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The approaching School Elections will be held for the first time under the amended law, which places them in the latter part of the year instead of the earlier half of this current month of October, that of the Boys' School being fixed for Friday, the 26th instant, and that of the Girls' School for the day following. In both cases the contest is likely to be a severe one, the likelihood in the case of the Girls' School being the greater, as there are only nine vacancies to be filled up, and as many as 63 approved candidates on the list for election; while for the Boys' School, though there are 75 approved candidates, there are, at all events, 21 vacancies, so that the disproportion between the two, though sufficiently marked, is not so serious as with the senior Institution. Taking the Girls' School first, as being the elder of the two Charities, we find that of the 63 approved candidates, 28 have made one or more attempts to be elected, while the remaining 35 are fresh candidates, whose names have been placed on the list some time between the January and July Quarterly Courts. Nos. 1 to 9, both inclusive, were candidates in October, 1887, and April last, while Nos. 10 to 28, also both inclusive, were applicants in April. Three of the old candidates—Nos. 3, 4, and 11—and one of the new—No. 52—have this one chance only of being admitted, as, if they fail on the present occasion, their names will be removed from the list under the law which places the maximum age of eligible candidates at 11 years. We trust, however, that their friends will be able to raise sufficient interest among the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution to prevent so undesirable a result. Other girls with plenty of interest to support them can afford to wait a further six months, but with these it is a case of "now or never," and we sincerely hope they will find their names included among the successful candidates. As regards the further particulars which we are in the habit of placing prominently before our readers, an examination of the list will show that, as between London and the Provinces, there are 19 candidates from the former and 40 from the latter, while in the remaining four cases their claims are partly Metropolitan and partly Provincial. Of the 40 Provincial—or Colonial—candidates, five hail from Kent, namely, Nos. 13, 20, 39, 45, and 47; four from Devonshire, namely, Nos. 3, 8, 10, and 35; two—Nos. 37 and 55—from Durham; two—Nos. 7 and 56—from Essex; two—Nos. 53 and 62—from Northumberland; and two—Nos. 27 and 61—from Warwickshire; while the following Provinces send one each, namely—Berks and Bucks (No. 21), Cornwall (No. 24), Cumberland and Westmorland (No. 9), Hants and Isle of Wight (No. 19), Lancashire East (No. 59), Lancashire West (No. 36), Lincolnshire (No. 40), Norfolk (No. 38), North Wales (No. 60), Nottinghamshire (No. 23), Somersetshire (No. 1), Suffolk (No. 11), Yorkshire North and East (No. 31), Victoria (No. 2), Malta (No. 42), and New Brunswick—which was formerly under the English Constitution—(No. 49). No. 15 is partly of Cornish and partly of Hants and Isle of Wight origin; Warwickshire has a part interest with Madras in No. 28 and part with Leicestershire and Rutland in No. 29; No. 33 is from Staffordshire and Cheshire; No. 43 from Derbyshire and Lancashire East; No. 57 from Essex and Kent; and No. 63 from New Brunswick, Suffolk, and Kent. The four of mixed London and Provincial origin are No. 6 (Norfolk and London), No. 30 (Suffolk, Essex, and London), No. 46 (Malta and London), and No. 54 (London and Middlesex). As regards the past and present circumstances of the girls, we note that in 28 cases the fathers had been subscribing members of lodges for 10 years and upwards, the father of No. 56, who is still living, and a Past Prov. G. Officer, having been a member continuously since his initiation in December, 1855; while in the case of 11 of the children, they had contributed towards the maintenance of one or more of our Institutions. Five of the girls have lost both parents, and five have both of them still living, while 52 are actually, and one virtually, fatherless. All of the 28 candidates remaining on the list from the April election have votes to their credit, three of them bringing forward upwards of 1500 votes—namely, No. 18, 1883 votes, No. 2, 1662 votes, and No. 26, 1640 votes. In the case of four, the votes range between 1000 to 1500, No. 25 having 1474 votes, No. 23, 1439 votes, No. 21, 1188 votes, and No. 28, 1074 votes. Seven have votes to their credit ranging between 500 and

1000, and 10 between 100 and 500 votes, the remaining four having under 100 votes respectively. The majority of these girls, especially those with the heavier totals to their credit, will have a decided advantage over the new candidates, provided, of course, their friends and supporters are careful to make the most of the votes already standing to their credit. However, it does not come within our province to tender advice as to the manner in which the friends of the children should conduct their cases. What concerns us chiefly is to express the hope that the most deserving children—by which we mean those who stand most in need of the benefits conferred by the Institution—may be successful, and that among these we may find included the names of the four girls who have this one only chance of success.

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The election of candidates into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place on Friday, the 26th instant, when 75 boys will compete for the 21 vacancies which were declared in

July last, the disproportion between the number of candidates and the number to be elected being serious enough, but, as we have remarked in the preceding article, not quite so serious as in the case of the Girls' School, where there will be as many as 63 candidates for only nine vacancies. Of these 75 Boy applicants, 17 are from London and 56 from the provinces and colonies abroad, the remaining two being partly of London and partly of provincial origin. As regards the provincial and colonial candidates, Cumberland and Westmorland sends three, Nos. 22, 23, and 50; Durham three, Nos. 5, 51, and 57; Kent three, Nos. 12, 36, and 74; Norfolk three, Nos. 11, 34, and 53; and Yorkshire West three, Nos. 26, 41, and 56. Essex, Jersey, Lincolnshire, South Wales East, and Somersetshire have each of them two candidates, Nos. 4 and 8 hailing from Essex; Nos. 28 and 30 from Jersey; Nos. 42 and 54 from Lincolnshire; Nos. 45 and 58 from the Eastern Division of South Wales; and Nos. 20 and 49 from Somersetshire. The following send one each, namely, Cornwall (No. 16), Devonshire (No. 25), Gloucestershire (No. 7), Hants and Isle of Wight (No. 47), Hertfordshire (No. 52), Isle of Man (No. 73), Lancashire East (No. 63), Leicestershire and Rutland (No. 67), Northants and Hunts (No. 27), Northumberland (No. 55), Nottinghamshire (No. 61), Oxfordshire (No. 35), Shropshire (No. 62), South Wales, West Div. (No. 66), Surrey (No. 70), Sussex (No. 10), Wiltshire (No. 64), Worcestershire (No. 68), Madras (No. 29), South Africa, East Division (No. 2), South Africa, West Division (No. 6), and New South Wales (No. 76). The following are from one or more Provinces or Districts, namely: No. 3 from Cornwall and Devonshire; No. 15 from Devonshire and Somersetshire; No. 32 from Oxfordshire and Berks and Bucks; No. 37 from Jamaica, Kept, and Herts; No. 39 from Jersey, Cheshire, and Staffordshire; No. 40 from Suffolk and Norfolk; No. 44 from Jersey and Ceylon; No. 59 from Northumberland, Kent, and Hertfordshire; and No. 72 from Suffolk, Bombay, and Sussex; while Nos. 19 and 77 are the former from London and Hants and the Isle of Wight, and the latter from London and Kent. Nos. 12 and 75, though the names are retained on the list, are marked as having been withdrawn. There are 60 out of the 75 children who are fatherless, two of them motherless, and five have lost both parents, while eight have both living. In 19 of the cases the father contributed to one or more of our Institutions, while in 22 cases he was a subscribing member of a lodge or lodges for 10 years and upwards. The old candidates remaining from the April Election are 48 in number; the new candidates are 27. Of the former No. 1 has been a candidate at six previous elections, and has 1049 votes to his credit; No. 2 has made five previous attempts, the result being that 1024 votes stand to his credit; Nos. 3 to 6, both inclusive, have stood four elections, No. 3 having 9 votes to the good; No. 4, 2299 votes; No. 5, 503 votes; and No. 6, 119 votes. Nos. 7 to 11, both inclusive, have made three unsuccessful attempts already, No. 7 with 1603 votes; No. 9 with 2428 votes; and No. 10 with 979 votes, being the only ones who have any satisfactory result to show. Nos. 13 to 27, both inclusive, were candidates in October, 1887, and April, 1888; and Nos. 28 to 49, both inclusive, made their first attempt in April last, several of these two later batches having polled very considerably; No. 17 having 1641 to his credit; No. 18, 1036 votes; No. 20, 2151 votes; No. 21, 935 votes; No. 22, 2279 votes; No. 24, 1455 votes; No. 25, 1976 votes; No. 27, 1965 votes; No. 29, 822 votes; No. 34, 1177 votes; No. 38, 1371 votes; and No. 43, 1135 votes. Of these 48 old candidates, there are four who have already upwards of 2000 votes to the good; four upwards of 1500, but under 2000 votes: seven over 1000, but under 1500 votes; nine over 500, but under 1000 votes; six over 100, but under 500 votes; and the remaining 18 under 100 votes. Lastly, there are as many as nine who, if they fail this time, will have their names removed from the list in accordance with law 53, which fixes the maximum limit of age for admission at 11 years; and we trust no effort will be spared in order to carry them in. As we have said in respect of similar cases at the Girls' Election, others can afford to wait a further six months, but with these it is "now or never."

The Anglo-American Lodge Deputation to the United States.

THE Deputation, consisting of Bros. GEORGE REYNOLDS, Secretary, and JOHN SKINNER, P.M. 538, Director of Ceremonies, of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, which sailed for the United States at the end of August for the purpose of presenting Bro. SHRYOCK, G. Master of Maryland, with an illuminated address of thanks for his kindness to the lodge when on a visit to this country in the summer of 1887, has returned home, after accomplishing its purpose most successfully, and in a manner which cannot but reflect credit upon the brethren composing it and the lodge they represented. They had a prosperous, but somewhat prolonged, passage out, and a rough but rapid one homewards, and in the interval between the two they experienced a reception which will materially strengthen the bonds of fraternal friendship already existing between the brethren of the two countries. In Philadelphia, in Baltimore, in New York, and wherever else they visited, the members of the great American Fraternity of Masons vied with each other in showing them hospitality and doing them honour, both for their own good qualities and out of respect for the lodge which had sent them on their errand of courtesy, and likewise because for the time being they represented the great English Masonic Brotherhood. We cordially congratulate Bros. REYNOLDS and SKINNER on the admirable manner in which they carried out the purpose of their journey, and in their name and on behalf of that English Masonry of which we have been the representative organ for so many years, we venture to thank the brethren generally of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York for the very great kindness and courtesy they exhibited towards their visitors. The visit of the Anglo-American Lodge Deputation to the United States is a pleasant episode in the current history of Anglo-Saxon Masonry, which is worth recording permanently for the edification of future generations of brethren.

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The Punjab Masonic Association.

It is clear, from the Report we have received of the Punjab Masonic Association for the year 1887, that the position of the Charity has been materially strengthened during that period. A decided improvement is announced in the amount of lodge subscriptions, the number of children on the fund has been augmented from 26 to 28, and the invested capital of the Charity has been increased from 55,600 rupees, yielding 4 per cent. interest, to 60,250 rupees. This is conclusive evidence that our Punjab brethren are actuated by that spirit of benevolence which is one of the essential characteristics of true Freemasonry; and we congratulate them most sincerely on the progress their Association has made since its establishment, and its greater ability, in consequence of that progress, to continue the good work which it has been thus far able to effect. It was shown at the annual general meeting in Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on the 10th February last, that the income from all sources amounted to upwards of 11,261 rupees, of which 9321 rupees were derived from subscriptions and donations, while the balance of 1940 rupees represented the year's interest on Government 4 per cent. paper. The expenditure amounted to upwards of 6508 rupees, of which nearly 4993 rupees were for "School Fees and Board," and over 654 rupees for Clothing Expenses, the rest having been expended in Travelling Expenses, Postages, Printing, Clerk's Salary, &c. The balance remaining in hand at the close of the year was 4753 rupees, and of this it was resolved to invest 4650 rupees, raising the total invested capital to 60,250 rupees, as stated already. The Budget Estimate for the year 1888 is set down at 7690 rupees, the increase over the recent expenditure being accounted for by the augmentation in the number of children, all the eight candidates, at the annual meeting in February, having been elected without ballot in commemoration of the Jubilee, and the increase in respect of Clothing Charges, Travelling Expenses, and other contingencies. These figures, which we have purposely given in some detail, speak of good work done by the Punjab Masonic Association during the past year.

#### "ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM."—PART IV.

The fourth part of Volume I. of the transactions of the justly celebrated "Lodge Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, Freemasons' Hall, London, is at length published, and will, we feel assured, obtain a most hearty welcome from the ever-increasing band of members forming the "Correspondence Circle," numbering now some 400, scattered over the "four quarters of the globe," as well as by the more select and learned body composing the lodge, the fellowship of which may well be termed the "blue ribbon" of the Society by those who are the literates of the Fraternity, and know how to value such a solid distinction.

As the part runs to 55 pages (closely printed), in large octavo size, it is not possible to do more than glance at its interesting contents, but should any of our readers desire to continue their researches, they can easily so do by simply sending half a guinea to the energetic Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, Streatham House, Margate, which nominal sum will secure this issue and also Part III.

At the lodge held on May 4th, 1888, Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., the W. Master, being in the chair, the Secretary presented (on behalf of a worthy brother) to the library a curious and valuable MS., obtained through the kindness of Bro. Cama, Past G. Treas. (by whom it was donated), of the eighteenth century. The text resembles that of the noted "Kilwinning MS.," the new treasure thus acquired being appropriately named the "Cama MS."

A photographic facsimile of the important "Scarborough" MS. was also presented to the lodge, the gift of Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of Canada (in which Grand Lodge the original of 1705 *circa* is now preserved). A similar roll is owned by Bro. W. J. Hughan, who exhibited it at Hull and Sunderland, when lecturing on Freemasonry there lately. It is one of the longest known, its great value, however, being due to an endorsement, reciting particulars of a lodge held in Scarborough in 1705—hence its title.

We hope that the reference to these two MSS. may lead to the announcement of other rolls, for it is not likely that the list is yet exhausted; at least we hope not.

Bro. Speth read a paper on "Scottish Freemasonry before the era of Grand Lodges," so as to carry one step further the series of elementary historical papers inaugurated so ably by Bro. Gould, the W.M., to which we alluded in a previous number. The "pendant," as the author terms it, is worthy of a more ambitious title, for the essay is valuable, interesting, and scrupulously accurate as to details. He treats of Oral tradition, written Tradition, and Documentary evidence, just as his distinguished predecessor did. As to "Oral tradition," we agree with him "*Practically it does not exist.*" His suggestion that many of the traditions "across the border," which really arose after 1736, were due to the anxiety of the members of certain old Lodges "to secure to themselves a high place on the Roll," is new to us, but none the less welcome, as, on the face of it, there is much to favour such a view.

Written tradition, or the evidence of the Old Charges, is treated but briefly, simply because the ground has already been so well covered, and a paper accompanies this part, by Dr. Begemann, about which we shall have a word to say further on. Bro. Speth believes his suggestion to be "quite new," relative to the English Lodges in former days being "legitimated" by receiving from others, still older, copies of these "Old Charges," and that without such rolls, &c., no Lodge could be regular, as they were required to be read to candidates. In a communication sent by Bro. Hughan, and read at the same meeting, he pointed out his agreement with the Secretary on that point by quoting from his "Origin of the English Rite," published in 1884; so it is most satisfactory to find that two such experts take the same view of the subject, especially as it evidently is one that will bear examination. Still earlier, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, in 1871, spoke of "Mother Kilwinning" selling copies of its "Old Charges" to other Lodges, thus bearing out Bro. Speth's belief, and proving the accuracy of his surmise.

The "Documentary evidence" as respects the Scottish Craft, is (as Bro. Speth puts it), simply overwhelming, and must have made his "task of condensation" far from easy work. He, however, has managed to present "a bird's eye view of the state of Freemasonry in Scotland during the centuries immediately preceding the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736," in such a comparatively small compass, as to render this Part IV. of considerable importance and utility to students of the Craft, and will, we venture to affirm, make it eagerly sought after by all brethren who desire a reliable digest *in brief*, of the evidence accumulated of late years respecting the old lodges from the sixteenth century downwards.

Bro. Speth "scores one" in insisting that "in Scotland when we first became acquainted with the lodges, and for years after the establishment of the Grand Lodge they were still active, legal recognised authorities, empowered to control and direct their trade, exclude offenders against their laws, and admit members to the freedom of the Craft."

This point, he considers, has not been sufficiently insisted upon in comparing Scottish with English Freemasonry, as in the latter country Guilds had ceased to exist (when we first meet with indications of Freemasons' lodges) having been suppressed in 1547. He rightly claims that "It is the key of many difficulties, and a cogent reason why we must be careful in our attempts to deduce a picture of English Freemasonry from glimpses of Scottish lodge life." We consider there is a deal in such a view, and hence the caution should be remembered on perusing his excellent paper.

Brethren familiar with Bro. Gould's remarkable Chapter VIII. of his history, will be thankful to Bro. Speth for his able summary, especially as so frequently the particulars are dovetailed between his own original suggestions and explanations, thus providing a digest and a commentary of absorbing interest and wealth of detail.

The roll of lodges given prior to 1717 offers an extraordinary contrast to the meagre one that can be supplied for England extending over the same period; the extraordinary number of 31 being well established, and even that estimate might fairly be extended.

We should like much to follow Bro. Speth through his masterly description of the Masonic customs prevailing in Scottish lodges, especially during the 17th century, but we dare not! The space at our command is too contracted for such a purpose, and totally inadequate; but we commend the perusal of such to our readers, and can promise them such a repast as to satisfy the most fastidious or the most incredulous as to the vitality of the Craft during that period. Our brother has not gone into the question of Degrees, the subject being too vast for that paper, but he remarks therein that "since the lamented death of Bro. Woodford, all the best authorities, Lyon, Gould, Hughan, Officer, and others, are agreed that ancient Scottish Masonry comprised only one Degree, and that the second and third were introduced in recent times from England." It appears to us that when the thorough discussion of the question of *degrees* prior to the Grand Lodge era comes to be considered, Bro. Speth will not be on the side of those who believe that only one esoteric (separate) ceremony prevailed in England before 1717. Judging from the references scattered over his essay, he is inclined to uphold the existence of *two Degrees* at least, as anterior to the Grand Lodge era. If so, we may anticipate no lack of debating power on either side when the question falls to be exhaustively treated.

In the discussion time papers were read from Bro. J. Ramsden Riley (who styled the essay "a valuable contribution,") and Bro. Hughan, who expressed the hope that the author would yet be "a convert to the theory that there were no separate Masonic Degrees prior to 1717;" but as to that, we shall, doubtless, hear further on. Bro. E. Macbean took part in the debate, as also Bro. F. H. Goldney, the historian of Masonic Wilts, and the W.M. delivered an excellent address, Bro. Speth concluding. A signed article (S. Russell Forbes, *Rome*), on "The Roman Legend of the Quattro Incononati," with four illustrations, will, doubtless, interest some of the "Circle," though, as the name of the lodge is purely a fanciful one, it does not seem at all necessary to justify its selection now that it has been adopted.

Bro. John Yarker contributes a few notes to his former paper on "Unrecognised Lodges and Degrees of Freemasonry," followed by a paper entitled "An attempt to classify the *Old Charges* of the British Masons," by Dr. Begemann (who is the present Prov. G. Master for Mecklenburg, to the great satisfaction of his numerous friends in this and other countries). This learned brother arranges the MSS. (exclusive of the oldest two, strictly speaking not versions of the O.C.) into four great families, viz., 1, "Grand Lodge," 2, "Sloane," 3, "Roberts," and 4, "Spencer;" these names representing four valuable versions, ranging from the sixteenth to the present century. It is not for us to presume to criticise this contribution, but we anticipate that either in this Journal or in

the transactions of the lodge, Bro. Hughan will do so, and possibly Bro. Gould will also refer to the paper, as both these brethren are virtually challenged to sustain their views wherein they differ from the Doctor. Of one thing we may be assured, that whenever that notable trio unite in agreeing as to any particular point, it would be in vain for any others to seek to upset their decision, as the study of the "Old Charges" has been, and is, a speciality of each of those Masonic experts. It is pleasant to find that whilst they differ on minor points, they are each so ready to aid the others, the Doctor concluding his contribution by thanking Bro. Hughan for his loan of several MSS., as without his help he would "not have been able to accomplish his laborious researches." We congratulate the lodge on having so able and distinguished a contributor as Dr. Begemann, of Rostock.

Bro. Speth is again to the front with a deeply interesting article on "Kaiser Wilhelm as a Mason," which will be read and re-read by many who, like ourselves, appreciate that Royal veteran as a brother, a patriot, and a ruler. The author of "Royal Freemasons" is at home on such a subject, and has written by far the best account we have yet seen of the Masonic career of that great and noble monarch.

The visit of Bros. Gould and Speth to the Hague and Brussels has already been duly described in our columns, but we have again perused the report with renewed pleasure and profit. The literary notes which follow are of the usual excellence, and make capital reading for the "outer circle," especially as they extend over a very wide area. The "obituary" contains brief notices of the late Emperor Frederick III., Bro. G. Parker Brockbank, of Bolton, and Bro. S. B. Oldham, D.G. Sec. of Ireland. The "Extracts from Correspondence, Notes," &c., cannot fail to be attractive, and proves how varied are the studies of the indefatigable Secretary.

We have reserved for our concluding observations the paper which was read by Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, on "Masters' Lodges," which very few, if any one else, could have written so exhaustively and conclusively, and which may be accepted, beyond question, as the standard contribution on that important subject. Indeed, as a matter of fact, there is nothing like it to be had or met with elsewhere, and could only have been prepared by one familiar with the history and character of last century lodges, like the author of the colossal work "Masonic Records, 1717-1886."

As it was the Festival of St. John in summer there was a fair attendance of members and brethren of the Correspondence Circle and visitors, the result being that the discussion was of a most instructive character, Bro. Hughan and other members taking part, the W.M. not only entering into the discussion most warmly, but also contributing a very suggestive "supplementary note," which has considerably increased the value and importance of the friendly debate. All the Masters' lodges from 1733 to 1792 are carefully described by Bro. Lane (36 in number), these being noted in Engraved or Printed Lists, and then others are described which do not occur in those books. Bro. Lane has discovered that the first four, viz., 115, 116, 117, and 120, of 1733, never paid for any warrants or authorities to constitute, and mentioned many curious particulars and original views as to these and other lodges. We hope to refer to this paper at more length ere long, unless Bro. Hughan favours us with an article on the subject, as its importance demands more consideration than we can now bestow on it. It must be read and re-read to be fully appreciated.

