the "last shot" fired there on the 21st July by the Princess of Wales. The case bears the inscription: "This cartridge was fired from the Maxim gun by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales at the termination of the Wimbledon meeting, 1888."

We have received copy of a pamphlet containing full particulars of the celebration by the Lodge Cavour, Orient of Turin, of the 25th anniversary of Bro. Francis Muller's initiation into Freemasonry. It is evident that Bro. Muller, during the period of his membership of our Society, has rendered many valuable services to the Craft, and that these services have been appreciated both at home and abroad, and the many compliments and honours paid him on this occasion must have been very gratifying. We trust that Bro. Muller, who is still in his prime, will live many years to enjoy the respect of his brethren both in his own country and elsewhere.

The Masonic clothing presented to the King of Sweden, referred to in our report of Grand Lodge proceedings this week, was precisely similar to that provided for the Prince of Wales on his installation as Grand Master, both of which were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, Liskeard, through the good offices of its excellent Secretary, Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., has a special record to make for 1887-8 on behalf of the Charities, for the last year has been by far the best in its eventful history. The lodge has devoted sums of 10 guineas each to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls, Boys, and Benevolent—Men and Women—with an additional 10 guineas for the Girls, and £8 for the Local Annuity and Educational Fund, making £60 10s. in all. The Royal Arch Chapter has donated 10 guineas each to the Girls and Boys, and Bros. Glencross, Courtney, Nettle, Stanton, and Harris have qualified as Life Subscribers in one of the Institutions, thus making a grand total of over one hundred guineas in a lodge of some 50 members. It is to be hoped that such an example will be contagious, and that others in the county will go and do likewise.

The Duke of Cambridge and suite arrived at Dover from the continent on Tuesday evening and were received by the Major General commanding the district, his Royal Highness afterwards proceeding to London.

Bro. Lord and Lady Burton and the Hon. Miss Bass have left Rangenmore, Burton-on-Trent, for Glen Quoich, their seat in the county of Inverness.

A deputation from the Council of the National Rifle Association, consisting of Bro. Lord Wantage and other Volunteer officers, visited the proposed site near Rugeley, on Cannock Chase, of the new Wimbledon, on Tuesday. The visitors were met by two members of the local committee, who gave full information, and it was subsequently stated at a meeting of the Stafford Town Council that the deputation were very much struck with the proposed site, and regarded the proposition with favour. A county meeting has been convened by the High Sheriff of Staffordshire, for Tuesday, the 11th inst., to which the representatives of other counties are invited, and it is hoped by that time the opinions of the officers generally of Volunteer battalions will have been ascertained.

The War Office has decided to make permanent the system for the instruction of Army officers in the methods of judging the quality of provisions, forage, &c., the classes being formed at Aldershot in March, April, September, and October of each year. Each regiment of Cavalry, division of Artillery, and battalion of Infantry at the camp has been directed to send one officer to each course of instruction.

Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke has joined the party of guests which is being entertained by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, at Gordon Castle, N.B.

Those of our readers who delight to see our ceremonies well rehearsed have a treat in store for them on Friday, the 21st inst., when Bro. James Terry, Past G.S.B., and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, at the Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N. Lodge will be opened precisely at 7 p.m. Bro. H. Hill, P.M. 1305, will act as Director of the Ceremonies, and the musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. T. Cull, P.M. 1446, Preceptor. Brethren are to appear in morning dress and Masonic clothing, and will obtain such further particulars as they may desire of Bro. E. Wareham, Secretary, 12, Ashmount-road, Hornsey-lane, N.

A terrible railway accident occurred on the Paris, Lyons, and Mediterranean line, at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday morning, the express train which left Macon for Paris a few minutes after midnight having gone off the rails, and been run into at full speed by a train from Paris to Geneva. The result was very terrible. Both engines were completely overturned and eight carriages broken up, and, according to the latest accounts, 12 persons were killed and about 40 injured, an English lady being among the former and two or three English gentlemen among the latter. The injured must have suffered terribly, as no help was forthcoming for an hour and half after the accident, when the inhabitants of the neighbouring town were aroused, and a band of railway porters from Dijon succeeded in rescuing the sufferers.