We have said enough to indicate the great value of Part IV. of the transactions of this—the literary—lodge of the Society, so we conclude with expressing the hope, shared by the members of No. 2076, that their W.M. will be selected by the Grand Orient of Belgium for the special prize to be adjudged to the author of the most meritorious Masonic work from 1879 to the present time, as he richly deserves the compliment.

**"THE SOCIETY CALLED FREEMASONS."**

A correspondent has sent us further extracts from the "Gentleman's Magazine" of 1737, which will interest and amuse our readers.

Foreign Affairs in March, 1737.

From Paris—The sudden increase of ye Society of *Free-Masons* in France, had given such offence, that the King forbid their meeting at any of their lodges, nor would ye States of *Holland* suffer them.

Foreign Affairs, April, 1737.

From Paris—That Copies of an apologizing Letter wrote by a *Free-Mason*, were made public, alledging "That the Views the *Free-Masons* propose to themselves are the most pure and inoffensive, and tend only to promote such Qualities in them as may form good Citizens, and zealous Subjects, faithful to their Prince, to their Country, and to their Friends. That the Name of *Free-Mason* is far from being an insignificant Title; That the Duty it prescribes to those that bear it, is to endeavour to erect Temples for Virtue, and Dungeons for Vice.—That he is by no means afraid of violating the Secret imposed upon them in publishing; That their principal Design is to restore to the Earth the Reign of *Astrea*, and revive the Time of *Rhea*. He assures the *Fair*, that the whole Brotherhood is full of Respect and Veneration for them; but that these Sentiments are not exempt from Fear; and that this Fear obliges the *Free-Masons* to exclude the Sex from their Assemblies, which, he concludes, ought not to provoke the Indignation of those who are the Objects of it; To prevent such an Effect, they need only recollect from whom *Adam* received the Apple; Sad Present! Since had it not been for that fatal Apple, *Adam* would have remained the first *Free-Mason*."

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.**

On Monday afternoon, the 1st inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held at Coventry. The St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1630, Bro. Dr. Chas. Davidson, W.M., was opened at St. Mary's Hall, in the Three Degrees, and the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Leigh, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. James T. Collins, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then received. The Prov. Grand Master having taken his seat upon the Throne, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. The business included the reading and confirmation of minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at the Faithful Lodge, No. 473, Birmingham, 17th April last; the report of the Audit Committee; the voting the transfer of the balance of Benevolent Fund on the 30th June last, to the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupil's Aid Fund, and the reports from the Committee of that Fund.

The Worshipful Masters then presented the reports on the state of their respective lodges; a Sub-Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws of this Provincial Grand Lodge, so as to bring them into harmony with the Revised Book of Constitutions, and the Treasurer and Tyler were elected. The Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. S. E. Howell, 587	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. S. Tomson, 1630	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. T. Rivington	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. T. C. H. Boughton-Leigh	...	...	...	
" Cox	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Coleman	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Beech	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Matthews	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Nettleport	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Pritchett	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Davis	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Dr. Davidson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Ashe	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Jackson	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" Pattison	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Bell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.

The lodge was then adjourned for Divine Service at Holy Trinity Church, the brethren walking in procession in order, clad in full Masonic Craft clothing. The brethren were met at the west door of the church by the surpliced choir and clergy, Bro. the Rev. F. M. Beaumont, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Bro. the Rev. Thurston Rivington, P.P.G. Chap.; and the Revds. T. W. Downing and Llewellyn Wood; the Organist, Mr. A. Hanson, meanwhile playing a voluntary. Prayers were intoned by the Rev. T. W. Downing, and the lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. Thurston Rivington

Full choral service was sustained by the choir, who sung Dr. Boyce's grand anthem, "O where shall wisdom be found?"

The sermon was preached by the Rev. BRIDGMAN BOUGHTON-LEIGH, P.P.G. Chap., in the absence, through illness, of the Rev. T. C. H. Boughton-Leigh, P.G. Chap. The preacher took for his text I. Kings, xix., 13., "And behold there came a voice unto him and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?" Remarking that the sacred historian set before them in this chapter one of the most beautiful pictures of a prophet of the great God, he described the personality of the prophet, and alluded to his characteristics and work. He then referred to the changed times in which we live, and the necessity for still living an upright, honest, and Godly life, and for still boldly bearing witness to the truth. Asking if God was thus dwelling in the hearts of his congregation as it was in Elijah, he partially replied to the question by saying there were many amongst them who knew this spirit of God had been everything to them in the past, and he added, "May it be our great wish that the spirit may still remain with us to guide us through the life which we have to lead in this world." Beseeching them to walk worthy of the vocation to which they were called, he reminded them of the blessedness of Charity, and then appealed on behalf of the Charities founded and maintained by Masonic benevolence.

During the singing of hymn 274 (Ancient and Modern), "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," a collection was taken in aid of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, £12 17s. 6d. being realised. Bro. Rev. F. M. Beaumont pronounced the Benediction, and the brethren returned to St. Mary's Hall in the same order as before.

Amongst those present were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M.; J. T. Collins, Deputy Prov. G.M.; G. Beech, Prov. G. Sec.; F. Jones, E. Warrell, T. S. Harvey, W.M. 254; Dr. Davidson, W.M. 1630; A. S. Tomson, Dr. Lynes, G. H. Hayward, J. Moffatt, C. Rowe, J. Bodenham, W. M. Boddington, F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. Croydon, A. E. Fridlander, F. Wyley, C. H. Slingsby, W. W. Curtis, C. J. Hill, R. Hill, W. R. Goate, D. Cole, T. Rickard, M. J. Davies, W. D. Claridge, Dr. Fenton, O. Minster, H. Heginbottom, A. E. Willdigg, J. T. West, and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, the Provincial Grand Master and his officers retired in procession, and the St. Michael's Lodge was then closed in due form.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Queen's Hotel, covers being laid for upwards of 50, the Prov. Grand Master presiding. The banqueting hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the whole of the arrangements were creditable to the local Stewards and the host, Bro. J. Thomson.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE VIGILANCE CHAPTER, No. III.**

On the 28th ult., the companions of the Chapter of Vigilance, No. III, of the Durham Province, celebrated their Centenary in a manner befitting the occasion, the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter, Sir Hedworth Williamson, attending the Centenary meeting in the chapter-room of the Freemasons' Hall, Darlington, and presented the Centenary Charter to the Most Eminent Z., Comp. S. F. Bousfield, and after the ceremonial the companions dined together in the banqueting-hall.

Royal Arch Masons held meetings in Darlington before there were chapters in any other part of Durham, but owing to certain circumstances which were referred to in the paper read on the occasion by Comp. C. D. Hill-Drury, Chapter Vigilance was not warranted by charter until 1788.

The following list of officers may prove interesting to our readers:—Grand Superintendents of the Province of Durham—Thomas Dunckerley, 1788; Sir Ralph Milbanke, Bart., 1801; Earl of Durham, 1834; John Fawcett, 1850; Marquess of Londonderry, 1880; and Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., 1886. Officers of the Hierarchical Lodge, 1769—John Pratt, Principal or Grand Master; James Knox, Banker; James McCoul, Recorder; and William Fowler, Assistant. Officers of the Vigilance Chapter, 1788—Timothy Cloudsley, M.E.Z.; John Mowbray, H.; James Wilson, J.; John Pratt and Michael Carr, Sojourners; John Arman, Scribe; and Robert Atkinson, Janitor. Officers of the Vigilance Chapter, No. III, 1888—S. F. Bousfield, M.E.Z.; S. Wilson, H.; T. M. Barron, J.; F. Tovey, I.P.Z.; C. D. Hill-Drury, M.D., S.E.; T. Watson, S.N.; H. A. Massingberd, Treas., and Principal Soj.; J. Graham, Asst. Soj.; R. Luck, M.A., P.Z., D.C.; W. C. Barron, Stwd.; and T. Prince, Janitor.

The proceedings commenced at half-past four, when the companions assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Darlington. The Present and Past Principals having entered the chapter room, the chapter was opened, after which the companions of the Chapter of Vigilance entered, and took the places allotted to them, and psalm cl., "O praise God in His holiness," was chanted.

The companions being seated, the M.E.Z. Comp. S. F. BOUSFIELD, requested the Scribe E. Comp. C. D. Hill-Drury, to read the minutes relating to the application for a centenary warrant.

Comp. HILL-DRURY complied with the request, and stated what steps had been taken with regard to the matter.

The Grand Superintendent and officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham, and other distinguished visitors, were then announced, and entered in the following order, viz.: Comps. D. Whitehead, P.P.G.O.; W. Logan, P.G.D. of C.; C. Spencer, P.A.G.S.; H. E. O. Muller, P.A.G.S.; T. J. Johnson, P.G.P.S.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Northumberland; Canon Tristram, P.P.G.H.; B. Levy, P.P.G.H.; Babington Boulton, P.G.H.; and Sir Hedworth Williamson, Grand Superintendent of Durham.

While the distinguished visitors were entering, a processional march was played by Comp. Tovey. The Prov. G. Chapter officers having taken their places, the hymn, "Hail, Eternal! by Whose aid," was sung.

The Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., then addressed the chapter. He congratulated the companions on the completion of the 100th year of their active existence. He had been much interested in looking over their old minutes, which went back for nearly 120 years, and said though they were the second warranted chapter, they had an actual existence 16 years previous to any other chapter in the Province of Durham. He had much pleasure in formally handing over to the First Principal the warrant of centenary, signed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as G.Z.; Lord Lathom, as G.H.; and Lord Leigh, as G.J.

At the conclusion of his address, the Grand Superintendent formally handed over the centenary warrant to the M.E.Z., Comp. Bousfield, the companions of the Chapter of Vigilance upstanding while he did so.

The Scribe E., Comp. HILL-DRURY, at the request of the M.E.Z., read the warrant, and the M.E.Z. returned thanks to the Grand Superintendent on behalf of the chapter.

The Masonic anthem, "Hail! Masonry Divine!" having been sung,

Comp. C. D. HILL-DRURY, M.D., Scribe E., read an interesting paper on "Early Royal Arch Masonry in Darlington," in which he said that, although Masonic history and literature were receiving more notice at the present time than hitherto, yet even now they did not obtain that attention at the hands of Freemasons which the valuable and interesting records of the fraternity deserved. This probably arose from the fact that all were in these busy times working at high pressure, and had not the necessary leisure to devote to such studies, and the majority considered their work complete when they regularly attended to their lodge duties. As most of them had to depend upon the work of others, it was well that there were so many distinguished Masons who had given them the result of their indefatigable labour and resources, and they were much indebted in that respect to Comp. W. J. Hughan, the Masonic historian of Torquay. The first G. Lodge ever formed was constituted as the G. Lodge of England by members of the four old London lodges and some old brothers on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1717, and on the same saint's day in 1725 the York Masons founded the "Grand Lodge of all England" at York. About 1750, disputes occurred between some of the members of London lodges and the Grand Lodge, and a rival organisation was started and named the "Grand Lodge of all England according to the old Constitutions." The members of this were known as "the Ancients," or Athol Masons, while the members of the premier Grand Lodge were termed "Moderns," or regular Masons. In 1779, another Grand Lodge was formed by brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity, who had got into trouble with the regular Masons for taking part in what was considered an illegal procession. They called it the Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent. About 1790 the York Lodge collapsed, and was followed by the South of the Trent Lodge, the brethren having been restored to all their Masonic privileges. From this time to 1813 there were only two Grand Lodges, and in that year they became one, as "The United Grand Lodge of England," which flourished at the present day. He was not qualified to enter into the question as to how, when, and by whom the Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was arranged, but it was certain that about the middle of the last century the Degree began to be worked in various parts of England and Ireland in an irregular and unauthorised manner. He suspected that it became known to the Darlington brethren by the military lodges sojourning in the neighbourhood, military lodges being numerous at that time, and the Quaker town was one of the resting places of troops from York to Newcastle in the stirring times of the latter half of the eighteenth century. He had hoped to settle the question by reference to the minute books of the Restoration Lodge, warranted June 19th, 1761, to which that chapter was attached, and by whose members it was founded, but their earliest records did not go back further than December 26th, 1679. The brethren of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, Durham, however, owed their first knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry to the 2nd regiment of Greys, and Darlington brethren were acquainted with it six years before it was known to those at Durham, and actually worked the Degree 16 years before they met with evidence of its existence in their cathedral city. A small copy book, lost for he did not know how long, was discovered two years ago by Bro. Bailey, and on the first page of this was the inscription, "Transactions of the Hierarchical Lodge, at Darlington, from the 27th August, 1769," and there was a minute in it dated August 27th, 1769, to the effect that Bro. Jno. Pratt, as Principal, or Grand Master; James Knox, as Banker; James McCoul, as Recorder of the Hierarchical Order; and William Fowler as Assistant; Jeremy Owen, a visitor and R.A. Master, were present when it was resolved that the said brethren, together with William Thompson and Daniel Stewart, Royal Arch Masters of the said lodge, should form, and after that date establish, a Hierarchical Lodge, and the same continue in all its parts. This was the earliest reference to Royal Arch Masonry in Darlington so far traced. The brethren who formed that lodge were all members of the Darlington Lodge, No. 263, on the roll of the Moderns. It was evident to his mind from this minute that the Royal Arch Degree must have been known in the town much earlier than that. A minute of a most sublime or Royal Arch Lodge opened at the sign of the Punch Bowl in Stonegate, York, on Sunday, the 7th of February, 1762, was the earliest chapter minute yet traced of the working of the Degree in this country. The next, and, as far as they were concerned, most important record was the minutes of a Chapter of Regular Masons (those under the Premier

Grand Lodge), held on March 22, 1765, at Mr. Inges'. The great importance of this minute lay in the fact that this lodge of Royal Arch Masons by a charter of compact in 1767 became virtually the Grand Chapter of the Grand Lodge of the Moderns, and therefore the predecessor of the present Supreme Chapter, and by its authority their chapter was constituted in 1788. The minutes of the Hierarchical Lodge at Darlington, which, as he had stated, commenced on August 27th, 1769, continued to 1785, at which point there were 10 pages missing, which had evidently been cut out, and the following page was devoted to a list of those who paid fines for non-attendance during the year 1815, which showed that up to that late date the same book had been used for chapter purposes. In another part the book continued to the year 1837, or three years after their esteemed Companion George Johnson Wilson was exalted. These records brought them down to 1786. Thirteen months later they obtained the charter, the Centenary of which they were celebrating that day. They might therefore fairly claim to have been continuously an active working chapter since August 27, 1769, or nearly 120 years, and their chapter was one of the oldest six connected with the Supreme Grand Chapter. It was probable that but for the energy of Comp. Thomas Dunckerley, one of the signatories of the charter of compact, who was once Grand Z., the Grand Chapter would have collapsed; and, had it not been for some military brethren, it was probable that their chapter would not have been warranted until a much later date than even 1788. The Durham Chapter in 1787, probably on the advice of the companions attached to the King's 1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards stationed at Durham, applied for a warrant, and thus, though 16 years younger than the Darlington Chapter, took rank as the first warranted chapter in the province. The five Darlington companions then went to Durham, were re-exalted, and the same night applied to be constituted as the Chapter of Vigilance, with Comps. Timothy Cloudsley, John Mowbray, and James Wilson, as Z., H., and J. They were celebrating the centenary of the chapter warranted on March 14th, 1788, yet the warrant hanging on their walls was dated November 5, 1823, and this was in consequence of their being requested in 1817 by the Supreme Grand Chapter to send in the old warrant, which they found since had not been preserved, and they had some difficulty in getting the new one, which was dated back 11 years from the year it was received, being received in December, 1834, and dated November 5, 1823.

Psalm cxxxiii., "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is," was then chanted, after which

Comp. LEVY, acting as Prov. G.J., then, in sympathetic and eulogistic terms, on behalf of the chapter, presented to Comp. G. J. Wilson a beautiful centenary jewel, and spoke of his long connection with Masonry and with the Arch Degree, he having been exalted in the year 1834. Comp. Wilson was, he said, now the oldest Past Principal in England, if not in the world.

Comp. WILSON suitably replied.

Comp. BABINGTON BOULTON, Prov. G.H., on behalf of the chapter, presented to Comp. C. D. Hill-Drury, S.E., a similar jewel, and in congratulating him on the interesting paper he had read, spoke of his many Masonic services and the great interest he took in all that concerned the Craft.

Comp. HILL-DRURY, in replying, said that the study of Masonic history was of itself so interesting that it carried with it its own reward, but that to know that his companions appreciated his work was a pleasure and satisfaction which he could not adequately express in words. Wherever he went he would wear the jewel with pride, and, remembering each companion he had met in the chapter, would think with gratitude of the kind motives which prompted them to present him with that mark of their esteem.

The alms were then collected for the Masonic Charities while the companions sang "Give alms of thy goods," &c.

Letters of congratulation and regret for absence were then read from Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Rev. T. Randell, J. M. Meek, C. J. Bannister, P.G.D.C. Eng.; C. Fendelow, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Sec.; J. G. Clay, P.G.J.; T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.H. North and East Yorks; W. J. Hughan, P.A.G. Soj. Eng., the Masonic historian; and others.

The visiting companions having offered their congratulations, the Grand Superintendent and officers of Provincial Grand Chapter retired, the other companions singing the closing hymn, "Now the evening shadows closing," and the chapter was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held in the adjoining rooms, the chairs being occupied by Comps. S. F. Bousfield, Sam Wilson, and T. M. Barron, who were supported by Sir Hedworth Williamson, Canon Tristram, Col. Addison-Potter, C.B., B. Levy, Robert Hudson, and others.

The cloth being removed, and the grace "For these and all Thy mercies, Lord," having been sung, Comp. BOUSFIELD proposed the toast of "The Queen;" Comp. SAM WILSON, H., proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.Z.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.H.; the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, G.J., and the rest of the Grand Chapter Officers," to which Comp. R. HUDSON, Prov. G. Scribe E., responded.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The Grand Superintendent, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., and the Grand Chapter Officers of the Province of Durham," and remarked that they had as their chief a companion esteemed by all, not only for his genial nature, but also for the business-like qualities which he brought to bear on all connected with the province over which he so ably presided, and spoke of the occasion of his silver wedding, when the Masons showed their appreciation of his services and the respect in which he was held by presenting him with a most valuable silver vase.

Sir HEDWORTH, in replying, said that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to be present that night, on the occasion of the celebration of the centenary of one of the six oldest chapters in England, and that too in his own province. He was glad to see the great interest shown in this Degree by the officers of the chapter, whom he heartily commended, particularly alluding to the valuable paper read by Comp. Hill-Drury, which he hoped the chapter would have printed for distribution in the provinces.

Comp. Canon TRISTRAM, in rising to propose "Prosperity to the Vigilance Chapter," remarked that a French statesman who had visited this country, in a very interesting book he had published observed that one of the great characteristics of Englishmen appeared to be their intense interest in the history of past times, and said that nowhere was this more observed than among the Freemasons, who appeared to attach much importance to the history of their lodges. Had he been present that night he would have had ample confirmation of his views in an interesting paper read by Comp. Dr. Hill-Drury. He had not had much opportunity of studying this Degree, but there was evidently much in its history worthy of atten-

tion. It seemed to him that Darlington was the birthplace of all the most important histories of the County Palatine, and that from the time of the Allan press Darlingtonians had been in the forefront in producing the local records of times gone by. He was much interested in Comp. Hill-Drury's paper, and he impressed upon the chapter the importance of not letting so excellent a paper remain unpublished. He congratulated the officers on the way in which their chapter was carried on, and expressed gratification in being able to be present on so important an occasion, for he felt sure that their successors would not invite him to its next centenary.

Comp. T. M. BARRON then proposed "The Grand Superintendent of the Province of Northumberland and the Visitors from other Provinces." He remarked that Col. Potter was in some measure a Darlingtonian, having received part of his education at the old Grammar School, and was glad to refer to him as one of the most able Grand Superintendents in the kingdom.

Comp. Col. ADDISON POTTER, replying on behalf of the visitors, acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and said that though 56 years had elapsed since he left Darlington, he had always taken a great interest in all that took place in the town, and was delighted to revisit it on so important an occasion as the centenary of the Vigilance Chapter.

Other toasts followed, including Comp. Dr. Hill-Drury's health, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion.

### THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE DEPUTATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

Our readers will no doubt call to mind the reports we published last year of the proceedings of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and particularly of the hospitality it so generously dispensed to the brethren from the United States who visited this country during the American Exhibition to London. They will doubtless recollect that prominent among these visitors were Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, who is Grand Recorder of the Templar organisation in Pennsylvania, and who, with a choice body of Masonic spirits of the same calibre as himself, came over here on a pilgrimage to the Old Country, partly to see the aforesaid American Exhibition, and partly to renew the pleasant friendships they established among the English brethren on a former occasion, and Bro. Shryock, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, fresh from the centenary celebration of his Grand Lodge, and eager to extend his acquaintance among the present members of that ancient body, from which his and nearly all the other Grand Lodges of the United States directly or indirectly claim their descent. They will no doubt remember how cordially the Anglo-American Lodge greeted these brethren, how warmly that greeting was appreciated by the visitors, and how strong was the desire they one and all expressed for an opportunity of reciprocating the welcome which had been shown them by the members of our Anglo-American Lodge. They will likewise chance to remember that Grand Master Shryock presented each member of the lodge with a medal commemorative of the Centenary Festival of the Grand Lodge over which he has presided for some short time past with so much ability, tact, and judgment, and that in recognition of such gifts, the lodge resolved on presenting their distinguished brethren with an illuminated address of thanks for this genial act of kindness. This resolution was most fortunate in more senses than one. It helped to strengthen the feelings of respect and friendship which had sprung up, *instanter* as it were, between the lodge and its visitors, and it furnished an opportunity to the former of sending over a deputation of officers to the United States for the purpose of presenting, formally, and at the same time with becoming ceremony, the address which had been voted. Above all, it gave our American brethren the occasion they so much desired of still further confirming the kindly feelings which may almost be described as innate in the members of the two great Anglo-Saxon branches of the Masonic Fraternity. This Deputation has now returned, after fulfilling the mission of goodwill on which it was sent, and from the lips of its members as well as from the glowing accounts which have appeared from time to time in the American Masonic and non-Masonic press, we learn how heartily, indeed, we may say how gloriously, they were received and entertained by the brethren in those cities it was their good fortune or privilege to visit. Wheresoever they went, whether east, west, south, or north, the welcome they met with was characterised by the same genial heartiness, and the same evident desire to make their brief sojourn in the States as agreeable as possible.