NEW MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—A Benevolent Association has been formed by the members of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, the following being the officers: Bro. W. Foulsham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, President; Bro. F. T. Ridpath, W.M., P.G. Stwd. Surrey, Vice-President; Bro. H. M. Hobbs, I.P.M., P.J.G.W. Surrey, Treas.; and Bro. Jas. Buckley, Sec. The Committee consists of Bros. H. Baber, F. C. Pascall, and W. H. Ranson, P.M.'s; all the officers of the lodge, and the following brethren from other lodges: Bros. W. Burn, S.D. 858; C. Cooke, J.D. 1851; E. E. Cooper, P.M. 1494, P.J.G.W. Middx.; C. Daniel, P.M. 65; W. G. Fenn, S.W. 538; W. Fox Hawes, S.W. 463; and H. C. Vickers, W.M. 1632. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when sufficient funds for two Life Governorships of ten guineas each were received, which were obtained by Bros. S. Clarke and H. M. Hobbs. The future meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at nine o'clock, after the closing of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, when brethren are cordially invited to attend, or the names and subscriptions of any desirous of joining the association will be received at any time by Bro. James Buckley, Hon. Sec., Queen's-road, Croydon.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Systematic Treatment.—Few statements are more wide of truth than the assertion that for the cure of disease the ailing part alone demands attention, whereas both local and general mischief requires redress. These medicaments boldly face the evils they profess to remedy; local relief and general purification progress together; the diseased portion is cured—the foul whole is cleansed. Holloway's Ointment rubbed on the throat and chest exercises the most beneficial influence over sore throats, diphtheria, and cough, whether resulting from catarrh, asthma, or bronchitis. This unguent is equally potent in preventing or arresting the worst results of chicken-pox, small-pox, measles, scarlatina, whooping cough, and many other ailments attacking infancy and endangering the early years of life.—*Advt.*

The New Year Festival of the Jews commenced on Wednesday. At sunset on that evening the year 5648, according to the Jewish calendar, came to an end, and the new year opened. This epoch marked the conclusion of the secular holiday season of the Jews. What the Jews call "high festivals" commence this year remarkably early—13 days sooner than last year, and 24 days earlier than in the year 1886.

Any post office in the United Kingdom now receives parcels for transmission to Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Novi Bazar, Java, and Little Popo (West Coast of Africa). Parcels for Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Novi Bazar will be included in the mails despatched from London for Cologne, those for Java in the mails for Flushing, and those for Little Popo in the mails for Hamburg.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Sir E. H. K. Lacon, Bart., at Ormesby, near Yarmouth, on Thursday morning. The deceased was in his 81st year, having been born in 1807, and at one time, we believe, took an active part in Freemasonry, being a Past Prov. G. Warden of Norfolk.

Bro. the Duke of Portland returns to Welbeck Abbey at the end of this week from Langwell, his place in Caithness, and next week will entertain a large party for Doncaster Races, including the Duke of Beaufort, Lord Londonderry, Bros. the Earl of Zetland and Lord Randolph Churchill, the Duke of Hamilton, Lord Calthorpe, Bro. Lord Rosslyn, Sir George Wombwell, Bso. Lord Charles Beresford, Colonel Forester, Bro. Lord Clonmell, and Lord Enniskillen.

A Garden Party was held on Wednesday in the spacious grounds attached to the Cancer Hospital, Fulham-road, S.W., with the view of affording a few hours' diversion and enjoyment to the poor sufferers of the institution. Out of the 70 patients at present in the hospital nearly 50 were able to attend the garden party. During last year the total number of new patients was 1715. Of these 703 were admitted as in-patients, and 1012 were treated as out-patients.

A meeting of the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the People was held in the Long Parlour of the Mansion House on Wednesday, for the purpose of reporting the work that had been done since the last meeting. Bro. Alderman De Keyser, Lord Mayor of London, is the President of the Council.