From the *Keystone*, of Philadelphia, we learn that Bros. George Reynolds, Secretary, and John Skinner, P.M. 538, Director of Ceremonies, who constituted the deputation from Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, landed at Jersey City from the Inman Line steamer City of Richmond on Sunday, the 9th September, at 4 p.m., having been delayed upwards of 24 hours on the passage by an accident to the engines; that they were met on their arrival by sundry Craftsmen appointed for the purpose; and that they were at once escorted by the latter to the good city of Philadelphia, reaching their destination about 11 p.m. the same evening, in time to rest themselves for the reception which awaited them, and which, but for the *contretemps* to the steamer they travelled by, would have commenced the day previous. However, on Monday they began the day by visiting the grand Masonic Hall, of which our Philadelphian brethren are so justly proud, being received and welcomed by Bros. Chas. E. Meyer, Daniel Sutter, John L. Young, Chas. Mathews, jun., James McCauley, Samuel W. Wray, Augustus R. Hall, John H. Crankshaw, and Charles W. Packer. After a thorough inspection of the magnificent Temple, they met R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla; R.W.J.G.W., Bro. the Hon. Judge Michael Arnold; R.W. Grand Treas., Bro. Thomas R. Patton, and the Grand Master's Private Secretary, Bro. Wm. A. Sinn. From the Temple the visitors were escorted to the United States Mint, where they were welcomed by Bro. Daniel M. Fox, P.M. of Lodge No. 72, Superintendent of the Mint, and by him shown through all the interesting and im-

portant portions of the building, seeing the manufacture of money in all its branches. From the Mint they were escorted to the New City Hall, and after examining the beautiful granite staircase, the electrical department and its battery room, they were lifted to the top of the lofty tower, and had a bird's eye view of the largest city (as to area) in the world, and its stately Broad-street, the longest street in the world. The atmosphere was fortunately clear and the view was magnificent. After leaving City Hall lunch was taken, after which a carriage drive was had through the West Park, passing the reminiscences of the Centennial, to the Grand Horticultural Hall, with its unsurpassed sunken parterres of landscape gardening, then to the falls of Schuylkill, returning along the river road to the East Park Reservoir, one of the most stupendous works in the country, a reservoir so large that when filled could float the largest vessel in the world. At six o'clock the American brethren, to the number of 20, met at Bro. Jacob Wiener's, 866, North Seventh-street, and tendered to the Anglo-American brethren their congratulations on their safe and pleasant voyage, their pleasure at meeting them on that side of the water, and wishing them a pleasant visit, after which they all sat down to refreshment, which was heartily enjoyed. The banquet was one of Bro. Wiener's best efforts. The table was most beautifully decorated with flowers, candelabras, fairy lamps, fruits, and greens. The cooking was exquisite, the serving most excellent—in fact, anything that could add pleasure to the occasion was not omitted. After the dinner toasts were drunk, under the chairmanship of Bro. Chas. E. Meyer. Speeches were also made by P.M. Bros. Augustus R. Hall and John Sartain, and songs by Bros. Crankshaw and Piper.

The following comprised the toasts:

THE PAST.—1. "Our Native Land," replied to by Bro. Wm. J. KELLY, P.M.; 2. "The Grand Lodges of England and Pennsylvania," replied to by Bros. JOHN SKINNER, P.M., and DANIEL SUTTER, P.M.

THE PRESENT.—3. "Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, F. and A.M. London," replied to by Bro. GEO. REYNOLDS; 4. "Masonry Around the Globe," replied to by Bro. ED. PERRY, P.M.; 5. "Those that I love, those that love me, those that love those that I love, those that love those that love me," replied to by Bro. Dr. Wm. A. PIPER, P.M.

THE FUTURE.—6. "May the Future bring us, as Masons, still closer than the Past, and the Present remind us 'How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity,'" replied to by Bro. SAMUEL W. WRAY, P.M.

The following brethren were present:

Bros. Geo. Reynolds, Sec. 2191; John Skinner, P.M. 538, D. of C. 2191; Charles E. Meyer, P.M. 295, Hon. Member 2191; Daniel Sutter, P.M. and Treas. 130; John L. Young, P.M. 130; Charles W. Packer, P.M. 72; John Sartain, P.M. 134; Ed. B. Spencer, P.M. 368; Louis Schmidt, P.M. 384; Daniel K. Spry, P.M. 332; Edward Perry, E.M. 158; James Macaulay, 211; John Beavan, 484; William McCarter, 295; Jesse G. Mecutcheon, 134; Joseph Shaw, 190; Joseph Fling, 296; Graham L. Littlewood, 9; William A. Piper, P.M. 285; Augustus R. Hall, P.M. and Sec. 72; William J. Kelly, P.M. 59, Chairman of Temple Committee; Samuel W. Wray, P.M. 59, Secretary of Temple Committee; Charles Matthews, jun., P.M. 481; Abraham A. Landis, 2; John P. Crankshaw, 19; and Jacob Wiener, 121.

On Tuesday morning Bro. John Sartain took charge of the visiting brethren, and showed them the colossal statue of William Penn (37 feet high), designed for the top of the tower of the new City Hall, and they were afterwards taken to the Academy of Fine Arts.

Having completed their round of visits in Philadelphia, Bros. Reynolds and Skinner started for Baltimore, arriving in that city about 10 p.m. on Tuesday, and being met on their arrival by a number of the brethren, who heartily welcomed them to their city. On the evening of Wednesday a dinner was given them at the Hotel Rennet, by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Grand Master Bro. Thomas J. Shryock presided, and among those present were Bros. John M. Carter and John S. Tyson, Past Grand Masters; J. H. Medairy, G. Sec.; W. H. Shryock, G. Treas.; W. H. Clark, J.W.; F. C. Latrobe, Mayor; J. B. Kurtz, W. M. Burgan, W. A. Hanway, J. A. Smyser, George Savage, W. H. Marston, F. H. Bolton, C. H. Keppelman, E. A. Booth, E. T. Schultz, Harry Nicholson, and E. J. Dowell.

During the evening Bro. REYNOLDS, on behalf of the Anglo-American Lodge, presented Grand Master Shryock with a handsomely-engrossed vote of thanks from the lodge in appreciation of his gift to each member of the lodge, of a medal commemorative of the centenary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the presentation being made in a very neat and kindly speech, and acknowledged most gracefully by Bro. SHRYOCK, who took the opportunity of handing to the visitors a beautifully-embossed silver kissing-cup, or, as we call it here, loving-cup, as a gift from the Grand Lodge of Maryland to the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191. The cup is well made, and very artistic, and has on it the following inscription:—

The M.W. Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Maryland.

At the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Maryland, held in Baltimore, November 16th, A.L. 5887, the following resolution, reported by the Committee, in the Grand Master's Address, was unanimously adopted:

"Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, F. and A.M. of England.

"The grateful acknowledgments of the Grand Lodge are tendered to the Officers and Members of Anglo-American Lodge for their cordial and fraternal courtesies extended our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Shryock, during his visit to England."

Thursday was devoted to sight-seeing, and Bros. George Reynolds and John Skinner passed the day very pleasantly. In the morning they called on Mayor Latrobe at the City Hall, and were shown through the building, after which they visited various parts of the city, including Druid Hill Park, with which they appeared very much pleased. In the afternoon they boarded one of the tugboats of the Booth Packing Company, accompanied by Grand Master Shryock, Bros. A. Booth, J. A. Smyser, C. H. Keppelman, and others, and made a trip down the river. In the evening they were handsomely entertained at the Masonic Hall by members of Concordia Lodge, No. 13, Bro. Wm. M. Burgan, Master. About 300 brethren were present, and Grand Master Shryock invested Bro. Reynolds with a jewel, as proxy for Bro. Brackstone Baker, representing the Grand Lodge of Maryland near the Grand Lodge of England.

On Friday they visited Washington, and subsequently were received and most hospitably entertained by Bro. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York. They started on their return journey on the 20th ult., and reached Liverpool, after a quick, but somewhat stormy, passage, towards the close of last week, both Bros. Reynolds and Skinner being delighted with their trip.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1888.

**Original Correspondence.**

**THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is satisfactory to know that the Philbrick Committee of Inquiry into the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is composed of men of large and varied experience, sound judgment, and commanding influence, who do not need to curry favour with the multitude, who, while treating with respect every one entitled to give evidence or submit an opinion, will listen unmoved to the clamours of the busy-body and the partisan, and in whose report, of what nature soever it may happen to be, the Craft, as a body, will, as you have justly said, have the most implicit confidence. From all I hear, there is a mob of unreasoning brethren, who are prepared to follow the lead of those turbulent spirits who are chiefly responsible for the present uproar, and a less weighty and influential Committee than Bro. Philbrick has succeeded in bringing together might find it difficult, if not impossible, to stem the tide of popular disfavour which the originators of this commotion have apparently been able to excite against the executive authorities of the Boys' School.

I trust Bros. Tunnicliff and Greatbatch will do me the kindness to believe that I do not include them among the said turbulent spirits referred to above, who are a distinct species of Masons, and to whom it is impossible that my worthy Staffordshire brothers can have any affinity. But it does not need the wisdom of King Solomon to detect in the letter, with their signatures at foot, which appeared in your columns last week, a most decided feeling of hostility towards the House Committee and salaried officials, into whose management of the Boys' School it is the appointed duty of the Philbrick Committee to enquire. In that letter they invite brethren and others in the provinces and elsewhere to unite with them in compiling a chapter of complaints—the longer and more formidable it is, the better satisfied, perhaps, they will be with it—against the School authorities. They say "there has for some years past been much complaining in at least some of the provinces as to the management of the Institution," and they suggest that, "as a channel has now been opened for submitting these complaints to a competent and impartial tribunal," those who have—or, which is probably the same thing, imagine they have—complaints to make of the School management and expenditure, should combine together to make the indictment against the Executive as tremendous as they can, so that the House Committee, the Secretary, the Head Master, and the rest of them may be crushed out of existence altogether. I say that the letter of Bros. Tunnicliff and Greatbatch, after a careful study of its several paragraphs, justifies this interpretation of the spirit by which they are actuated towards the Executive, and in which they propose to submit their grievances to the fortunately "competent and impartial tribunal," which has been appointed to inquire into them. It certainly harmonises well with the spirit of that injunction I have occasionally heard of, to "hit him hard, he has no friends"—or apparently he has none—but it is not in accordance with the teachings of Freemasonry.

Nevertheless, though I object to the spirit in which their invitation was issued, I shall not refuse to accept and act upon it in my own fashion, and before concluding this letter, I purpose stating openly the complaint I have to make against the School authorities. But let me first of all remind Bros. Tunnicliff and Greatbatch, and others whom it may concern, that the House Committee and executive officers of the Boys' School are not a body of men who are on their trial for high crimes and misdemeanours against the Institution. The House Committee is a body of gentlemen and Masons who give their services voluntarily, without hope or expectation of anything in the shape of fee or reward, and prompted by no other desire in placing those services at the disposal of the Institution than to promote its welfare to the utmost of their ability. They have mostly, if not in every case, attained to positions of eminence in the ranks of Freemasonry; they enjoy the respect and confidence of a majority of the brethren on the General Committee; they are elected annually; and if, on trial, they prove to be wanting in those attributes which are necessary to constitute an efficient governing body, it is in the power—indeed it would become the duty—of the members of the General Committee to elect others in their stead. I would also remind them, as regards Bro. Frederick Binckes, the Secretary, that he is a Past G. Steward and Past G. Sword Bearer of the United Grand Lodge of England, and G. Secretary since 1861 and Past J.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England; that he has been associated with our Institution for Boys, firstly, as a member of the House Committee, and since June, 1861, as Secretary, ever since it was established as a Boarding School at Wood Green; and that the success which the Institution has achieved as a School during its brief career of 31 years is in greatest measure and by the almost universal consent of the English Craft attributed to his great ability, and the amazing zeal and energy with which he has discharged his duties as Secretary. Lastly, let me remind Bros. Tunnicliff and Greatbatch, and those who act or purpose acting with them, as regards Bro. the Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D., the Head Master, that he is a clergyman of the Anglican Church and a gentleman, a Mason of considerable distinction, a man of great scholarly attainments—especially in the field of English literature—which are known and appreciated in circles outside that to which during the last 13 years he has chiefly confined his attention; and that his fitness for the position he occupies at Wood Green has been exemplified by the success of his pupils at various public examinations and the healthy and gentlemanly tone which has characterised the boys generally since his appointment to office in 1875. It was my intention to have apologised to

Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch, and their co-actors, for presuming to remind them of these facts which I have recounted, which are on record in the annals of the Institution, and which, I believe, are pretty generally known and recognised throughout the English Craft. But though their letter contains an urgent appeal to the brethren at large, but especially in the provinces, where there is less familiarity with the history and management of the Institution than among London Masons, to formulate all the complaints they can against the executive authorities, I see no reference whatever to the brilliant services rendered to the Institution by those authorities during the "some years past" to which their inquiries, present or prospective, extend or will be extended hereafter. I shall, therefore, leave it to them in any further communication they may desire to address to the Craft through the medium of your columns to express to me their thanks for having supplied an obvious, and no doubt unintentional, omission of theirs.

And now for my grievance, which is briefly this—that among the Rules and Regulations of the Institution there is none which will enable the General Court of Governors and Subscribers or the General Committee of Governors to visit with condign punishment any brother or brethren, who during the time the said General Court or General Committee is met for the transaction of business shall openly and flagrantly set at defiance the obligations which all men, whether Masons or non-Masons, are under, when assembled together, to maintain order, and observe the common decencies of life. I would suggest, if it is not too late, that it be a recommendation from the General Court of Governors and Subscribers which will be held on Friday, the 26th inst., to the Philbrick Committee to extend their inquiries into the management of the School with a view to preventing a repetition of those scandalous scenes which occurred at sundry Courts and General Committees during the earlier half of this year. I would further suggest, for the protection of those who consider it the duty of Masons to conduct themselves as gentlemen, especially when they attend Masonic meetings or meetings connected with our Masonic Institutions, whether it is not desirable that some law be enacted by which in extreme cases brethren who offend against the laws and established usages of civilised life during the conduct of public business at these Courts and General Committees, shall be relieved of the privilege and responsibility of attending them either for a definite term or permanently.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

October 1st.

"Q."

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see by the report in the *Freemason* of the Prov. G. Lodge of Worcestershire that Lady Lechmere presented standards for the use of the province, which of course was most gratifying to the brethren. The leading article in the *Freemason* states that "this event is unique in the history of Provincial Grand Lodge meetings," but I may remind you and your readers that it is not the first instance in which a lady has been present in a lodge room previous to the opening of a lodge.

Soon after the consecration of the Burdett Coutts Lodge (1278), a lodge was held (by dispensation, I suppose) in Freemasons' Hall, I think in 1869, when the Baroness Burdett-Coutts was invited to be present in the lodge-room (previous to the opening of the lodge) for the purpose of presenting the lodge with a Bible and set of carved oak chairs for the use of the W.M. and Wardens. The Baroness was also present previous to the consecration of the Abbey Lodge (2030), in 1884, when she presented the lodge with the W.M.'s and Wardens' chairs, and I think other furniture besides; and I trust other ladies may be induced to follow the example of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Lady Lechmere, and encourage the Order as they have done.—Yours truly and fraternally,

September 26.

F.B.—MIDDX.

#### THE ANTI-MASONIC MOVEMENT IN GERMANY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having lately been in Germany and attended, among other meetings, one of Lodge Globus, in Hamburg, on 20th July last, which was their installation night, and also G.L. Visitation, I heard it stated, to my great regret, in open lodge that an anti-Masonic agitation is at present finding many followers in Germany. The brethren of Lodge Globus were very much afraid that all the lodges in Germany would be prohibited, especially as the present Emperor has not followed in the footsteps of his illustrious father and grandfather, who were enthusiastic brethren of the Craft, and who looked with great favour and interest on all things which could further the Craft in general.

The present agitation, even if nothing worse follows, will be a great blot on the boasted civilisation and liberalism of Germany, and it may not be out of place to mention here that 105 years ago a similar agitation was got up, in the name of Religion, against Masonry, when Frederic the Great wrote the following letter, dated the 7th of February, 1783, and addressed to the leaders of the agitation—two Catholic monks, named Greinemann, of the Dominican Order, and Schuff, of the Capuchin Order, respectively, who were trying to persuade the public to attack the Craft during the ceremony of consecrating a lodge in Aix-la-Chapelle, and to induce them to murder the brethren present at that ceremony.

The letter is translated as follows:

"February, 7th, 1783,

"My Very Reverend Fathers,

"Information has reached me, corroborated by the public press, that you are zealously agitating the public to draw the Sword of Fanaticism against quite virtuous and honourable citizens, whose only crime in your eyes is that they are Freemasons."

"As a past office bearer of this honourable and worshipful Craft, I am compelled to throw your slander and insinuations against the Order back in your face with all the force I possess, and must decline to allow you to draw aside the veil which hides the Temple of Virtue (a Freemasons' lodge), although you represent it to be an association of evil and vice. What, my very reverend Fathers, do you intend to enact over again, those centuries of ignorance and barbarism which were a disgrace to humanity and common sense? Those times upon which we cannot look

back without a shudder? Those times when Hypocrisy, sitting on the Throne of Despotism, between Superstition and Humility, tried to chain the world in ignorance, and without any distinction, burned all those whose crime was, that they could read?"

You have not only called the Freemasons Sorcerers, but have denounced them as vicious people, thieves, and emissaries of the Anti-Christ, and you call upon the whole population to kill and destroy them all from off the Face of the Earth. Thieves, my very reverend Fathers, do not make it their duty to assist widows and orphans, on the contrary, thieves plunder them, rob them of their patrimony, and fatten themselves on their Booty in the Lap of idleness and hypocrisy. Thieves defraud the public but Freemasonry enlightens it. A Mason returning from his lodge, where he is taught only what will benefit mankind at large, returns the better father and better husband through going thither to his work. An Atheist would most probably try to destroy the commandments of the Deity, but a Mason cannot go contrary to the Laws of the Omnipotent without trampling down his own edifice of Masonry. In conclusion, I ask you, how can those possibly be a cursed body of men, whose continual endeavour it is to spread that knowledge which makes a virtuous man and which is to the benefit of mankind at large?

(Signed) "FREDERIC."

The foregoing letter has been reprinted in many of the more enlightened newspapers of Germany during the preceding month, and I trust may find many readers.

I may add, dear Sir and Brother, that our Scotch lodges, although far older than any in Germany, might learn a great deal from the latter, particularly in the matter of decorum. Evening dress and *white gloves* are compulsory at all communications. Of course, as you know, they all work with their hats on, and the Lodge Globus when I visited it, was beautifully decorated with flowers and exotics round the dais of the W.M. I found the S.W. and J.W. sitting in chairs opposite the M. chair, between them the altar in front of the chair, and then three great candelabras, each holding a huge wax candle. The three candelabras were lit by the W.M., S.W., and J.W., and each pronounced a different blessing on lighting it, and also when extinguishing it, after the lodge was closed.

Altogether it was one of the most imposing, decorous, and beautiful ceremonies I ever had the pleasure to witness. Visitors were conducted into the presence of the chair, and introduced by the M.C. and a deputation of brethren with staves (12), and the music playing on their entrance.

Trusting you will find room for the publication of above in your next issue of our Craft journal, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

Sept. 24.

HELENSBURGH.

#### STEWARDS' JEWELS OR BADGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At a recent important lodge meeting, a brother, well-known in connection with the Charities, wore several dozen decorations and was immensely admired. I was told that many of these were Stewards' jewels or badges, honourably enough gained at the Festivals. Kindly give your opinion if these can properly be worn in lodges?—Yours fraternally,

October 2nd.

P.M.

#### BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I want your earnest sympathy and help for a sixth and last application. The case I refer to is Harold Gray, who father was initiated in the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, South Africa, 8th Jan., 1872, and subscribed till June, 1878, when he became mentally incapacitated, and died shortly afterwards, leaving a widow and three young children.

Being a colonial case, very little help has been given, although Mrs. Gray has worked hard. About 1000 votes are carried forward.—With fraternal regards, yours faithfully,

Carleton College,

W. H. SAUNDERS,

Tufnell Park, N.

P.P.S.G.D. Middx.

#### "AN IMPORTANT POINT."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was from home last week or would have replied to Bro. Woodward earlier.

I am aware there is nothing in the Book of Constitutions to compel a brother to vote or leave the lodge, but the Constitutions do not explicitly deal with every question of detail. Robertson in his *Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence* (under the Canadian system) distinctly states "Every member of a lodge present must vote on all questions submitted to the lodge, unless excused by the unanimous consent of the rest of the members present. The Master may require any member to vote or to leave the room," and I have heard old P.M.'s lay down the law in a similar way, with the exception of the qualifying clause "unless, &c."

Dr. Oliver, (*Mas. Jur.*, p. 74, Ed. 1874), discusses the question whether it is constitutional to remain neutral on the ballot for a candidate, and considers such conduct un-Masonic, though "not aware of any law to prevent it."

These and other authorities have made me hesitate how far I have been right when ruling, or advising a W.M. to rule, that a brother might remain neutral, and I worded my letter hoping to elicit Bro. Woodward's opinion, for which I thank him.

But I regard Rule 210, whilst it may be held to impliedly sanction a brother's right to be present and not vote on ordinary occasions, as a concession in this particular case to those who hold it un-Masonic not to vote. The question of exclusion is so important, inasmuch as it may amount very nearly to virtual expulsion from the Craft, that Rule 210 says, in effect, that every brother present shall vote upon it. The question before the lodge is practically a criminal charge, and the consequences of exclusion are so serious that unless those who ask for it can carry with them two-thirds of those who hear the question discussed, those who are not convinced, whether they vote or not, shall be counted as voting in favour of the accused. With all deference to Bros. Woodward and Ohren, I cannot conceive anything fairer and more proper.

In the case of the numbers suggested by Bro. Ohren, I submit that 14 unconvinced to 25 convinced should not exclude. But I will put another case—12 present, 6 vote, 4 for exclusion, 2 against, and 6 neutral. Could it for a moment be tolerated that it should be possible for 4 brethren in such a case to inflict a penalty on a brother which, in the words of our respected Grand Registrar, "practically prevents him from joining another lodge unless that lodge sees the clearest evidence, on going into the whole matter, that he is fit to be a member of it?" What lodge would be likely to go into "the whole evidence?"

It is no stretch of imagination to say the non-voters give a verdict of "not proven." The refusal to vote in the affirmative is in itself a plain proof either that they do not consider the complainant has proved his case, or else that they are unwilling to inflict such an extreme sentence as exclusion.

I must apologise for taking up so much of your space, but much as I regret to differ from Bro. Woodward, I think with him that this is "an important point," and I, like many other brethren, think the present law right, and should be very sorry to see it altered.—Yours fraternally,

October 1.

LEX SCRIPTA.



#### 800] ALBANY LODGE, No. 151, NEWPORT.

Adverting to the previous "Notes" on this subject by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre and myself (N. and Q. 791 and 796) I am now enabled to add further particulars. The original Warrant, No. 200, dated 9 July, 1777, was undoubtedly issued to a lodge to meet at the Vine Inn, at Salisbury, where the lodge was duly constituted on 30th July in the same year, Bro. Caleb Dyer being Master, Hugh Jeboult, jun., Senior Warden, and William Redman, Junior Warden. This lodge ceased to exist prior to 1792, in June of which year the Warrant was returned to Grand Lodge. After an interval of nine years, No. 200 was "Transferred to the Isle of Wight, at the Castle and Banner," on 8th May, 1801, the usual fee of £2 2s. being paid for the Warrant on that day. The first names registered under the new lodge are "Richard Stevens Innkeeper I. of W.," "John Stevens, do. I. of W.," "Edmund Wavell," and "John Wavell, Cordwainer." In the Warrant, as it now appears (from a photograph kindly lent me by Bro. Le Feuvre), the words "Vine" and "City of Salisbury" and the names of Caleb Dyer, Hugh Jeboult, and William Redman have been erased, and over the erasures are written the words "Castle" and "Isle of Wight," and the names "Richard Stephens," "John Stephens," and "Jonathan Wavell," being three of the persons registered for Newport. In the lower part of the Warrant the three old names have also been erased, but no others substituted. These erasures, fortunately, are to some extent incomplete, and portions of the old writing are legible; thus, the "C" of City, and the termination "ry" in Salisbury can be distinctly seen, also the initials "H" and "J" under the name of John Stephens, and in the lower erasure, not written upon, the letters "C. . Dyer" of Caleb Dyer, "H J. . oult" of Hugh Jeboult, and "W . . R . . ." of William Redman are clearly visible, some letters being more distinct than others. The names of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary remain on the warrant as in 1777. The warrant appears to have recently been mounted and backed for preservation so that the usual endorsement of the transfer cannot be read. I am strongly of opinion that it was never re-issued from Grand Lodge in its present condition, and that these erasures were done locally. The difference in the mode of spelling the surname "Stephens" and the substitution of *Jonathan* for *John* Wavell strengthen my opinion. The operation of the Act of Parliament passed in 1799, which led the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns" to re-issue or transfer old warrants to new lodges at this period, i.e., from 1800 to 1812, may have induced the "Athol" Grand Lodge to adopt a similar procedure, and it is therefore probable that the old warrant of 1777 was transferred in 1801, by means of an endorsement, and thus made to do duty for, and to take the place of, a new warrant for the Newport Lodge, which, it is evident, was only constituted in 1801.

JNO. LANE.

#### 801] LODGE No. 203, AIRDRIE, SCOTLAND.

In consequence of a friendly challenge in the *Freemason* of 8th ult., I took the opportunity, a week ago, to make enquiry about No. 203, Airdrie, and allude to it now mainly because of certain peculiarities noticeable in their "Mark" custom. The Parent "Friendly Society" is now, 8th Oct., celebrating the first centenary of its establishment for the express purpose of affording relief to necessitous persons in any way connected with the building Fraternity. In 1799, this body was chartered under the title of "St. John's Operative Lodge," and though till comparatively recently a combination, the Masonic section has of necessity now been separated from the purely Charitable. When funds were running short, in 1817, they resolved to extend their ranks by admitting Wrights, Slaters, and Smiths into their Lodge, but only in the proportion of one speculative (*sic*) to three of the Craft. The earliest minute book discoverable, in my hurried search, begins in 1813, and is prefaced by a series of Resolution or Laws signed by the Officers, including *Mark Master* and *Standard Bearers*. In 1815, we find the members were allowed when sick 3s. per week "as bedfast," and 2s. "if going about." The entering fee was 10s. 6d., while the same amount was exacted for the passing and raising combined, which was an evening's work. The Apprentice paid 1s. 1½d. for his "Mark," which, according to the verbal testimony of the old veterans, carried some valuable trade signals with it. I can only note here two of these, for the rest are somewhat allied to the present ritual, and therefore not suitable in sketch of Craft lodge. The journeyman in urgent need of employment was taught to tuck up the right lower corner of his apron into the left side of his waistband, while he who was sufficiently independent, and merely desired to see whether the job was to his mind, rolled his



apron round the body. These old customs have been incorporated into the ordinary working of the Mark Degree, and are always impressed on the neophytes of this lodge. The authorities are at present much exercised by the command of Grand Lodge to eliminate from their list the office of "Mark Master" which seems to have been in activity as far back as their records carry us, in an operative lodge it is apparent that such an Instructor was of considerable importance. Some of the members maintain that the sanctioning of the Mark Degree should of itself be ample reason for the retention of this functionary on their dais.

EDW. MACBEAN, 2076.



Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This old lodge resumed its meetings for the season on the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were Bros. G. C. Hudson, W.M.; Hakim, S.W.; Steng, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Langdale, J.D.; Bye, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; M. Heaphy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Coop, I.P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler; and others. Bros. Smith, P.M., Latham, and Ramas were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. R. T. Godfrey, and it proving to be unanimous, he was impressively initiated by the W.M. By-laws having been read, Bro. Hakim was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Carter, Treasurer (30th time), and Bro. Longstaffe, Tyler. Auditors and members of the Benevolent Committee having also been elected, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Hudson, W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts were duly honoured.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," spoke in high terms of Bro. Hudson's excellence as a brother and W.M. His qualities, also, as a Chairman at their festive board were of no mean order. In conclusion, he (the speaker) trusted that for many years to come Bro. Hudson would be spared to attend the meetings of the old Lodge of Faith.

The W.M. having replied in modest terms, then gave "The Initiate."

Bro. Godfrey having replied, "The Health of the Visitors" followed.

Bros. Smith, P.M., Ramas, and Latham responded, and spoke in flattering terms of their reception that day.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master Elect" came next, and

Bro. Hakim, in a speech of some merit, expressed his thanks for the unanimous vote given to him that day. As W.M. it would be his pride and endeavour to still further increase the prestige of No. 141.

Bros. Carter, Stuart, Heaphy, Walls, and Coop responded on behalf of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Steng for "The Officers."

**ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).**—On Monday evening last this old lodge, now warranted for a centenary jewel, held its annual installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Forscutt, W.M., who was unfortunately still suffering from the severe illness which has afflicted him during the greater part of his year of office. There was a fine attendance of brethren. The Past Masters present were Bros. P. Coughlan, Thomas Markland, Robert Barham, George Skeggs, Robert J. Taylor, D. of C.; and Edward Witts, Secretary; and there were also the following visitors: Bros. J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; H. M. Hutchins, 1223; Thos. Poore, P.M. 720; Harry Price, P.M. 177; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; Richd. Chandler, P.M. 1139; W. Cusons, I.G. 1681; Alfd. Bannister, I.P.M. 1632; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; M. Coleman, I.P.M. 1604; A. Jones, S.D. 1949; W. Wright, Org. 1897; R. B. Cooper, 416; J. Brandon, P.M. 890; J. T. Dormer, J.D. 1571; John B. Mathews, J.D. 194; T. E. Green, P.M. 715; H. C. Pickett, W.M. 1632; T. R. Beaufort, P.M. 217 and 2148; and J. M. Latham, P.M. 1922.

The installation was the only ceremonial before the lodge, with the exception of the opening and closing, and for the purpose of installing the new W.M., Bro. Peter Coughlan, P.M., was requested to take the Master's chair. This having been done, Bro. Markland, P.M., presented Bro. Henry Mann, jun., S.W. and W.M. elect, who, having agreed to accept the office of Master of the lodge on the usual conditions, was installed as W.M. in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering 19. Having invested Bro. Forscutt as I.P.M., the following brethren were made recipients of the other collars: Bros. J. L. Hume, S.W.; W. B. Wilson, J.W.; J. G. Unite, Treas.; E. Witts, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Tucker, S.D.; A. Saunders, J.D.; Markland, P.M., D. of C.; J. G. Ponder, Asst. D. of C.; F. Stutfield, I.G.; R. J. Taylor, P.M., and F. J. Street, Stewards; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The new W.M., who has become a proficient Mason by the constancy of his attendance at lodges of instruction, delivered the full ritual attached to the investiture of officers. Bro. Coughlan was warmly applauded for the perfectness of his delivery of the installation ceremony.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, and honoured the usual toasts, between which they were entertained with some capital singing and recitations by Mr. Austin Turner, Bro. James Bayne, Mr. W. G. Churcher, and Bro. Cheesman.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said that whatever office the Prince of Wales undertook he brought to it the same zeal and ability, whether it was laying the foundation-stone of a church or attending the meetings of Grand Lodge. He always infused life and energy into his proceedings, which had won for him the respect of all Englishmen, and especially of Masons. The same character would attach

to him always, and would win for him affection and regard when he ceased to be Prince of Wales and took upon him the position the Queen now occupied.

"The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was the next toast, in proposing which the W.M. referred to the many important duties which the Grand Officers under the Prince of Wales at all times discharged.

Bro. Forscutt, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said it was a pleasure always felt by brethren when they were raised to the proud position of W.M. Unfortunately for him, he had been unable through illness to fulfil his duties as W.M. as he should have done, but still his heart had been in the work, and as he knew that was also the feeling of the new W.M., he asked all the brethren to be understanding and in that position to drink his health.

The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, thanked the brethren very sincerely not only for their cordial reception of the toast, but the members of the lodge for the kind way in which they had assisted him step by step in every office that had fallen to him. He had been a member of the lodge scarcely seven years, and he was now in the proud position of W.M. When the Installing Master told him the chair of that lodge had been filled by many able predecessors, he felt he had a difficult task to emulate them, but he could assure the brethren that to any duties he had to perform he should bring to bear all the abilities and energies he could command. With the assistance of the brethren it would not turn out a failure. But it was useless for one individual alone to attempt to make any lodge or society; it could only be done with the assistance of those to whom he had a right to look for support; and therefore he appealed—and he was sure, not in vain—to his officers and to the old members of the lodge to give him their cordial assistance during his year of office. They were a very old established lodge, but to carry it on they must have new blood. If they got it they would be able to place on the roll and scroll of fame another year of success. St. Luke's had a grand record. They could hold up their heads, and they ought to try to increase its fame if possible every year. New lodges were springing up and great enthusiasm was thrown into them. He had been to several, and he regretted to say he saw greater enthusiasm thrown into their work than into that of the older lodges, and that ought not to be. In an old lodge like St. Luke's they should endeavour to carry out the work in as able a manner as their predecessors had done, and leave a record behind them which their successors might strive to emulate.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," said the St. Luke's Lodge had been well favoured in respect of the visitors it had. In the past the toast had commended itself in other lodges as well, and he had always remarked when visitors had replied in the St. Luke's Lodge they had always said what pleasure it was to them to be present, and how glad they would be to come again. The Lodge of St. Luke was indebted to several old members for introducing the visitors they saw among them that night and on several occasions. Bro. Thomas Poore was present when he (the W.M.) was initiated, and he had been present at every installation meeting ever since. To all the visitors he extended the welcome of St. Luke's Lodge; the brethren were always glad to see them, and if they could add to their comfort they always desired to do so. He called on five of the visitors to reply.

Bro. John Mason, in the course of his reply, made a strong appeal to the W.M. to take upon himself the Stewardship of the lodge for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on 27th February next, when the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. for Norths and Hunts, would preside.

Several other visitors also replied. The W.M., in giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," said on such an occasion as this the toast of the I.P.M. was not an ordinary one, because during his year of office Bro. Forscutt had not enjoyed good health, and this should speak to the mind of every one that drank it. When they drank to the health of various brethren, they did not recollect what they were doing or what they were drinking; but in a case like this, where a brother had unfortunately had very bad health in the past, it was more necessary that they should recall to their minds the importance of the act they were performing, and he hoped they would all agree with him when he said they sincerely trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would extend to Bro. Forscutt a greater meed of health and pleasure than had been the case during his year of office. It was a matter of extreme regret to every brother that Bro. Forscutt had been on a bed of sickness, when they had been in the lodge or enjoying themselves at the banquet table; but they knew that, though absent in body, he had been present in spirit, and it was on that account they had delegated their W.M. to present to him a P.M. jewel, which he now placed on Bro. Forscutt's breast with a request that he would accept it as an emblem of their expression of esteem, and of their hope that he would enjoy health in the future to wear it.

Bro. Forscutt, I.P.M., replying, thanked the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and for the great honour they had done him in presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel. He was sorry he had not been able to fulfil the duties of his office to his own liking, but still they could not help illness stepping in, and if the G.A.O.T.U. intervened, they must not complain. He thanked the brethren very much for their kindness.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Installing Master and P.M.'s," said most of the brethren round the table had the opportunity of seeing Bro. Coughlan perform the duties of Installing Master. Many of the brethren had had an opportunity better than he of seeing it performed before, but this was the first opportunity he had had of seeing it performed all through, for he might say there was no hitch at all. Bro. Coughlan had added one mark more to the record, and was one of the most complete working Masons in the Craft. He had performed the work that night in a way which must recommend his work to every brother in the lodge, and he trusted that those in the St. Luke's Lodge who followed him would emulate his example. To go to the other brethren included in the toast, he must not forget Bro. Unite, who was not able to be present, but everyone knew the interest he took in the lodge. Bro. Witts had proved himself such an officer in the past that the brethren knew he would do the same in the future—he had his little eccentricities, as all brethren had; everyone had his weak

points; but Bro. Witts had his strong points and he was a very good fellow, and an excellent Secretary and Past Master. Bro. Markham took a great interest in the menu, and he called upon him very frequently about it, and he was always ready and willing to give his services to the lodge. They did not see much of Bro. Skeggs, which was a matter of regret. Bro. Taylor was always with them, and they were glad to see him, as he did his best to promote the interests of the lodge, and the same might be said of Bro. Markham and the other P.M.'s.

Bros. Coughlan, Witts, Markham, Taylor, Barham, and Skeggs responded, and the remainder of the toast list was then disposed of, and the brethren separated after spending a most delightful evening.

**UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. J. Free, W.M., being supported by Bros. J. Stroud, S.W., W.M. elect; G. H. Clark, J.W.; C. Gieseke, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; W. Hayward, S.D.; S. Toye, J.D.; E. Hill, I.G.; C. Schmidt, Stwd.; H. W. Sherwin, Org.; C. Patrick, M. Döerr, N. Anstey, G. A. Christel, A. J. Millington, W. J. Barnes, T. Taylor, R. Everett, C. Reifenstein, and others. The visitors were Bros. J. Garrod, P.M. 754; W. Hadden, 55; Albert Clark, 166; H. Ludwig, 179; C. Kramm, 879; W. Mead, 1269; C. W. Flack, 1306; and F. Byrne, 1922.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Everett and Reifenstein were then passed in the Second Degree. The Auditor's report was next submitted for the approbation of the brethren, who unanimously adopted it, the report showing a balance in favour of the lodge. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. W. Fenner, P.M. and Sec., who proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. John Stroud, who was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Stroud was regularly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and then invested Bro. Free, I.P.M. of the lodge. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the brethren admitted, who saluted the new W.M. in the three Degrees. The W. Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. H. Clark, S.W.; W. Hayward, J.W.; C. Gieseke, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; S. Toye, S.D.; E. Hill, J.D.; C. Schmidt, I.G.; N. Anstey, Steward; H. W. Sherwin, Org.; A. J. Millington, D.C.; W. J. Barnes, A.D.C.; and T. Bowler, Tyler; after which the usual addresses were given by the Installing Master, and met with the approbation of all the brethren present. A member of the lodge having recently met with an accident by which his leg was broken, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of sympathy from the lodge be sent him by the Secretary, and also to express their wishes for his speedy recovery.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was of a very ample character, and personally superintended by the genial manager of the hotel, Mr. Glover, and the same was done full justice to, after which the usual loyal toasts were given, and heartily responded to.

In proposing "The Health of the New W.M.," the I.P.M., Bro. Free, said that the lodge had had many worthy and distinguished Masters in years gone by, and he felt sure the present W.M. would uphold the dignity of the office in as graceful a manner as his predecessors. He also knew that he would strive to do all the good he could to ensure the approbation of every member of the lodge, and while he did that the officers and members of the lodge would accord him their hearty support during his year of office.

The toast was well received and very heartily honoured, and, in response,

The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Free for the very kind way he had proposed his health, and also the brethren for the very hearty manner they had responded to it. He assured them he had no idea of the great responsibilities of the chair until that night; and now he was at the head of the lodge, he would do his utmost to merit the approbation and support of the brethren. He relied upon their unity in supporting him as they had his predecessors, and he trusted nothing might occur to mar the harmony of the lodge. He thanked them also for their kindness in electing him, and trusted he might have a successful year of office, and hoped when the time came round he would retire with the same distinction and good wishes of the brethren as all the Masters had done before him.

The next toast was that of "The I.P.M., Bro. C. J. Free," who, the W.M. remarked, had done his utmost to carry out his onerous duties during the past year to the satisfaction of the brethren, and he was certain no member of the lodge had its prosperity so much at heart as Bro. Free; he had been a hard working member since his initiation, had discharged the various offices he held with energy, and to the satisfaction of all, and now he had gained the proud distinction of I.P.M. of the lodge. He then had the great pleasure of presenting him with the P.M.'s jewel which the brethren had voted him, and which he was so justly entitled to. He hoped he might live for many years to come to wear it as a memento of the respect in which he was held by the Upton Lodge. At the same time he would also present to Mrs. Free, through him, a handsome gold necklet and locket, being the free gift of the brethren as a mark of the regard in which they held him, also to express their good wishes for her happiness in many years to come.

The toast was very cordially received.

Bro. Free, in replying, said he could scarcely find words sufficient to express his feelings at the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He assured the brethren that both himself and wife were deeply grateful for their handsome gift, and he would strive to do his best to merit a continuance of their good opinion, also to promote the prosperity of the Upton. He was pleased to find his efforts to give satisfaction during his year of office had in a great measure been so successful as to merit the kind, and he might say the handsome, approbation of the brethren, as shown by their gifts that evening. He would at all times render what assistance he could to promote the interests of the lodge. He also thanked the officers for the excellent manner they had performed their various duties during his year of office.

"The Visitors" toast followed, which the Worshipful Master proposed in a neat speech, in which he expressed

his pleasure at seeing visitors at the lodge, but as time was getting short he had to leave out much he would like to have said. The toast met with a hearty reception.

In response, Bro. J. Garrod, P.M. 754, said he felt a double pleasure in being a visitor—one on account of his long friendship with Bro. Free, whom he sincerely congratulated on obtaining the high honour in the lodge. He had also the pleasure of knowing many of its members Masonically, with whom he had worked—notably, the respected Secretary, Bro. Fenner. He congratulated the W.M. on his elevation to that office, and sincerely trusted he would have a successful and happy year of Mastership. Having Feemasonry at heart, he would like to make a long speech, but as Father Time was inexorable he must conclude, with many thanks for the handsome manner he had been received in the lodge, also at the banquet table.

The other visitors followed in short speeches. The toast of "The P.M.'s, Treasurer, and Secretary" (combined) was given in a very telling speech, which was received with approbation.

The toast was responded to by Bro. C. Patrick, P.M., the Treasurer, and Secretary in brief speeches, but very much to the point.

"The Officers" was next on the list, which was duly honoured, Bro. G. H. Clarke, S.W., responding on their behalf in a very nice speech, which was much appreciated. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in the Upton Lodge.

Bro. Sherwin, as usual, conducted the musical arrangements, Bros. Patrick, P.M., Free, P.M., and G. H. Clarke, S.W., ably assisting by singing some excellent songs, which added considerably to the evening's enjoyment.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—On Wednesday, the 12th ult., an emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. W. Cash, W.M., who was supported by Bros. C. Grassi, I.P.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; J. H. Meyer, J.W.; T. Grumant, P.M., Sec.; and W. Cowley, P.M., D.C. Mr. Rodolphe Volpicelli was initiated, the ceremony being performed by his old friend, Bro. C. Grassi, I.P.M. Bro. Homer was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. G. H. Boney, 79, was elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

**ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE (No. 2191).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Tuesday, the 18th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. Adolphus Clark, W.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Many regrets were read from brethren excusing their non-attendance, through absence from town. Ballots were taken for Messrs. W. R. Stretton and W. R. Paul, and, proving unanimous, those gentlemen were initiated. Bro. J. O. Roche was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. C. A. Rónaasen was passed to the Degree of F.C. A telegram was received from Bros. George Reynolds, Sec., and John Skinner, D.C., at New York, U.S.A., conveying their "Hearty good wishes." A letter was read from Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., and I.P.M., thanking the brethren of the lodge for their kind and sympathising vote of condolence in his late bereavement.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, in the Princess Room. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W. Master, and the proceedings were further enlivened by the excellent music of Bro. Schartau, the Organist to the lodge, and Bro. W. Honeyball, of the Covent Garden Lodge, and other brethren.

**MIDDLETON.**—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The first meeting of this lodge since the vacation took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Assheton Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. J. W. Lees, W.M.; Harvey Heywood, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.D., acting S.W.; T. Entwistle, J.W.; T. Lawton, Sec.; R. Hilton, S.D.; J. Thorpe, I.G.; E. Snowden, J. Mallalien, H. Mallalien, A. L. Ashworth, R. W. Harrison, J. Hunt, W. H. Vickers, W. Dunkerley, W. H. Harlow, A. Boyd, R. K. Hartley, S. Race, and F. W. Taylor. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Boycott, W.M. 1798; George Sam Smith, Org. 1134; Edward Smith, 317; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, when Bro. Joseph Mallalien was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., and after some private business had been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" given, the lodge was closed.