THE GREAT FIRE AT HAMBURG.—Owing to a telegraphic error, marks (of the value of a shilling and a half-penny) being reckoned as pounds sterling, a vastly exaggerated idea of the loss incurred by the disastrous fire at Hamburg has been formed. The fire, it may be mentioned, broke out in a large wooden shed known as the "Suder Elb Speicher," on an island in the Elbe known as "Steinwärd," the contents of which (consisting of beetroot sugar, spirits, and whisky in casks, palm oil, cottons, and other merchandise) were destroyed. The heat was so great that a shed on the other side of the canal, 135 feet distant (in which saltpetre was stored), became ignited, and was also nearly destroyed. The stock lying in the warehouses was insured to the extent of £238,300, the buildings destroyed being insured for £11,000.—*City Press.*

The report for 1887 of the United States Commissioners of Education has not yet made its appearance, but certain general statistics have been published in advance of the volume itself. The number of pupils enrolled in the books of the public schools was 11,805,660, being an increase over the whole country of 2'66 per cent. over the previous year. The proportion of enrolments to the number of children was greatest in the North Central States, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, &c., where it was 121 for every 100 children between six and 14 years of age; it was lowest in the Southern States, where the number ranged from 89 to 79 enrolments in every 100 children between the above-mentioned ages. The total attendance, as apart from the enrolment, was 7,571,416 on the average, or an increase of 2'89 per cent. It is curious that laws rendering attendance compulsory do not affect the average attendance to any appreciable extent; for it is higher in the South Central States, where there are no compulsory laws, than in the North Central, where these laws exist.

The annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas was held on the 24th April, 1888, at Little Rock, the presiding officer being Sir Knight P. D. McCulloch, G.C. The deaths of two Past G. Commanders were announced, and the several reports on statistics, finance, &c., were submitted. The jurisdiction now contains 362 subscribing members. Sir Knight Geo. Leonard Kimball is G. Commander, and Sir Knight James Austin Henry, G. Recorder.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire will be held at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, on Wednesday next, the 12th inst., when the usual business will be transacted and a proposal made by Bro. G. Taylor, P.G. Sec., that the Provincial Library and Museum shall be placed at Kidderminster, which is centrally situated as regards the lodges in the province, and has ample accommodation in the shape of Masonic buildings, which are easily accessible by the brethren. There will be the usual banquet afterwards.

THE RECENT CASE OF MR. H. F. PARTRIDGE, late L.D.S.—Every one must sympathise with Mr. H. F. Partridge, late Licentiate in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons, who, for the venial offence—if we are justified in using so strong a term—of advertising to the public that the South Kensington Ladies' Dental Institution, Sussex House, 43, Sussex-place, Old Brompton-road, S.W., which was founded by him for the benefit of ladies who were unable to pay the heavy fees charged for the best dental advice, had no connection whatever with the many similar institutions which had subsequently sprung up in imitation of his, has had his name removed by the Medical Council from the list of registered qualified dental practitioners. Of course, the mere removal of his name from the register does not detract from the skill and ability he is known to possess and has exhibited during a professional experience extending over many years, and we trust that his constituents will continue to give him their patronage, especially as, though Mr. Partridge cannot for the present affix the letters L.D.S. to his name as heretofore, there are in attendance at his Ladies' Dental Association several skilful gentlemen, who possess both the qualifications and the diplomas granted by our Royal College of Surgeons.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, September 15, 1888.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt-plk.
 „ 1446, Mount Edgcombe, 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.

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 10.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
 Chap. 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq.,
 Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.30.
 Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion,
 Piccadilly, W., 8.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
 St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 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 11.

Lodge 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 „ 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Gamberwell.
 „ 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
 „ 223, West Smithfield, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

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.
 Domatic, 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 Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,
 E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
 Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
 Lodge 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.
 „ 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 „ 1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hot., Upper Norwood.
 Chap. 946, Strawberry Hill, Town Hall, Twickenham.
 „ 1260, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
 „ 1446, Mount Edgcombe, 191, Bishopgate-street.
 „ 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 „ 1549, Stanmore, Abercorn, Hot., Great Stanmore.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 „ 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 „ 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
 Grove-road, W.
 „ 2168, Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden-road,
 Islington.
 Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 „ 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
 „ 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 „ 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-
 lane.

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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.
 Creation, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's
 Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
 well, at 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite
 Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8 p.m.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st.,
 City, E.C., at 7.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-
 road, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon
 Railway Station), at 7.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, 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 14.

Lodge 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
 „ 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

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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), Portland 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 15.

Lodge 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-
 road.
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