After supper the usual toasts were honoured, and a pleasant but brief time spent, songs and recitations being contributed by Bros. G. S. Smith, Boyd, and R. R. Lisenden.

**FELTHAM.**—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The last regular meeting of the year was held on Saturday, the 15th ult., at the Railway Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, opened the lodge. There were present Bros. C. W. Baker, S.W.; J. A. Wilson, J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; S. Wheeler, J.D.; F. Dunstan, I.G.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; James Laurence, I.P.M.; Fredk. Walters, P.M. 73, P.P.G.D., &c.; W. R. Smith; W. H. Davey, Stwd.; P. Bick, G. J. Bailey, J. W. Kingston, J. Thompson, H. Grant, H. Lee, R. H. Swan, L. Scholfield, W. H. Drew, F. Trinder, C. S. Simpson, T. F. E. Walters, Frank Smith, A. Babb, F. G. Mitchell, and many others. Amongst a large number of visitors were noticed Bros. G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554, P.G. Std. Br. Herts, &c.; Archibald R. Trew, W.M. 959; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, &c.; Bolton, P.M. 28, &c.; and many others.

Apologies were received from Bros. Samuel Page, Treas.; James C. Goslin, S.D.; A. Lawton, D.C.; J. R. Cox, Org.; E. J. Whelan and A. Robertson, Stwds.; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M.; R. H. Thupp, D.P. G.M.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec., &c.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; and J. Stevens, P.M., excusing and regretting their non-attendance. Also apologies from all absent candidates.

The minutes of the meeting held on August 18th were

read and confirmed. Bros. T. Thompson and T. W. Kingston were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The entire ceremony was given, and all present were exceedingly pleased with the very correct, painstaking, and most impressive manner in which this all-important ceremony was rendered by their W.M., and the visitors present expressed themselves as very greatly pleased. The same remark applies to all the officers. It was stated that the Prov. G. Sec. Middx. had expressed it as his opinion that the best way would be for the lodge to send up three names, who must all be P.M.'s or W.M., for the P.G.M. to select for provincial honours; and the lodge resolved to do this. The case of distress of a widow of a late highly-respected member was brought under the notice of the lodge, and her petitions for relief were unanimously recommended to be signed. Some gentlemen were unanimously proposed for initiation at the next meeting—in May.

The lodge was closed, and adjourned till Saturday, May 18th, 1889. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D., directly the lodge was closed, claimed the attention of all who were present whilst he cordially and heartily wished—according to his custom—"A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to every member of the lodge. The usual banquet followed.

In consequence of the absence of the Director of Ceremonies and Steward, Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., undertook their duties, which were well carried out.

**BARNET.**—Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The first meeting of this lodge since the holidays was held at the Red Lion, on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. W. Lewis, W.M., Prov. A.G.D.C., presided, and there were present Bros. R. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec., P.P.S.G.D.; and J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., who acted as Wardens; C. Gray, P.M., D.C., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Baxter, J.D.; Abbott, as I.G.; Collingwood, Thompson, Winzlein, and Goddard, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. J. Copestick, P.M. 869, P.P.J.G. Warden.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Young, in the absence of Bro. Gray, who was unable to arrive till later, moved, and Bro. Abbott seconded, that a sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and there being no further business on the agenda paper, lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together, and spent a very pleasant evening.

**MANCHESTER.**—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. Bro. S. D. McKellen, P.M. 1496, P.P.G.D. West Lancashire, presided, supported by his officers and a goodly number of brethren, including Bros. Lyon, I.P.M.; Wm. Bostock, P.M., D. of C., P.P.G.P.; Macfarlane, P.M.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Brown, P.M., Sec.; A. T. Forrest, P.M.; T. Cavanah, P.M.; Stephenson, Jacobson, and others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. Samuels, Chap. 1140; George Sam Smith, P.M. 1313, Org. 1134; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.; and others.

After the brethren had partaken of tea the lodge was opened in the usual manner, but there being no work it was shortly afterwards closed.

**TEDDINGTON.**—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This prosperous lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 26th ult., when there were present among others, Bros. J. Finch, W.M.; W. J. Porter, S.W.; A. J. R. Simmonds, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. R. Barnes, S.D.; A. H. Gomme, J.D.; J. Bonella, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W.; F. Chandler, P.M., 1656; W. Smith, W. R. Playford, J. Barnes, jun.; T. Middleweek, J. Hall, E. Hall, T. Playford, G. B. Howell, and others. Bros. Moore, 933, and Holland, 1624, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. T. Playford and G. B. Howell were impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. F. Rivenhall and A. Tilly, but from unavoidable circumstances they were unable to attend. In consequence of the recent demise of Bro. Sir Charles Bright, P.P.D.G.M., the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, and a vote of condolence passed to the family of the late Sir Charles. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Pillar, P.M.; C. Stevens, P.M.; Ruffell, Org.; and many others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and other toasts received full justice. The W.M. gave the various toasts briefly, but pertinently.

Bros. Porter, E. Hall, Middleweek, Holland, and others musically entertained the brethren.

**NORTH WALSHAM.**—Suffield Lodge (No. 1808).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel on Monday, the 17th ult., the occasion being the placing of Bro. W. R. Anthony, P.P.G. Steward, as W.M. Among those present were Bros. John Dixon, I.P.M.; H. Randall, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Bullard, P.M. 1500, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Toulson, F. Gregory, James Lovelace, P.M.; E. Pugh, H. Milton, A. Wright, Rev. George Sharley, W. T. Sturgess, H. Wells, E. Skipper, C. Barnes, P.P.G. Steward; Horsey, W.M. Doric; C. A. B. Bignold, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Brockbank, Rev. Wimple, P.G.C.; Geo. Walker, W.M., P.J.G.W.; Major Wortley, T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P. A.G.D.C.; C. E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Canova, A. King, W.M., P.P.G. Steward; W. F. Stratford, P.G. Steward; W. R. Tidman, W.M.; Thomas Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Samuel Carman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. W. Warner, P.G. Steward; D. G. F. Gaul, P.M.; and others.

The incoming W.M. (who was installed in excellent style by Bro. Dixon) appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Dixon, I.P.M.; E. Pugh, S.W.; H. Milton, J.W.; A. Wright, S.D.; Rev. George Sharley, J.D. and Chap.; John Boyce, P.M., Treas.; H. Randall, Sec.; A. Bullard, D.C.; W. T. Sturgess, Org.; H. Wells, I.G.; E. Skipper, Steward; and E. Hollidge, Tyler.

After a recherché banquet came the customary Masonic toasts; and in the course of the evening a handsome

Masonic ring was presented to Bro. Barnes in recognition of his five years' services as Secretary, and on his retirement through ill-health; and of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M.

The harmony of the evening was well sustained by Bros. J. H. Brockbank, Rev. Wimple, W. T. Sturgess, H. Wells, and H. Green.

We congratulate the W.M., and wish him a successful year of office. Bro. Anthony is most indefatigable in all he undertakes, and Suffield Lodge is bound to flourish under his gavel.

**WHITSTABLE.**—Graystone Lodge (No. 1915).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Foresters' Hall, on Thursday, the 13th instant, when the following officers and members were present: Bros. S. W. Graystone, P.P.G.S. Cambridgeshire, W.M.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, I.P.M.; J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C.; Sibert Saunders, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. W. Porter, J.W.; A. Anderson, Treas.; E. G. Walthew, Sec.; J. Wood, S.D.; F. T. Browning, J.D.; W. B. London, D.C.; A. W. Southwell, I.G.; B. Lightfoot and A. Harrison, Stwds.; H. Ward, P.P.G.W.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I.; S. Brown, C. E. Lush, Thos. Kemp, C. M. Driffield, Josiah Reeves, J. R. Daniels, M. Kemp, E. Kemp, H. Pont, and Henry Gunn. The visitors included Bros. H. Letts, I.G. 31; H. Maclear, S.W. 1449; W. R. Tanner, W.M. 184; R. Westwood, W.M. 972; J. Plant, P.M. 31, P.P.G.O.; R. Rhodes, 31; F. Nicholls, P.M. 1050; H. T. Naylor, P.M. 31 and 1449, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Filcher, P.M. 972, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Moulding, 972; S. Newman, P.M. 1174; H. T. Pringuer, S.W. 972; Dr. H. Penfold, P.P. G.W., P.M. 1174; T. H. Blamiers, P.M. 1449; A. H. Pilcher, J.W. 972; T. Crump, P.M. 972; W. G. Pidduck, 31; T. M. Benton, P.M. 521 and 2099; J. S. White, S.W. 2099; G. A. Larkin, J.W. 2099 and 972; J. F. Laver, 4; R. Blake, P.M. 972, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Adams, E. Murton, W.M. 31; W. W. Mullard, 871; T. Bent, P.M. 784; W. Tice, P.M. 31, Prov. G.O.; E. Mills, J.D. 972 and 1449; A. Devlin, W.M. 1449; A. Cockerell, P.M. 1449; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524; E. L. Elgar, P.M. 1209; R. A. Frost, W.M. 784; J. R. Hall, P.M. 31, P.P.A.G.S.; E. C. Fenouillet, P.M., M. Mitchell, and H. C. Jones, W.M., of 2099; W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc., P.M. 31; S. F. Pringuer, P.M. 972; W. T. England, Stwd. 2099; E. J. Adams, Treas. 2099; J. E. Wiltshier, P.M. 31, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. D. Young, P.M. 31; Mark Cox, P.M. 985; and several other brethren.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Sibert Saunders, the W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. H. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.W., who, in his well-known able and impressive manner installed Bro. Saunders into the chair of K.S., Bro. J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., acted as D.C., and Bro. W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc., P.M., presided at the organ. The usual proclamations and salutes having been made and given, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. W. Graystone, I.P.M.; T. W. Porter, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, Chap. and P.G.L. Charity Representative; A. Anderson, Treas.; E. G. Walthew, Sec. and Almoner; F. T. Browning, S.D.; W. B. London, J.D.; A. W. Southwell, D.C.; B. Lightfoot I.G.; A. Harrison and M. Kemp, Stwds.; and W. Gamwa, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a vote of thanks was passed and carried by acclamation to Bro. Ward for the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed.

The majority of the brethren (to the number of 65) adjourned to the Bear and Key Hotel (Bro. W. Brannan), and were entertained at the usual banquet. The musical programme was effectually carried out by Bros. Plant, Rhodes, and Moulding, of Canterbury Cathedral, with Bro. F. A. Johnson as pianist.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday afternoon, the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall, when Bro. W. A. Priestly, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bros. Rev. J. J. Brown, W.M., P.P.G.C., and J. R. Pattison, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec. There was a good attendance of officers and brethren, including those named: Bros. J. Potts, P.J.G.W.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.J.G.W.; D. P. Huntley, P.S.G.D.; R. Shadforth, P.P.G.D.; R. Singleton, P.J.G.D.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G.S.; W. M. Lyon, P.J.G.D. Northumberland; Rev. R. H. Zeld, P.P.G.C.; H. C. Japps, P.P.G.D. Middx.; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; W. Brandt, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. M. Wake, W.M. 97; J. Nicholson, W.M. 80; G. W. Bain, W.M. 949; J. Scarbro', W.M. 94; H. H. Pinkney, W.M. 1389; J. Deans, P.M.; T. M. Watson, P.P.G.D., and others.

The W.M., Bro. Priestly, afterwards appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; R. A. Brown, S.W.; F. S. Cowper, J.W.; Rev. H. Becher, Chap.; J. R. Pattison, P.P. A.G. Sec., Treas.; Henry Liston, Sec.; Rev. W. P. Swaby, P.P.G.C., S.D.; Todd, J.D.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; W. Scott, I.G.; Jas. Hudson, Org.; and Brady Swain, Tyler. The installation ceremony and the address to the officers and brethren were ably rendered by Bro. Rev. J. J. Brown and Bro. J. R. Pattison. Bros. J. Henderson, jun., and T. Hutchinson were appointed Stwds.

After the lodge business, the annual festival was celebrated by a banquet in the Masonic Hall in the evening, at which the chair was ably filled by the W.M., Bro. W. Priestly, and the vice-chairs by Bros. R. A. Brown and F. S. Cowper. The tables were very beautifully decorated with flowers, and an excellent repast was served.

The W.M. was supported by Bros. Edward Temperley Gourley, M.P., Rev. J. J. Brown, J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1389; W. Dawson, P.M. 94; J. Hudson, S.W. 80; Dr. Percy, Capt. Keiffer, F. Wade, and others.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough and their daughters and Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Rancliffe have returned from Londesborough Lodge, Scarborough, to their residence in Grosvenor-square.

Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., presided at a meeting in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, on Monday, to hear an address delivered by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Bro. Sir A. Orr-Ewing, Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., M.P., and Sir Charles Dalrymple being among the influential personages present on the occasion.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 28th ult. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. H. Purdie, P.M., W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; W. W. Williams, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; C. J. C. Walker, I.G.; G. E. Higginson, J. Pattison, and Capt. Wilson (visitor).  
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wilson having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having risen, Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington. W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M. 1425, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Death, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; W. G. Coleman, I.G.; W. Robinson, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; W. J. Hakim, W.M. elect 141; O. W. Battley, W. C. Edwards, S. Barrow, S. Stretch, jun., and M. T. Tuck.  
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 and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hakim being candidate. The W.M. then requested Bro. Hakim to assume the chair, and invest the officers. Bro. Allman re-assumed the chair, and the 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. Petch, W.M.; J. M. Scarlett, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. C. Yates, S.D.; A. Wolter, J.D.; H. B. Harding, I.G.; J. Duncan, C. Hillier, and R. Loomes.  
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Loomes offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and having answered the usual questions, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Loomes candidate. Bro. Wolter having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Wolter candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Scarlett was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the 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 2nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. W. Present: Bros. A. J. Turner, W.M.; S. W. Keene, S.W.; J. R. Hubbard, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); J. H. Neville, S.D.; G. E. Wilton, J.D.; W. Dresden, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; D. Stroud, W. C. Williams, C. Castell, Wiles, and Betts.  
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very smooth and impressive manner, Bro. Wiles acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bro. Williams offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in an admirable manner, Bro. Williams being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his excellent working in the chair for the first time in this lodge. Bro. Castell, W.M. 902, was elected a joining member. Bro. Keene was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Coplestone, W.M.; Purdie, P.M., S.W.; Woodard, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; Head, Cross, Whittell, Rice, Craggs, Gilbert, Larter, Sansom, and Cotton.  
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Whittell having offered himself as a candidate for raising, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. Lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lectures were worked by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Purdie, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Coplestone for his ability in the chair in this lodge for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 22nd ult. Present: Bros. E. Ayling, P.M., W.M.; C. Hopkins, S.W.; Long, J.W.; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Sims, P.M., S.D.; Speigel, P.M., J.D.; Worth, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. Craggs, Clark, and Arldige. Visitors: Bros. C. Cordingley, P.M. 45; Walker, Webb, W. Hyde, of 1275; and Davies, 32 (I.C.).  
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, and Bro. Webb 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. Webb candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Cordingley, P.M. 45, was elected a member. On the second rising, Bro. Hopkins was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Gardner announced that Bro. G. Everett, P.M. 2012, is a candidate for the Grand Treasurership. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the lodge was also held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the above address, when there were present Bros. C. Hopkins, W.M.; D. Long, S.W.; Speigel, P.M., J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; Wood, P.M., S.D.; D. Stroud, P.M., J.D.; Richardson, I.G.; Cartnoll, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; F. Craggs, R. Witmpey, and F. Walden. Visitors: Bros. Hyde and Biggs, 1275.  
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, and Bro. Cartnoll 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. Cartnoll candidate. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M. On the second rising, Bro. D. Long was elected W.M. for Saturday week, tomorrow (Saturday) being officers' night of the mother lodge. Bros. T. W. Biggs and W. Hyde, of 1275, were unanimously elected joining members. To-morrow (Saturday) it is expected that the officers and members of the mother lodge will attend in force to go through the heavy working they have at their next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**Royal Arch.**

**WHITBY.**—Britannia Chapter (No. 312).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, on Monday, the 1st instant, when there were present Comps. W. H. Falkingbridge, M.E.Z.; F. Thornton, H.; W. G. Lockett, J.; R. W. White, P.S.; S. Reed, S.E.; John N. Lawson, S.N.; J. Brooks and J. T. Stewart, Asst. Soj.; John Stevenson, P.Z.; W. H. Marwood, P.Z.; J. S. Moss, P.Z.; T. N. Marwood, P.Z.; G. W. Smales, P.Z.; B. Newbald, H. Wald, J. Brand, J. T. Oliver, J. W. Collier, and T. H. Trueman, Janitor.  
The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. W. H. Tate, of 312, which, proving unanimous, he was exalted to the Sublime Degree in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on every officer. After a proposition for an exaltation at the next chapter, it was closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

The M.E.Z. very happily gave the customary toasts, which were very ably responded to.  
A pleasant evening was thus spent in fraternal intercourse. Several of the companions contributing to the harmony by song.

**MANCHESTER.**—Humphrey Chatham Chapter (No. 645).—A very influential gathering of Royal Arch Masons assembled on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, the meeting being held for the purpose of exalting Bro. the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave. There were present Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.D.D.C. England, P.G.H. East Lancs., Z.; A. H. Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.A.G. Soj.; Skelly, P.Z.; F. A. Huet, P.Z.; S. Warburton, P.Z.; J. Hothersall, S.N.; J. S. Lewis, P.S.; G. S. Smith, Asst. Soj.; James Sly, Janitor; J. J. Craig, S. Aylard, C. H. Arnold, J. R. Ashworth, J. K. Wilson, and R. Ziffer.

Amongst the numerous visitors present were Comps. A. Clegg, P.Z. 277, P.G.J.; James MacLaren, P.Z. 62, P.G. S.N.; J. Wilson, P.Z. 31, P.G.P.S.; J. L. Aspland, P.Z. 204, P.P.G. Reg; W. Bagnall, P.Z. 277, P.P.G.P.S.; N. Nicholson, P.Z. 221, P.P.G. Std. Br.; the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of New Westminster, 287, P.P.G. Reg. Berks and Bucks; the Rev. F. W. Harnett, P.Z. 840, P.P.G.P.S. Berks and Bucks; W. Cartwright, P.Z. 287, P.P.G.P.S. Cheshire; the Rev. W. R. Clayton, Z. 42; the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, J. 62; the Rev. J. F. Hogg-Goggin, P.Z. 580; W. Byway, P.Z. 204; J. Gibb Smith, P.Z. 62; C. Scholfield, P.Z.; N. Dumville, P.Z.; and E. Nathan, P.Z. of 204; Geo. Hunt, P.Z. 1496; G. V. Blakie, Z. 152; E. W. Irving, J. elect 152; and others.  
Letters and telegrams regretting inability to be present were received from Col. Le Genre N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent; the Rev. T. S. Smyth, P.A.G. Soj. England; J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.A.G. Soj. Eng.; the Rev. W. H. Marsden, J. H. P. Leresche, P.Z. 204, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Crowther, H.; and F. R. Lange, J. Much regret was expressed at the absence through illness of Comp. J. E. Lees, S.E., also Comp. C. Götz, P.Z., Treas., who was in Spain.

The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. the Rev. W. R. Clayton, H., and the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, J. After the usual routine business and a successful ballot, Bro. the Rev. Earl of Mulgrave was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z., the ceremony throughout, including the lectures, being rendered in a faultless and very impressive manner, Comp. Lewis, as Prin. Soj., eliciting especial praise for the careful and distinct manner in which he discharged his important duties.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the dining-room, where a banquet was served, presided over by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, M.E.Z. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the meeting terminated at a very early hour.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington. W. Present: Comps. W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, M.E.Z.; M. S. Speigel, 834, H.; W. H. Deane, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, J.; H. Dehane, Z. 890, S.E.; E. J. Day, 1329, P.S.; and W. H. Wadham, 1642, 1st A.S.  
The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wadham being candidate. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; W. Briant, 1329, H.; C. Wilson, 1329, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; V. T. Murché, S.N.; T. Grumman, P.Z. 1275, P.S.; Fleck, A.S.; Addington, and C. Woods.  
The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. Carl T. Fleck, 1275, was elected a joining member, and, in returning thanks, expressed pleasure at the excellent working. Comp. W. Briant was unanimously elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the splendid way in which he had occupied the Second chair for the first time. Votes of thanks were also given to Comp. Whitby, M.E.Z. 1329, for presenting the chapter with the policy for fire insurance, &c., and to Comp. C. Woods, 1275, for presenting "Proposal Forms." The chapter was then closed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street. Bro. W. F. Carman, W.M., presided, and was supported and assisted by the following: Bros. John Page, I.P.M.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Harrison, S.W.; Robert Whitfield, J.W.; Wm. Brown, M.O.; H. F. Dryden, S.O.; R. W. Klyne, J.O.; Wm. Richardson, Sec.; A. Simpson, S.D.; Thomas Purvis, as J.D.; Tom R. Short, as I.G.; T. R. Jobson, R. W. Dees, and others.

Bro. Fred. A. Black, elected some time ago, was in attendance and duly advanced as a M.M.M. by the W.M., who did his work in an admirable manner. The lodge was closed after the usual routine business, and the brethren adjourned.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**SUPREME COUNCIL.**

The Grand Secretary-General has issued the following balance-sheet, and we have much pleasure in reproducing it in our columns:—

The Treasurer-General in account with the Supreme Council, 33°, 1st July, 1888:

DR.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, on 1st July, 1887		505	13	2
Since Received—				
Dividends	£409	4	10	
Sale of 2, Upper John-street...	1000	0	0	
Fees, Certificates, &c.	1732	18	8	
		3142	3	6
		£3647	16	8

  

CR.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Charity Donations		292	15	9
„ Purchase of Stock		1268	15	6
„ „ Books		2	5	8
„ „ Furniture		52	6	10
„ Fire Insurance		31	10	0
„ Payments for Salaries, Rent, Printing, Establishment, &c.		1394	12	4
„ Balance in Bank		605	10	7
		£3647	16	8

Examined and found correct,

FRANK RICHARDSON, 33°.

H. CLERK, 33°, Treasurer-General,  
33, Golden-square, London, W.

4th July, 1888.

**BALANCE SHEET, 30th JUNE, 1888.**

	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
To Cash in London and Westminster Bank		605	10	7
„ £900 Madras Railway Stock (cost)		1007	5	0
„ £800 Madras Railway Debentures		800	0	0
„ £2000 Russian Bonds, 1871 (cost)		1934	10	0
„ £1000 Consols, 2½ p. c. (cost)		962	10	0
„ £2000 Queensland Bonds (cost)		2034	18	0
„ £3000 Cape of Good Hope Inscribed Stock (cost)		2896	1	0
„ £600 New South Wales Bonds (cost)		613	10	0
„ £600 New South Wales Inscribed Stock		630	0	0
„ Furniture and Appointments (valued at)		1700	6	6
„ Library (valued at)		2377	18	11
„ Plate (valued at)		393	5	0
„ Organ (valued at)		300	0	0
„ Leases:—33, Golden-square		450	0	0
„ Masonic Hall		690	0	0
„ Cellarage		500	0	0
		£17,955	15	0

  

	LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
By Capital		17,627	9	7
Balance from Revenue and Expenditure Account		328	5	5
		£17,955	15	0

We have prepared the above accounts from the Books, and certify the same as correct.

HARPER BROS., Chartered Accountants.

**CHESTER.**—Stanhope Chapter (No. 75).—This chapter was opened at the Queen Hotel on Friday, the 28th ult., by the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. J. Ormiston, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The members of the Supreme Council, viz., Ill. Bros. H. D. Sandeman, G. Sec. Gen., 33°; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.I.G., 33°; Frank Richardson, A.G.D.C., 33°; N. Clement Beswick Roysds, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the District; and Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Past Inspector General of the North, and now Inspector General of the North-Eastern District; were received under an arch of steel, and saluted. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Bro. Wm. Marcus Lightfoot as a candidate for this beautiful Christian Degree.

At the request of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°, took the chair, appointing Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, as Prelate; Frank Richardson, 33°, as Grand Marshal; J. H. Matthews, 31°, as Raphael; W. C. Deeley, 30°, 1st General; E. and P. Bros. W. F. Richardson, 2nd General, and G. H. Brown, C. of G. The ceremony was beautifully given, the brethren discharging their several offices to perfection. Bro. E. Cuzner acted as Organist. E. and P. Bro. William Fisk Richardson was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. H. Claud Lisle, 30°, re-elected Treasurer. Ill. Bro. Rev. Spencer Stanhope, 32°, in most feeling terms, alluded to the death of their I.P.M.W.S., Bro. F. A. Dickson, which occurred the day previous, and proposed that their Secretary, Ill. Bro. H. C. Lisle, should write a letter of condolence from their chapter. This was seconded by E. and P. Bro. John Ormiston, M.W.S., and carried unanimously. Ill. Bro. Rev. Spencer Stanhope also proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Supreme Council 33° for visiting their chapter and working the Degree; to Ill. Bro. Banister, who, when he was their Superintendent, came to nearly every meeting; and to Ill. Bro. Beswick Roysds, who was constant in his attendance as their Inspector General; and to the other members of the 33°, 32°, and 31° who had assisted them that day. This was seconded by Ill. Bro. H. C. Lisle, and carried unanimously. Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman returned thanks.

The business of the chapter being completed, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall. The banquet was all that could be desired, and reflected great credit on Ill. Bro. Deeley, 30°, who arranged with great care every particular for the comfort and enjoyment of all. It was presided over by the M.W.S., Bro. J. Ormiston, who had on his right Ill. Bro. Sandeman, 33°; Ill. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson, 33°; Ill. Bro. J. H. Matthews, 31°; Ill. Bro. H. C. Lisle, 30°; E. and P. Bro. W. M. Lightfoot, E. and P. Bro. W. F. Richardson, and others; and upon his left hand, Ill. Bro. N. Clement Beswick Roysds, 33°;

Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, 33°; Ill. Bro. Fredk. A. Philbrick, O.C., 32°; Ill. Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, 32°; E. and P. Bro. E. Cuzner, E. and P. Bro. George Herald Browne, and others. The vice-chair was filled by Ill. Bro. William Clarke Deeley, 30°.

The loyal toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" was ably proposed by the M.W.S., and duly honoured by the brethren, the National Anthem being rendered by Bro. Edward Cuzner, Organist, assisted by the brethren.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duke of Chester, Grand Patron of the Order," was duly proposed and honoured.

The M.W.S. proposed, in suitable terms, "The Health of the Supreme Council, 33°," which was responded to by Ill. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°, in a most excellent and truly Masonic speech, promising to visit them again before very long, for he was anxious to make the acquaintance of the brethren in the various districts, with whom he was often in correspondence, wishing every prosperity to the chapter.

Ill. Bros. Roysds, 33°, and Banister, 33°, were obliged to leave early to take trains for home.

Other toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a truly happy evening was spent.

## Cryptic Masonry.

### GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL (No. 1).—

This old and influential council met at Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. G. Graveley, T.I.M.; T. Poore, as P.D.M.; Loveland, D.M.; T. C. Walls, R.P.P.D.G.M., Recorder; H. J. Lardner, C. of Gds.; R. B. Bryant, Marshal; H. H. Shirley, M.A., Warden; Roy, Inner Sentinel; Major G. Lambert, R.P.P.D.G.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, R.P.P. G.I.M.; C. F. Matier, G. Recorder (Hon. Member); T. Clark, Gregory, Tomson, D. P. Cama, J. K. Cama, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Hale-Hilton, R.A. and M.M.M., and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly admitted, received, and greeted as a M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. Bro. H. J. Lardner, in the absence of Bro. Major Dunbar, acted as P.C. of Wks., and most impressively performed the work. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Bros. Major Dunbar, Captain Anderson, G. Powell, McDowall, George Kenning, and many others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine.

A few toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## Scotland.

### SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their marriage, Bro. and Mrs. Vernon, of Bowmont House, Kelso, invited the brethren of Kelso Lodge, No. 58, and a number of friends, to tea in the Roxburgh Hall on the 24th ult. Bro. Vernon being deservedly held in high esteem by the members of the lodge on account of the valuable services he has rendered to Masonry in Kelso, a large number of the brethren responded to the invitation, and altogether a goodly company assembled to do honour to their worthy host and hostess.

After tea, the brethren embraced the opportunity of presenting Bro. Vernon with a very handsome and massive French clock, of chaste design, in token of their regard for him. The case is of black marble, relieved with sections of inlaid variegated marble and gold tracery. A silver plate, bearing the following inscription, is inserted in the base: "Presented by the brethren of Lodge Kelso, No. 58, to Bro. W. Fred Vernon, P.M., in commemoration of his silver wedding, and as a token of their appreciation of his services to Freemasonry. Kelso, 24th September, 1888."

Bro. Archibald Steel, one of the Past Masters of the lodge, in making the presentation, said—The duty which has been entrusted to me is an interesting one, and the occasion is no less so. A quarter of a century forms a large portion of most lives, but twenty-five years of married life—of domestic happiness, of joys and sorrows, mutually shared and borne—represents a period which adds to the sunny days of youth, carries man and wife to a respectable age. Some time ago it was mooted that Bro. Vernon and his much esteemed partner in life would at this time celebrate their silver wedding, and it was deemed, by the brethren of this ancient lodge of Freemasons, a peculiarly suitable opportunity of affording the worthy couple an evidence of the esteem and regard in which they are held, and of publicly recognising the many obligations we are under to Bro. Vernon. He has for many years been known throughout the country as an enthusiastic Mason, and one who has the happy knack of rendering his enthusiasm contagious. Apart from the general Masonic work, he has, with the utmost acceptance, and in a manner which has elicited the strongest admiration, filled various offices of the highest honour and responsibility in the lodge; while for many years the fruits of his graceful muse have added infinitely to the harmony of our festive and social gatherings. I may safely say that it is not every lodge which has its own bard, and the few that are so happily situated as to possess one cannot boast of a more versatile genius than our own "Poet Laureate." Nor has his facile pen been confined to rhyme. Bro. Vernon has honoured our lodge by becoming its historian; and by writing a valuable history of Masonry in Kelso, he has done much to excite a keen interest in the mystic Craft and to bind its members more firmly in the endearing ties of brotherhood. Few men possess a kinder heart, a more obliging nature, or warmer human sympathies than does Bro. Vernon. First in every Charitable movement, he works with zeal and energy for the public good, and for Masonry apart. He is a model citizen, an accomplished man of letters, and, in short, an honour to any community. Upon his social qualities it would ill become me to dilate in the presence of many who know him so well. Suffice it for me to say that he is the soul of any social company he enters. Mrs. Vernon, like every model wife, has been less known to the outer world than her husband, but her genuine qualities of head and heart are well known to those who are privileged to enjoy her friendship. She has always been ready to further the

objects Bro. Vernon has had at heart, and the interest and active part she has taken in many of our social gatherings entitles her to our grateful thanks. The Vicar of Wakefield said "he was even of opinion that the honest man who married and brought up a large family did more than he who continued single and only talked of population." Bro. and Mrs. Vernon are a couple according to Goldsmith's own heart. They have given not a few "hostages to fortune," and now have the satisfaction of seeing their numerous family growing up around them to reward them with filial tenderness and devotion for the many past years of care, trial, and solicitude, tempered by parental hope and affection. One of the daughters, as you are aware, was lately married and settled in life; and, if it be the will of the "All-seeing Eye," some of those now present may yet witness a jubilee—a golden wedding and another silver wedding at the same time 25 years hence. Perhaps I am anticipating, but the wish is father to the thought. Bro. and Mrs. Vernon have our warmest wishes on this auspicious occasion, and let us hope that as they grow older they may have in age what they have enjoyed in youthful years, "honour, love, obedience, troops of friends." Bro. and Mrs. Vernon, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, I have the honour and pleasure of presenting you with this timepiece, and, while asking your acceptance of the gift, I would express a fervent hope that you both might be spared to enjoy many years of health and happiness.

Bro. VERNON, in returning thanks for the gift, said: After the very flattering remarks made by Bro. Steel, I feel perfectly overwhelmed and quite ashamed to stand up and acknowledge myself as the happy individual whom he has so eulogised, and I feel that language is inadequate to express my sentiments at the present moment. I am certainly much obliged to Bro. Steel for his good intentions, but I am afraid that he has laid on the butter so thick that I shall be bilious for a week or two to come. The very handsome present I see before me is really one of which I was not deserving. I certainly did not anticipate such a gift, and when the affair was mooted to me I disclaimed my title to it, but matters had already gone so far that they were left to take their course. On my own part, and also on behalf of Mrs. Vernon, I thank you all heartily for your generous gift. The little I have done for Masonry has been done "con amore," and I have always had a good backer in my better half. When one comes to think of a period of 25 years there is always a feeling of sadness in the retrospect. Looking back is perhaps more sad than looking forward, and therefore I will not dwell on the past. We have lived and loved together through those 25 years, and I hope that our golden wedding, if we should be spared to see it, may be as happy as our silver one. I trust to see you all here again in 1913 at the celebration of our golden wedding. I have only again to thank you for your handsome present, and I trust that, although I am wearing into the sere and yellow leaf, I may continue to merit and enjoy that which Bro. Steel said had hitherto followed me, and which should always accompany old age, "love, honour, obedience, troops of friends." It is a poor heart that never rejoices, and I am glad to see so many smiling faces around me tonight. Without detaining you further, I ask you to clear the floor and "trip it on the light fantastic toe."

Mrs. Vernon also in a word expressed her thanks for the gift, saying that she would always look upon its bestowal as a mark of honour to her husband and herself.

Bro. A. Steel led off the dance with Mrs. Vernon, Bro. Vernon taking up Mrs. Steel, fifty couples standing up for the opening.

The remainder of the night was spent in dancing, which was kept up with great spirit until the small hours of the morning. Excellent music was supplied by ladies and gentlemen of the party. Songs were also sung at intervals, and altogether the night passed off most pleasantly.

Among the other numerous presents received by Bro. and Mrs. Vernon on the occasion of their silver wedding is a splendid silver salver, the gift of the Kelso Amateur Dramatic Society.

## Queensland.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MOUNT MORGAN LODGE (S.C.).

The opening of the Mount Morgan Lodge (S.C.), which took place at the Oddfellows' Hall, Mount Morgan, on the 4th August, was an event that had been looked forward to with a great degree of interest by local members of the Craft. Interest was heightened in it by the fact that the lodge was to be consecrated by Bro. J. G. W. Barnes, R.W. Deputy District Grand Master, assisted by Bro. G. F. Skiller, W.M. 455, and Bro. J. P. V. Larsen, W.M. 680. In fact, fully forty travelled from town to be present.

Shortly after six o'clock in the evening, Bro. Barnes opened the District Grand Lodge in the Oddfellows' Hall, which had been suitably decorated for the occasion. There were sixty-four brethren present, including Bros. D. Kilpatrick, W.M. 677 (S.C.), and G. Potts, sen., W.M. 932 (E.C.).

The Grand Lodge was then duly constituted according to ancient custom, and the consecration ceremony proceeded with. The reading of the petition and dispensation and installation of the W.M., Bro. J. Spiers, followed successively.

The Master then duly installed his officers, whose names follow: Bros. T. Cornes, D.M.; Kilpatrick, S.M.; C. Kolling, W.S.W.; J. H. Gowdie, W.J.W.; J. Wesley Hall, Treas.; T. Wightman, Sec.; R. Hood, S.D.; A. Lodge, J.D.; J. Hickman, Org.; W. Millar, I.G.; and D. Stewart, Tyler.

The ceremonies lasted until half-past eight o'clock, when the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to Monckton's Hotel, and sat down to a sumptuous dinner that had been served up by Mr. W. Monckton, the proprietor. Over 70 attended. The dinner was one of the best it has been our fortune to sample in these parts. It was served in excellent style—every dish was well cooked, and the waiting was excellent. In fact, all admitted there was nothing wanting and unanimously complimented the provider.

Bro. Spiers, W.M., presided. Beside him were the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Barnes; Bros. Skiller and Larsen; the Masters of the Rockhampton lodges, and brethren representing the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions.

The viands having been amply sampled, the CHAIRMAN

gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was honoured Masonically and musically. All joined in singing the National Anthem.

Bro. BARNES proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Patron of Scottish Freemasonry." He remarked that though the Prince of Wales was Grand Master of English Freemasonry, he was a most hearty supporter and Patron of Scottish Freemasonry, and had evinced the greatest interest in its welfare. Only the other day the Prince was present at a grand gathering at the Albert Hall in London, at which the collection in aid of a Charity amounted to no less than £50,600.

Chorus: "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. W. KASCH, P.M., in proposing "The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart.," said a great deal of the prosperity of Scottish Freemasonry was due to Sir Archibald Campbell. Not only was that the case in the old country, but also in Australia, and even in Queensland.

Instrumental trio: "The Blue Bells of Scotland."

Bro. KILPATRICK proposed the toast of "The District Grand Lodge of Queensland (S.C.)," coupling with it the name of Bro. Barnes. All Masons knew what the Craft generally owed to Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, but in Queensland it owed quite as much to the energy and enthusiasm of Bro. Barnes. The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. the Hon. John Douglas, had always been an enthusiastic Mason; but his absence in New Guinea had prevented him from taking such an active interest in it of late as he had hitherto done. In Bro. Barnes, however, he had had a most able representative, one who had conducted the business of the lodge in a manner creditable alike to himself and his superior. There were now 13 Scottish lodges in Queensland, and he hoped the day was not far distant when the three Constitutions would be united in one Grand Lodge, as in New South Wales and South Australia, and as was being done in Victoria.

Bro. BARNES responded. He returned the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received. It had always been a great pleasure to him to act for Bro. the Hon. John Douglas, and he felt sure that had that brother been present that night he would have been pleased to see such a number assembled. He (Bro. Barnes) only remembered seeing one larger gathering of Masons in Queensland. That was nine years ago, and was at the joint installation banquet in Brisbane after the installation of the officers of the various metropolitan lodges. There were 350 present in the hall, and 310 sat down to supper. The formation of a Grand Lodge of Queensland was an idea he greatly favoured, and he felt sure that fully four-fifths of the Masons in Queensland were agreeable to it. In concluding, he wished the Mount Morgan Lodge success.

Bro. KOLLING, W.S.W., gave "The E.C. and I.C. of Queensland," and in doing so said he hoped some day to see a Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Bro. G. POTTS (E.C.) and Bro. CRAWFORD (I.C.) responded. The former expressed a hope that the day was not far distant when the three Constitutions would be "rolled into one."

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Consecrating Officer," highly eulogised Bro. Barnes, and trusted officers of the Grand Lodge would more frequently visit the distant lodges than they had done in the past. Five years ago, when the Douglas Lodge was formed, there were five Scotch lodges in the colony; now there were thirteen. So there had been an increase of over one a year. With other brethren, he hoped ere long to see a Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Bro. BARNES briefly responded.

Bro. POTTS gave the next toast—"Royal Arch Masonry of Queensland, coupled with the name of the S.P. of the Grand Chapter, Bro. Barnes;" and the brother named replied.

The following toasts were also honoured: "The Newly-Installed Officers," proposed by Bro. T. W. I'ERSON, and responded by Bros. SPIERS, KOLLING, HALL, and CORNES; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. GOWDIE, and acknowledged by Bros. POTTS, WAKEFIELD, WILLIAMS, and JACKMAN; and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," proposed by Bro. C. SNOW.

Bro. HALL, in speaking for the officers of the Mount Morgan Lodge, said that if they could not make the lodge stand out like Mount Morgan itself did, it would not be their fault.

Bro. Jackman, who had acted as Organist at the consecration ceremony, presided at the piano at the banquet, and, aided by Bro. Graham on the violin, helped to enliven the proceedings. He also sang a solo. Bros. Kilpatrick, Hall, Hickman, and Dawson also contributed solos; Bro. Gowdie recited "The Corsair;" and the sociality was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The visitors to the Mount left there yesterday, and reached town again in good time in the evening. They had a most enjoyable trip—marred only by the dusty state of the roads, and a trifling accident resulting from a bullock dray colliding with one of the buggies on the up journey. They were well received by the brethren at Mount Morgan, and it would be impossible to conceive a more auspicious occasion and harmonious opening for a new lodge. It has 30 members.

## China.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

SINGAPORE.—Star in the East Preceptory (No. 85).—This preceptory, after being in abeyance since 30th July, 1874, was formally resuscitated on Saturday, the 24th August, by Sir Knight F. H. Gottlieb, 32°, assisted by Sir Knights J. D. Vaughan, J. P. Joaquim, G. Thompson, and R. O. Norris. Seven companions were installed as K.T. and eight as K.M. The E.P., Sir Knight F. H. Gottlieb, appointed and invested the following as officers of the preceptory: Sir Knights J. P. Joaquim, Prelate; J. Thompson, Constable; J. T. Leask, Marshal; J. D. Stuart, Recorder; E. A. Thomson, Treasurer; F. K. Jennings, Sub-Marshal; G. A. Derrick, Captain of the Lines; S. R. Robinson and A. C. Peterson, Heralds; and R. O. Norris, Equerry.

The German Training Squadron has been ordered to the Piræus to take part in the proposed celebration of the 25th anniversary of the accession of King George to the throne of Greece.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The monthly General Committee meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult.; Bro. H. A. Hunt in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and verified. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for a few small amounts. A small grant, under Law 72, was made on behalf of an ex-pupil.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted a proposition, of which notice had been given at the previous meeting, in accordance with a resolution of the House Committee—"That a gratuity and an increase of salary should be given to Bro. Hedges, in consideration of his great exertions at the Centenary Festival, and of his general efficiency in the discharge of his duties as Secretary."

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG supported the proposition, but before it was put to the vote,

Bro. C. H. WEBB said he could bear witness to the fact that there existed a wide-spread and growing feeling among the general body of subscribers to the Institution against the practice of giving gratuities under such circumstances, and that the services of the Secretary would be more suitably acknowledged by a farther increase of salary. He therefore proposed an amendment—"That the salary of the Secretary should be increased to the same amount as that which had for some years past been paid to the Secretaries of the other Masonic Institutions."

Bro. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, in seconding Bro. Webb's proposal, said that he could endorse what had been said respecting gratuities, but that he felt certain that the proposed increase of salary would meet with general approval.

After a discussion, in which all the speakers bore testimony to the admirable manner in which Bro. Hedges had devoted himself to the duties of his office and to the interests of the Institution, the proposition for the gratuity was withdrawn, and Bro. Webb's amendment carried unanimously.

Bro. Hedges, who had been absent during this discussion, was then called into the Board room and informed by the Chairman of the resolution of the Committee, and acknowledged in graceful and appropriate terms the liberality with which his services were required.

The business of the meeting then terminated in the usual manner.

**INTER-MASONIC RIFLE MATCH.**

This long talked of match was fired at the Caterham range on Thursday, the 27th ult., between teams of bonafide members of the regimental lodges of the "South Middlesex," 1st Surrey, London Rifle Brigade, and Queen's Westminster Rifles; conditions as in 1st stage "Queen's" 1888; ten men to shoot; eight scores to count. Eight only fired for the South Middlesex and London Rifle Brigade, so their chance was somewhat lessened. The light failed at 600 yards, and rendered good shooting at that range impossible. The "Queen's" won the match, beating London Rifle Brigade by 10 points, 1st Surrey by 36 points, and South Middlesex by 45 points. The competing teams afterwards dined together at the Railway Hotel, Major George Lambert in the chair. After the keen appetites of the teams had been dulled, and one or two toasts honoured, the proposal for an annual Masonic match was discussed, a small Committee being appointed to put the matter in shape. The teams then returned to town in two saloon carriages, having thoroughly enjoyed the lovely sun and air on the Caterham Downs.

Scores:	
Lodge No. 2021 attached to Queen's Westminster Rifles.	Lodge No. 1962 attached to London Rifle Brigade.
Sergt. Bellings ... .. 84	Sergt. Tayton ... .. 88
Sergt. Holton ... .. 83	Private N. Green, P.M. 86
Sergt. Godfrey ... .. 82	Private Gregory ... .. 79
Sergt. Treadwell ... .. 80	Private McDougall, P.M. 77
Sergt. Hollis ... .. 79	Sergt. Walker, W.M. 76
Sergt. Coop ... .. 78	Lieut. Brooks ... .. 75
Sergt.-Inst. Philip ... .. 77	Private Elles ... .. 73
Col.-Sergt. Currie ... .. 73	Col.-Sergt. Rix ... .. 72
636	626
Lodge No. 1216 attached to 1st Surrey Rifles.	Lodge No. 358 attached to South Middlesex Rifles.
Corpl. Messenger, P.M. 89	Lieut. R. Bird, P.M. ... 92
Sergt. Marshall ... .. 87	Bugle-Maj. Matthews ... 83
Lieut.-Col. Nevill, P.M. 87	Col. Radcliffe, P.M. ... 79
Sergt. Cranch, W.M. ... 87	Col.-Sgt. Hobbiss, S.W. 79
Private Turner, S.W. ... 84	Qtr.-Mstr. Stevenson ... 70
Mr. Hale, P.M. ... .. 61	Corpl. Graham ... .. 69
Mr. Fitzer, P.M. ... .. 59	Major Reid Todd, P.M. 62
Sergt. Keeley ... .. 46	Sergt. Burn ... .. 57
600	591

**REMARKABLE MASONIC CAREER.**

We extract from the *Victoria Daily Colonist* the following notice of the Masonic career of Bro. Canon Cooper, who will be remembered by many of our readers as the founder of the Harlesden Lodge which was consecrated at Willesden, on his last visit to England in 1885:—

"Canon W. H. Cooper, F.R.G.S., who was recently installed W.M. of the Spallumcheen Lodge, No. 13, Grand Registrar of British Columbia, has had Masonic experiences that few Masons can boast of. Canon Cooper's maternal lodge is No. 40, Belfast, Ireland, where he was initiated, passed, and raised in 1856. At that time Bro. Cooper was an ensign in her Majesty's service, and his regiment being ordered to Dublin, he was made an honorary member of No. 6, in which lodge he was raised to the Degree of Mark Master Mason. Two years later, being then quartered in Devonport, he joined Lodge Sincerity, of which Lord Vallerot, now the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, was the W.M.

"Having in 1860 taken holy orders, after three years' work at home, he offered himself for mission work in the colonies, and on his arrival in Australia found that a lodge had been started in the town of Woodspoint, which was

the centre of his district. This was the Alpine Lodge, and was situated in the middle of the Australian Alps. Bro. Cooper acted as Chaplain to this lodge for eighteen months, and on his removal to Melbourne joined No. 12, Meridian Lodge. He also joined a lodge under the Scotch Constitution, and was appointed District Grand Chaplain (S.C.).

"In 1870, Bro. Cooper moved to New Zealand, where he affiliated to St. Augustine's Lodge, Christchurch, and in 1872 was appointed District Grand Chaplain (E.C.), which appointment he held for five years. During his residence in New Zealand he was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Western Pacific Chapter, Hokitika, and also was one of the founders and first W.M. of 'Akaroa' Lodge; he was re-elected for a second year as W.M. of this lodge.

"In 1877 he was obliged from ill-health to go to New South Wales, where he joined Glen Innes Lodge, of which he was installed W.M. in 1879.

"Returning to England after seventeen years' absence, he, in 1885, organised the formation of a new lodge, No. 2098, Harlesden, London, of which he was first W.M. Since his arrival in British Columbia, ten months ago, Bro. Cooper has taken the greatest interest in the welfare of the Craft. He is a member of the Mountain Lodge, Donald, a member and the Chap. of Kamloops Lodge, and now first W.M. of the new lodge at Spallumcheen, of which lodge he was one of the most active promoters. When about to visit Canada and the Northwest for the first time, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales directed the Grand Secretary of England to give Bro. Cooper a general letter of commendation to all Masons in the Dominion and the United States.

"There are few Masons who have had so extensive an acquaintance with the working of the Craft in the Colonies, both under the Grand Lodge of England and under Local Grand Lodges.

"No one is better able to speak with authority as to the world-wide influence of Freemasonry than Bro. Cooper, he having visited the Masonic lodges nearest the north and south poles, and while he was 'exalted' on the western shores of the Pacific, he is now a member of the Grand Lodge which is situated on the eastern shores of the same ocean."

**VOTE OF THANKS TO BRO. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., PRES. B.B.**

The following is a copy of the resolution of thanks passed by the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at their meeting on the 21st June, 1888, namely:

"That his colleagues on the House Committee desire to take the earliest possible opportunity of expressing to Bro. Robert Grey, Past Grand Deacon and President of the Board of Benevolence, their deep sense of the unselfish devotion with which he undertook and carried through the weighty and important duties of Chairman of the Executive Committee during the recent celebration, at the Royal Albert Hall, of the Centenary of the Institution, a remarkable event, graced by the presence of Majesty and Royalty, attended by thousands of brethren with their families and friends, and resulting in the unprecedented collection of £50,617 15s."

The above resolution was moved by Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., in one of his happy and telling speeches, and signed by him on behalf of himself and the other members of the Committee.

**MASONIC PRESENTATION TO DR. W. R. THOMAS, P.Z., P.M., P.P.G.D.,**

The usual monthly meeting of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, on the 1st inst., was marked by proceedings of a specially interesting character. During the evening Bro. Dr. W. R. Thomas, who has lately moved from Sheffield to Bournemouth, was presented with a massive silver loving-cup, subscribed for by a large number of brethren whose names were inscribed on a beautifully illuminated address. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. ISAAC EYRE, in eloquent terms, which were feelingly supplemented by Bros. GARNETT, P.M., TYNDALL, P.M., BENNETT, P.M., HOLIDAY, and SCARGILL, P.M., and Bros. DODWORTH and STOKES.

Bro. Dr. THOMAS, P.Z., P.M., P.P.G.D., in thanking the brethren for their expression of good-will to him, said that the cup would remind him of the many happy evenings he had spent in the society of his Masonic brethren in Sheffield during the past 16 years. He felt grateful for the kindly appreciation of his Masonic, social, and professional services. Whilst regretting the circumstances causing his removal, he was glad to find that the true spirit of Masonry existed in Bournemouth, and he had been most fraternally received by the Bournemouth brethren, although he felt that he could not expect to find the same friendships that 25 years' residence in Sheffield had given him.

Bros. Wragg, Brooke, Barker, Barber, Foxon, Stokes, Middleton, and Drury added to the enjoyment of the brethren by an efficient rendering of a musical programme, and Bros. Holiday and Wostenholm were equally successful in their recitations.

**NEW MASONIC HALL AT HOWDEN.**

On the 1st inst., the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Howden by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., D.P.G.M. A large number of brethren were assembled on the occasion, including Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G.S.; Tesseymann, P.P.G.T.; Beevers, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. H. Anderton, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. W. Hutchinson, M.A., P.P.G.C.; Rev. W. Booth; P.P.G.C.; Rev. G. L. M. Rees, P.G.C.; H. Green, P.P.G.R.; Lieut.-Col. Storry, P.P.S.G.D.; H. B. Anderson, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. G. S. Dunbar, P.P.G.C. West Yorkshire; H. T. Gardiner, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and a number of others, including the W.M.'s of several lodges at Hull, Goole, and other towns in North and East Yorkshire. They were met by Bro. Robert Briggs, W.M. of St. Cuthbert's Lodge, and Bros. T. C. Turton, S.W., Rev. G. L. M. Rees, J.W., and the other officers. The lodge having been opened, a procession was formed from the Town Hall to the site of the new building, which is situated at the outskirts of the town at the corner of the Selby-road.

It should be mentioned that the necessary funds have been provided through the liberality of Miss Medcalf, of Boston Spa, as a memorial of her brother, the late Bro. Henry Calvert Medcalf, a Past Master of the St. Cuthbert's Lodge, who for many years practised as a surgeon in Howden, and was very highly esteemed throughout the district.

On the arrival of the procession at the site, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion, Bro. G. H. Anderton, Chairman of the Building Committee, having requested the R.W.D.G.M. to lay the foundation-stone of the new hall, Bro. Orde-Powlett gave a short address, in which he referred to the very pleasing circumstances under which they were met, and expressed the hope that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe would rest upon their work that day. The Prov. Grand Chaplain having offered a prayer and a Masonic anthem having been sung, the Prov. G. Secretary read the inscription placed upon the stone, and the Prov. G. Treasurer deposited a phial containing the current coins of the realm. The stone was then duly and properly laid by Bro. Orde-Powlett, it having been proved with a plumb, rule, level, and square in accordance with Masonic ritual.

The D.P.G.M. having declared the Craftsmen had done their duty, corn, wine, and oil were strewn on the stone, and this part of the day's proceedings closed with a prayer by the Chaplain.

The architect, Mr. Moore, was then presented to the D.P.G.M. by the Rev. W. Hutchinson, P.P.G.C., and Bro. H. B. ANDERSON, in a few forcible and well-chosen remarks, thanked the D.P.G.M. for his presence and assistance.

The ceremony being concluded, the procession was reformed, and returned to the Town Hall.

Unfortunately, the afternoon was very wet, but notwithstanding there was a large attendance of spectators, including many ladies.

The building is to be two storeys in height, the outer dimensions being 39 feet by 26 feet 4 inches. The interior arrangements have been very carefully considered by the local brethren so as to afford all the accommodation the St. Cuthbert's Lodge can possibly require, land being reserved so that extensions can be made if necessary.

At the luncheon subsequently held at Mr. Walsley's (Bowman's Hotel), Bro. Robert Briggs, W.M., presided, being supported by Bros. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M.; M. C. Peck, P.G.S.; Baldwin, I.P.M.; Rev. W. Hutchinson, M.A., P.P.G.C.; G. H. Anderton, P.P.G.S.B.; H. B. Anderson, P.P.G.D.; T. C. Turton, W.M. elect; H. Green, P.P.G.R.; Rev. G. L. M. Rees, P.G.C.; and a large number of visiting brethren.

The loyal and patriotic toasts having been given by the W.M.,

Bro. the Rev. W. HUTCHINSON proposed "The Health of the Earl of Zetland and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett." In doing so, he referred to the pleasant associations he had had with their late Bro. Medcalf, P.M., and to the generous conduct of Miss Medcalf in providing the funds for the new lodge.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in replying, said that was his second visit to Howden, and he had great pleasure in bearing testimony to the careful working of the St. Cuthbert's Lodge.

Bro. M. C. PECK, P.G.S., in proposing "The W.M. and P.M.'s of the Lodge," said that though the lodge was a small one, yet it maintained the true traditions of Freemasonry in an honourable manner, and was highly respected in the province. That had been shown in the past by the number of provincial officers selected from St. Cuthbert's Lodge.

Bro. H. T. GARDINER proposed "Prosperity, Perpetuity, and Unanimity to the Lodge of St. Cuthbert's," to which Bro. G. H. ANDERTON responded.

Several other toasts followed.

**BRO. SHERIFF A. J. NEWTON.**

The inaugural ceremony of the Sheriffs took place on Friday, the 28th ult., it being the last time that two Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, elected by the livery in Common Hall, will be sworn in at the Guildhall. In 1889 there will be a new departure, the City losing its ancient privilege of appointing a Sheriff of Middlesex. The honour of being the last of the old régime has thus fallen upon Mr. Alderman Gray and Bro. A. J. Newton, who were inducted into the office with the usual ceremonial.

The previous day the Queen's Remembrancer attended at the Secondary's Office, Guildhall, with her Majesty's warrants approving the election of Sheriffs, the usual observances on these occasions being strictly carried out. On Friday, the 28th ult., those who were invited to take part in the procession assembled at Clothworkers' Hall about noon, the Sheriffs-elect being there to receive them. The hall was kindly lent for the occasion by the Master and Wardens, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-elect Gray being a member of the guild. The reception took place in the drawing-room, the names of the visitors being announced by Mr. Taylor. The senior Sheriff-elect wore his aldermanic gown, and Bro. Sheriff-elect Newton was in Court dress. The Masters and Courts of the different companies wore their fur-tipped gowns, and the Sheriffs' Chaplains were of course in their clerical robes. During the arrival of the guests the bands of the Postal and Telegraphic service and of the Tower Hamlets Royal Engineers played alternately selections of music in the vestibule. The usual procession having been formed, and the Sheriffs-elect, attended by their respective Chaplains, being seated in their State carriages, a start was made for the Guildhall, which was reached shortly before 1 p.m.

The Aldermen being in Committee, there was some little delay, but a Court was presently opened, the Lord Mayor presiding, and there being present Alderman Sir T. Gabriel, Bart.; Alderman Sir J. T. Lawrence, Bart.; Alderman Sir I. Dakin, Alderman Sir T. S. Owden, Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P.; Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Bro. Alderman Whitehead, Bro. Alderman Evans, Mr. Alderman Saunders, Mr. Alderman Wilkin, Mr. Alderman Phillips, Bro. Major and Sheriff Davies, and Bro. Sheriff Higgs. After some purely formal business, the Lord Mayor called upon two aldermen above the chair and two aldermen below the chair to proceed to escort the Sheriffs-elect into Court. Thereupon Alderman Sir T. Dakin, Alderman Sir J. C.

Lawrence, Bart.; Mr. Alderman Evans, and Mr. Alderman Wilkin left the court. In a few minutes they returned in procession with the Sheriffs-elect and Under-Sheriffs-designate, whose names were announced in loud tones by the City Marshal (Major Burnaby). After this formal introduction, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and officers proceeded from the Aldermen's room to the Great Hall in the following order: Sheriffs' Chaplains, Under-Sheriffs (Bro. Rose-Innes, C.C., and Bro. Deputy Beard), Secondary (Mr. Roderick), City Solicitor (Bro. Crawford), Comptroller (Mr. Brand), Common Serjeant (Sir W. T. Charley, Q.C.), Town Clerk (Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton), Chamberlain (Mr. B. Scott), Sheriffs (Bros. Major Davies and W. A. Higgs), Aldermen below the chair, Recorder (Sir T. Chambers, Q.C.), Aldermen above the chair, City Marshal (Major Burnaby), Chaplain, Common Crier (Mr. Baggallay), Swordbearer (Bro. Winzar), and Bro. the Lord Mayor. The Sheriffs-elect followed with their Under-Sheriffs and Chaplains, the liveries of the Companies to which Mr. Alderman Gray and Bro. Newton belong having preceded them upon the hustings. The hustings on which the civic party assembled was strewn with the customary herbs, and the body of the hall was occupied by a large number of spectators.

The Common Crier having commanded silence, and called upon the Sheriffs-elect by name to come forward and take upon themselves the office of Sheriff of London and Sheriff of the county of Middlesex, the Sheriffs-elect came to the table, and the Town Clerk administered the declaration of office, Alderman GRAY and Bro. NEWTON repeating after Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON the ancient formula clause by clause.

Bros. Major and Sheriff Davies and Sheriff Higgs, having divested themselves of their insignia and invested their successors, resumed their seats, and the new Sheriffs, amidst cheers, bowed their acknowledgments.

Alderman and Sheriff Gray and Bro. Newton then presented their Under-Sheriffs, who subscribed the oath, and thus terminated the inaugural proceedings.

The shrieval party returned to Clothworkers' Hall by the same route.

About 200 guests were invited to the inauguration breakfast at Clothworkers' Hall. As usual on these occasions, the presidential chair was jointly occupied by the two Sheriffs—Mr. Alderman Gray and Bro. A. J. Newton—the vice-chairs being taken by Mr. Under-Sheriff Metcalfe and Mr. Under-Sheriff Clarence Halse. The banqueting hall, which is one of the finest in the City, was decorated with a few flags, and the guests were seated at three long tables and a cross table at the end of the hall. The company included Bros. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart., Alderman Whitehead, Alderman Evans, ex-Sheriff Higgs, ex-Sheriff Major H. D. Davies, H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor, Master of the Glovers' Company), Deputy Walford, Horace Stewart (Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company), F. Green (Chairman of the City Lands Committee), W. H. Pannell (Chairman of the Commissioners of Sewers), J. Judd (Chairman of the General Purposes Committee), T. Loveridge (Chairman of the Bridge House Estates), Dresser Rogers, C.C., Deputy Beard (ex-Under-Sheriff), G. Rose-Innes, C.C. (ex-Under-Sheriff), J. C. Parkinson, Clarence Smith, A. T. Layton, C.C., George Kenning, Deputy Halse, Augustus Harris, Deputy Gooding, N. B. Headon, C.C., Alliston, C.C., and H. F. Youll.

A number of ladies were seated in a gallery at the end of the hall facing the Sheriffs, amongst whom were Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Newton, Miss Newton, Mr. Newton and two children, Mrs. Clarence Halse, Miss Halse, Miss Winifred Halse, and Mrs. Perrin.

The breakfast, which might be more fittingly described as an elegant dinner, was served by Messrs. Ring and Brymer.

Grace having been said, and the loving cups passed round,

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff GRAY rose and proposed the first toast—"The Queen"—and Bro. Sheriff NEWTON, who was loudly cheered, gave that of "The Prince and Princess of Wales," both toasts being drunk with much enthusiasm.

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff GRAY next submitted that of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces."

Lieut.-Col. W. A. LE MOTTEE responded in appropriate terms, and then Bro. Sheriff NEWTON in an eloquent speech proposed "The Corporation of the City of London," Alderman Sir T. DAKIN being called upon to acknowledge the compliment.

Other toasts followed, among them being that of "The New Sheriffs," which was proposed by Bro. Alderman Sir R. HANSON, and responded to most cordially. The retiring Sheriffs were not forgotten, and the guests at length dispersed after a most pleasant gathering.



We are sure Mr. Mansfield will have to change his programme again very soon. "A Parisian Romance" which he brought out on Monday at the Lyceum will not suit English tastes. We understand that it has been played successfully in the States of America, and was as popular as "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Our cousins across "the pond" claim to be in advance of us in most things. We give them the palm as regards scientific inventions, but we are far before them in art and the drama. "A Parisian Romance," besides, leaves a disagreeable taste on the palate. It is quite plain that many parts have been expurgated—we do not want them—and yet their omission (and it is easy to detect where they are omitted) made the play lacking in interest. There is not enough body in it to do for Lyceum audiences. Even as presented in London we think some lines regarding the theatrical profession might well be left out. Why should authors or actors run down their noble profession before their audience. A husband will not entertain the idea of his wife earning a living as a singer in opera, because he could not trust her in the surroundings. Quite so, let him hold those opinions, but why should they be blurted out before the public, who do not want to hear them, and have not gone to the theatre to be told they offer temptations to weak nature. Mr. Mansfield introduces us to a French Baron a

wealthy banker, who is a worn out roué. He is married to a beautiful girl of whom he soon tires, she, on her part, despises him. The Baroness is entitled to a large fortune, of which she is not aware, the trustee has speculated with it, lost it, and died broken-hearted. His widow informs her son of his father's secret. The son, who is of a very honourable nature—perhaps too sensitive—resolves that he will repay this money. To do this he ruins himself, his mother, and even takes his wife's dowry. He repairs to the Baron and hands him the notes. The Baroness is called in, but will not take it until she is forced to do so by the money-grubbing husband, for they had no need of more wealth. The young man is taken into the employ of the banker as a clerk. His wife wishes to help to earn a livelihood, and is offered a part in an opera company. Not being allowed to take it by her spouse, she runs away, hoping to come back rich. She is believed to have perished at sea. The Baron, whilst giving a banquet to some of his mistresses, makes a speech in proposing the toast of Matter. Though with a foot in the grave, he banishes love and sentiment, and extols materialism, and dies in a fit—a good riddance. His lovely and good widow falls in love with the young clerk, and hands him and his mother back the fortune they surrendered to her. His wife, who did not perish in the ship, returns, but only to ask his forgiveness and die, placing her husband's hand in that of the Baroness. Mr. Mansfield deserves all the praise he got and can be given him for his excellent acting of the part of the Baron. His reputation as an actor is quite held up in this his latest character, and we anticipate with pleasure seeing him in something else soon, more in harmony with English tastes. We do not want the debased French plays here, we even hear that in France the original has been prohibited. Although much is left out in the English version one can too easily imagine what it is. Hence our dislike to the play altogether. The remainder of the cast call for no special mention. They are all Americans, and a French play with American accent sounds comic.

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The Court Theatre, opened last week, is the smallest theatre in London. It occupies a site opposite the old house of the same name. Mr. Emden, the architect, has built it much on the lines of Terry's Theatre, which was his work also. It is fire-proof. From every part the stage can be seen. There are no columns in the auditorium to impede the view of the audience. French renaissance is the style of decoration of the interior, whilst the outside is plain. The Court accommodates 800 people, of which 170 seats are stalls, and a large number dress circle. In fact, it is on these parts of the house that its fortune will be made. Should the managers get hold of a bad play, they will have empty houses, but as long as they have such pieces as the present one, or like those in the latter days of Bros. Clayton and Cecil at the old theatre, they will have the little band-box of a theatre filled every night with a good paying audience. We were pleased to notice that, with one or two exceptions, every occupant in stalls and circle was in evening dress; we hope this will be strictly adhered to. The new house is lighted by electricity, and will be heated by hot water. Mrs. John Wood and Mr. Arthur Chudleigh, the joint lessees, have done wisely in using Mr. Sidney Grundy's clever adaptation of the French play, "Les Surprises du Divorce." Now here is a French piece made suitable to English tastes, and full of fun, yet quite free from nastiness. Mr. Grundy is much to be congratulated on his achievement. We are supposing that many of our readers saw M. Coquelin in the play at the Royalty during the late season of French plays. We shall not, therefore, detail the plot. It is novel, and very amusing. This so because Mrs. John Wood is in it, and has drawn around her such a brilliant company, consisting of Mr. John Hare, Mr. Arthur Cecil, Mr. Charles Groves, Miss Annie Hughes, and Miss Fillippi. With an indifferent cast, the play would be dull. The popular verdict is favourable in every way, and all seem agreed that by its purification it has lost none of its brilliancy. Mrs. John Wood has a part beset with many temptations to over-act, but, of course, this experienced lady exhibits a commendable discretion. The play ought to be called "Mother-in-Law," for she it is who causes all the quarrels between husband and wife; but that title has been used years ago for a similar play produced at the Opera Comique. We conclude with two remarks—first, that we advise every one to book their seat before hand, or they will find themselves most likely in the same dilemma as ourselves—having to stand the whole evening at the side or go away. We also make mention of the great civility displayed by all the officials (who are men). Mr. Chudleigh, the manager and part lessee, seems to be never wearied of looking after the comforts of his patrons, and shows such extreme courtesy, that his example permeates through the staff, down to the programme givers—not sellers—and cab-callers. There are no fees of any kind at the Court. We wish the lessees every possible success.

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The entertainment, always good at the Pavilion, has been greatly added to by the engagement of Mons. Buatier de Kolta, who does some wonderful tricks, chief among them being an appearing-lady in contra-distinction to the once popular vanishing lady. It is a marvellous piece of trickery, but the conjuror does not reveal how he does it. We are glad to learn that the seats on the floor of the house are to be placed facing the stage, which will ease many a neck, for at present one has to turn one's head at right angles to look at the performers.

The Christmas term of the Royal College of Music was opened on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when 43 new pupils were entered, giving a nett increase of 31, and raising the total number to 250.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, will deliver an address on the Navy before the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday next, the 10th inst.

The new Town Hall at Nottingham, which has recently been erected at a cost of £70,000, was opened by the Mayor on Thursday, the 27th ult. It is a handsome and commodious edifice of stone, and contains two spacious courts of justice, a police station and cells, a fire station, and suites of rooms for the Town Clerk and Borough Engineer.

## The Craft Abroad.

### GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held at the Masonic Hall, Adelaide, on Wednesday, the 18th July last, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, M.W.G.M., there being a full attendance of Grand Officers and brethren present. On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the Board of General Purposes be requested to frame a constitution providing that when a brother has been struck off the roll of a lodge for non-payment of dues, he shall forfeit all his privileges in any other lodge of which he may be a member. The G. Secretary read a letter from Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary of England, announcing that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had graciously consented to accept the office of Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. On this, on the motion of the M.W.G.M., seconded by the D.G.M., it was unanimously resolved—"That a loyal and humble address be prepared and forwarded to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, expressing the grateful thanks of this Grand Lodge for his gracious acceptance of the office of Grand Patron." The following resolution, complimentary to Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and thanking his lordship for his efforts in bringing about the consummation of the wishes in this matter of the South Australian brethren, was also passed unanimously, viz.: "That this Grand Lodge expresses its deep sense of gratitude to the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, for his fraternal and successful support of the petition of this Grand Lodge to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, praying his acceptance of the office of Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia." Subsequently Bro. T. Day, W.M. of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 1, having called the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that the 11th August would be the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the lodge in Adelaide, and consequently the Jubilee of Freemasonry in South Australia, it was resolved "That this Grand Lodge hails the happy event of the Jubilee of Freemasonry in South Australia, and delegates to the Board of General Purposes the authority to make the best arrangements possible for its celebration."

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE (S.C.) OF CANTERBURY (N.Z.).

The District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, under the Scottish Constitution, met at St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, on the 9th July. Bro. the Rev. James Hill, Dist. G.M., presided, and there were present: Bros. J. C. Watson, Dep. D.G.M.; H. T. Gourlay, D.S.G.W.; J. Wendelkin, D.J.G.W.; J. L. Carrell, D.G. Sec.; F. W. Francis, D.S.G.D.; J. D. Park, D.J.G.D.; J. Grubb, D.G.B.B.; W. Pirie, D.G.D.C.; E. Eastwood, D.G. S.B.; and others. The business transacted was chiefly of local interest. A vote of thanks to Bro. Christie for his services as D.G. Treasurer during a period of five years was passed by acclamation. The following were nominated as officers for the year 1888-9, namely: Bros. H. T. Gourlay, Dep. D.G.M.; J. Wendelkin, D.S.G.W.; F. W. Francis, D.J.G.W.; W. Pirie, D.G. Treas.; John L. Carrell, D.G. Sec.; W. Malcolm, D.G. Chap.; J. J. Park, D.S.G.D.; E. Eastwood, D.J.G.D.; J. C. Watson, D.G.B.B.; P. Hill, D.G.D.C.; W. Jackson, D.G. S.B.; Borsht and Burgess, D.G.I.G.'s; and A. Fraser, D.G. Tyler.

### WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8, PROMENADE CONCERT.  
DRURY LANE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, THE ARMADA.  
ADLPHI THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8, THE UNION JACK; at 7.15, THE LOTTERY TICKET.  
VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART; at 7.15, THE BROTHERS.  
STRAND THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.45, KLEPTOMANIA; followed by ALADDIN.  
GAIETY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8, SHE.  
COMEDY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 9, UNCLAS AND AUNTS; at 8, THE SPY.  
PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY; at 7.45, JUBILATION.  
SAVOY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD.  
GLOBE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.15, THE MONK'S ROOM.  
TERRY'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, SWEET LAVENDER.  
TOOLE'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.15, PEPITA.  
COURT THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 9, MAMMA; at 8.15, HERMINE.  
SURREY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, THE GOLDEN LADDER.  
NIAGARA IN LONDON.  
Open Daily, 11 to 11. Grand Panorama of NIAGARA.  
MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.  
Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.  
ROYAL AQUARIUM.  
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement.  
EMPIRE THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.45, Grand Variety Entertainment and Two Grand Ballets.  
ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.45, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.  
CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.30, Grand Variety Entertainment, &c.  
LONDON PAVILION.  
Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment, &c.



The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their first regular meeting since the holidays at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at 4 p.m.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 10th inst.

The Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction will resume its labours to-day (Friday), at seven o'clock. Bro. Batty, P.M., will be the W.M. on the Opening Night, and as his zeal for the good of the Craft is so well known, it is hoped the brethren will support him on this occasion.

At a meeting of the Jockey Club at Newmarket, on the 26th ult., it was announced that the Empress Frederick of Germany had presented to the club an engraving of his late Imperial Majesty the Emperor Frederick, and it was resolved unanimously that a letter of thanks be addressed to her Majesty in acknowledgment of the gift.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicester and Rutland is convened for Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Infirmary, Leicester. The Provincial Grand Lodge is to be opened at 1.30 p.m., the purpose of the assembly, as ordered by the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, being to lay the memorial stone of the Children's Hospital, in that town, under Masonic auspices. The roll will be called as soon as the Provincial Grand Lodge has been opened, after which Bro. E. Bullen will be invested as Prov. S.G.D., and then the procession will be formed under the direct control of Bro. M. J. Walker, P.P.G.W., the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. Ladies' tickets may be had on an early application being made to the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, at his residence, Leicester.

Bro. George Reynolds, Secretary, and Bro. John Skinner, D.C., of the Anglo-American Lodge, arrived safely at Liverpool, on their return from America, on Saturday last, in the steamship City of New York, of the Inman Line. They speak most highly of the manner in which the ship behaved in very heavy weather. The berths are large and well ventilated, and the whole of the appointments of the ship are grand. The attention of Captain Watkin, Commander, the Chief Officer (Bro. Barf), the Doctor (Dr. Reynolds), and officers and men were all that one could desire, they helped to make the voyage a pleasant one. Many brethren were on board, and one not to be forgotten, Bro. O'Connell.

A meeting of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers was held at the Guildhall on Saturday last, when Mr. W. H. Bishop was sworn in as Master, Bro. Charles Hudson as Upper Warden, and Bro. W. Digby Seymour, Q.C., as Renter Warden.

The usual Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Council of the 33° will be held at Golden-square on the 9th inst. The proceedings will be as follows: At noon for Supreme Council 33°, Home, Foreign, and Colonial Correspondence; at 2.45, Grand Consistory of S.P.R.S. 32°; at 3.45, Sovereign Tribunal of G.I.I.C. 31°; at 4.45, Grand Chapter of Ill. Gd. El. Kts. K.H. 30°. A banquet will take place at the Café Royal at 6.30. There are 15 candidates for the 30°, two for the 31°, and one for the 32°.

The Sandown Lodge of Instruction, No. 1869, is held at the Masonic Hall, Sandown, every Thursday evening except the third Thursday in the month (lodge night). Bro. A. Shaw, I.P.M. 1869, is Preceptor, and Bro. A. G. Prickett, 1869, Secretary. Those who know the genial manners and excellent working of Bro. Shaw believe that great success will attend this new venture.

CHURCH EMIGRATION SOCIETY.—Bro. Thos. Salt, M.P., President; Bro. Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, Hon. Secretary.—A party of single girls, in care of a chaplain and the society's matron, will be sent out to Australia in the deck-house of the Orient, in which are the best 3rd class berths, on the 26th instant. This will be an excellent opportunity for sending out young women to friends or relations under proper protection. Bro. Major C. A. Cooper will give full particulars, on application to him at the Secretary's office, 9, Victoria Chambers, Westminster; or at the Society's stall, Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition, Church Congress, Manchester.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetings at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on the 11th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual distribution of prizes to the members of the City of London Young Men's Christian Association was held on Monday evening, at their rooms, in Aldersgate-street. Bro. J. D. Allcott, who presided, commended the practice of the Committee in giving prizes for athletic competitions as well as for various branches of knowledge, and gave some words of advice to the young men present as to their conduct in fighting the battle of life. He expressed an opinion that the success which had attended the Association was due to the fact that it was based upon the Bible. In that respect it differed widely, he said, from the mechanics' institutes which were established when he was a young man, and which had failed solely because the work which they undertook was confined to secular instruction. Referring to the question of commercial education, he pointed out the importance to clerks of joining the classes in French and German, so that they might meet the foreigner upon equal ground. Mr. Burn, the general Secretary, made a statement with regard to the work of the ensuing session, which showed that a wide range of subjects is at the disposal of City youths. Besides modern languages, instruction is given in commercial geography, science, and commercial law. He expressed a hope that during the winter months the members would form a football club, a branch of sport which has hitherto been neglected by them. Addresses were afterwards given by Mr. George Williams, Mr. David Walker (Secretary of the Sydney Y.M.C.A.), and the Rev. F. Lillingston.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of South Wales was held at the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday, the 19th ult., under the banner of the Picton Castle Lodge, 207. In the much regretted absence of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., the chair was taken by Bro. Rev. J. Marsden, D.P.G.M. After the business was concluded, a collection was taken up in aid of local Charity, amounting to £2 os. 3d., which the W.M. was requested to hand over to the Secretary of the Pembroke and Haverfordwest Infirmary. We hope to give a fuller report in our next.

The meetings of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, at The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, were resumed on the 29th ult.

Many of the brethren of the Province of Warwickshire will be pleased to learn that at the last meeting of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1163, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Thursday last, Bro. G. N. Milward, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Henry Irving was entertained at dinner by the Pen and Pencil Club of Edinburgh, on Tuesday, and was called upon to return thanks for the toast of "The Drama."

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Raincliffe, and the Duchess of Abercorn were among those present at the marriage at St. Andrew's Church, Wells-street, on Tuesday, of Capt. John E. P. Spicer, of the 1st Life Guards, and the Lady Margaret Mary Fane, youngest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Westmorland.

Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, met his constituents in North-East Manchester on Friday, the 28th ult., and addressed them at some length on the political circumstances of the day.

The Sheriff's badge and chain, which we described last week, were presented to Mr. Sheriff Newton by some of his friends in Burton-on-Trent. They were manufactured by Mr. Kenning, of Little Britain, and are excellent specimens of skill in the handicraft of the goldsmith.—*Citizen*.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—We understand that Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., has consented to be again nominated as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, this making his fourth annual election to that office. The election will take place at the meeting of Grand Lodge in November.

In response to an appeal made to them by the Bishop of London, the Mercers' Company have voted a donation of £262 10s. towards the Corporation of the Church House.

A banquet was given by the Italian Colony in London and the exhibitors at the Italian Exhibition on Saturday last to Mr. J. R. Whitley and Colonel North, the Director-General and President of the Reception Committee, when the belief was expressed that a second Italian Exhibition next year in London would be well supported. The contemplated visit of the Crown Prince of Italy to the Exhibition has been indefinitely postponed.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales inspected the Hungarian Regiment of Hussars, of which he is Colonel, at Miskolcz, on Monday, and expressed himself highly gratified with the discipline and appearance of the regiment, and the admirable manner in which they performed their evolutions. His Royal Highness was entertained at a banquet the same evening by the officers of the regiment, and throughout was most enthusiastically received.

THE SPANISH ARMADA TERCENTENARY.—The Exhibition of Armada and Elizabethan relics, pictures, armour, &c., which Bro. Augustus Harris has organised, will be opened in the Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, on the afternoon of the 24th October, by the Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham. The following gentlemen form the Committee for carrying out the coming Exhibition, viz.: Sir Duncan Campbell, Bart. (Chairman), the Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, Sir Oswald Brierly, F.R.G.S. (Marine Painter to the Queen), Bro. Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, K.C.B., Mr. Seymour Lucas, A.R.A., Mr. R. F. J. Grenfell, Major Martin Frobisher, Mr. Stuart Hawkins, Mr. W. H. Wintour, Mr. Pridham Wippell, Mr. J. B. Cusack-Smith, Dr. H. H. Drake, Major Bevil Granville, Mr. E. W. Rashleigh, and Captain Woolmer-Williams. Mr. W. H. K. Wright, of the Guildhall, Plymouth, is the Secretary of the Exhibition. Bro. Harris has received promises of the loan of many objects of very great interest, which will be received for arrangement on the 15th October.

Mr. T. C. Valentine, stage manager at Bro. Terry's Theatre, who is about to leave for America to superintend the production of Mr. Piner's "Sweet Lavender" in New York, was on Wednesday night entertained by his theatrical friends at a supper in the Strand Restaurant. Bro. Terry was in the chair.

JUST SO.—"If women are not good enough to belong to the Masons, will you please tell us why?" "My dear; that is the very trouble. You are too good. The necessity for your membership does not exist. Masonry was founded to make men better, and the Lord knows they need it."—*New York Dispatch*.

Bro. Joseph D. Evans, P.G.M., Grand Master of New York in 1854-55, died on the 11th ult. Bro. Evans, it is stated, initiated the system of diplomatic representation between the Masonic powers of the world, and the successful working of which has since so largely conduced to the interchange of fraternal relations everywhere. He was 82 years of age at the time of his death, and was not only ripe in years, but rich in the possession of deserved Masonic honours.—*Keystone*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which beset mankind when dry, sultry weather suddenly gives place to chilly, drizzling days. In fact, these Pills offer relief even if they fail of proving an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of digestion, circulation, and nervous tone which occasionally oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the genial, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by this excellent medicine, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation is rendered perfect. These Pills possess the highly estimable property of cleansing the entire mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—*Advr.*

The election of a successor to Bro. Alderman De Keyser as Lord Mayor of London took place at a Common Hall, held at the Guildhall, on Saturday last, when Bro. Alderman Whitehead was chosen to fill the office during the ensuing year. Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser afterwards entertained the Lord Mayor elect at dinner at the Mansion House.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., at the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, which meets at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Bro. J. Garrod, P.M. 754, will officiate as D.C. Masonic clothing may be worn. Bro. W. Binney, P.P.G. S.B. Bucks, Secretary.

F. L. May and Company's Newspaper Advertisement Offices have been removed from 159, Piccadilly, to their extensive new premises on the ground floor, 162, Piccadilly (corner of St. James's-street, W.).

According to a Berlin correspondent, news has been received from Egypt to the effect that the tomb of Alexander the Great, which Dr. Schliemann sought in vain last winter, has now been discovered in Alexandria. The coffin is of marble, and is covered with beautiful decorations. Its breadth is about three feet and a half, and its height three feet.

A three-light window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, has been erected in the Church of "Ferneaux-Pelham, Hertfordshire, with the surplus fund, on the occasion of the Jubilee of her Majesty.

Miss Linda Gilbert, whose work among the prisons in America has earned her the title of "The Prisoners' Friend," is trying to raise a fund of £100,000 to build an Industrial and Educational Home near New York, to meet the needs of ex-convicts. In this institution there will be a chapel, library, and night-school; and to make it self-supporting, a farm, poultry-yard, workshops, and laundry.

Our Right Hon. Bro. S. T. Nevill, Bishop of Dunedin, took advantage of the opportunity offered by his recent visit to England to attend the Pan-Anglican Synod to renew his intercourse with the brethren of the Mentoria Lodge, No. 418, Hanley, of which he was formerly W. Master. The lodge paid him the compliment of attending Divine service in his old parish church at Shelton, on Sunday, the 16th ult., when he preached the sermon, and he was among "the visitors" at the regular lodge meeting, on Tuesday, the 18th ult., returning thanks for that time-honoured toast, and expressing his firm attachment to our Society. He said that since he had been in New Zealand he had invoked its aid on all possible occasions in connection with the laying of the foundation-stones of churches and other such buildings, and that in his diocese where there were people of all nationalities, he found Freemasonry a most efficient aid in welding and cementing them together, and establishing amongst them a kindly feeling.

The freedom of the burgh of Nairn was formally conferred at a meeting of the Corporation, on Tuesday, on Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and the following day his lordship had a similar honour bestowed on him by the burgh of Inverness. On both occasions the reception accorded the noble Marquis was very enthusiastic, and in both cases he acknowledged the honour in a speech of some length and much geniality.

MASONIC PRESENTATIONS AT TORQUAY.—On the 1st inst., a number of important presentations were made at the monthly meeting of the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay. Past Masters' jewels were presented to the following brethren:—Bros. C. J. Harland, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Wakeham, P.P.G.S.B.; D. J. Allams, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; J. Grant, P.M.; J. Salter, P.M.; and E. Richards, I.P.M. The presentations were made by Bro. R. L. Muford, W.M., and Bro. Richards, having been made W.M. during the past year, received a Jubilee jewel, the other jewels having a gold bar, bearing the inscription, "Veteran," in recognition of their services to the lodge. Bros. the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Babcombe, and Conway Couch were raised, and the brethren afterwards partook of a cold collation, which was served in the banqueting room of the hall by Bro. Harrison, of the Queen's Hotel.

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).—The Directors of the Pearl Life Assurance Company (Limited) had the satisfaction of presenting a most favourable report of their proceedings during the past year at the 24th Annual General Meeting at the Company's Offices, London Bridge, on Friday, the 28th ult., and the shareholders and policyholders must be indeed difficult to please if they are not gratified at the position which the ability and energy of the directorate has secured for the company. As general evidence of the progress which has been made, it was pointed out that in the last ten years the income of the company has very nearly quadrupled itself, it was £58,397 for the financial year ended June, 1878, and now it stands at £233,031. As regards the last twelve months it seems that the number of Policies issued during that period is 391,965, the new annual Premium Income represented by those Policies being a fraction over £153,559. The total income was £239,413 4s. 11d., or £20,505 1s. 11d. in excess of what it was during the previous twelve months. The Premium Income on the Policies in force at the close of the year was close on £261,838, and the Directors had every confidence that this would be well maintained during the present year. The claims and grants paid by the company during the year numbered 14,068, and represented a sum of £93,882 12s. 1d., raising the total paid in claims since the establishment of the Company to £579,189 5s. 6½d. The Life Assurance Fund, which has been increased during the year just concluded by over £25,000, now amounts to very nearly £177,456, while, as regards the general extension of the business, as many as 2185 new Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, and Collectors have been appointed, very many of whom have already given proof of their efficiency by the manner in which they have sustained and extended the business of the company. Under these highly favourable circumstances the directors, in concluding their report, recommended that a dividend of 10 per cent. be paid in two half-yearly instalments, the first on Monday, the 1st inst., and the second on the 30th March, 1889. The report was adopted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, October 13th, 1888.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.

General Committee Boys' School at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

1194, Villiers, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.  
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.  
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, 17, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-road, S.E., at 7.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne Hill, at 7.30

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.  
957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.  
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.  
1922, Earl of Latham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.  
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.  
Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.  
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.  
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.

1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Tavern, Highgate.

MARK LODGES.

44, Florence Nightingale, William-street, Woolwich.

104, Macdonald, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C.

224, Menatschim, Criterion, Piccadilly.

ROSE CROIX.

71, Bayard, 33, Golden-square, W.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, M.H., 33, GOLDEN-SQUARE, W.

CRAFT LODGES.

180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.  
548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.  
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1393, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
1837, Lullingstone, Wilmington, Dartford.  
1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.  
2054, Wilson Iles, Swan Hotel, Rickmansworth.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Popular, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.  
Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 7.45.

Emblematic, Red Lion, York-street, Jermyn-street, W., at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-road, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill, Hot., Alma-road, 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, at 6.30.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°, M.H., 33, GOLDEN-SQUARE, W.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.

749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.  
781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.  
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
1306, St. John's, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.  
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
1538, St. Martin-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-st.  
1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.  
1694, Imperial, Pier Hotel, Oakley-street, Chelsea.  
1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.  
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.  
2047, West Kent Volunteers, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.  
2183, Royal Hampton Court, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.  
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Latham, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.  
Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.  
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.  
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.  
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.

United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Domatic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.

CRAFT LODGES.

206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.  
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
1216, Macdonald, 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell.  
1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton.  
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.  
1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.  
1797, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.  
1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammersmith.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, 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 Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7.  
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8 p.m.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 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 Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Austin's Hot., 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., E.C., at 7.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.  
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd, 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-way Station), at 7.

Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.  
Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.  
140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.  
452, Frederick of Unity, Masonic Hall, Croydon.  
019, Beadon, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.  
1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square, W.  
1710, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

MARK LODGES.

86, Samson and Lion, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.  
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.  
1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.  
1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.30.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, 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, Canonbury, N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 7.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.

Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.  
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, MARK LODGE.

144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-street.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

D, Mount Calvary, Inns of Court Hotel.

45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hotel.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Quarterly General Court and Election Girls' School, at 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

1415, Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.  
1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.  
1637, Unity, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station.  
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
1685, Geulph, Town Hall, Leyton.  
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.  
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

## PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, October 13, 1888.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

37, Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Institute-street, Silverwell-street, Bolton.  
40, Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings.  
68, Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
75, Love and Honour, Masonic Hall, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.  
88, Scientific, Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge.  
104, St. John, White Lion Hotel, Stockport.  
105, Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
106, Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth, Devon.  
133, Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.  
151, Albany, Masonic Hall, Luggley-st., Newport, Isle of Wight.  
189, Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse.  
237, Indefatigable, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
240, St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Ingham-street, South Shields.  
202, Salopian, Masonic Hall Buildings, Shrewsbury.  
292, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
296, Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
297, Witham, Masonic Hall, Newland, Lincoln.  
303, Benevolent, Masonic Hall, Teignmouth.  
314, Peace and Unity, Masonic Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.  
339, Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
411, Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
481, St. Peter's, F.M.H., Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
502, Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.  
587, Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
589, Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth, Cornwall.  
643, Royal, Royal Crescent Hotel, Filey, Yorks.  
661, Fawcett, Masonic Hall, North-road, Seaham Harbour.  
665, Montagu, Royal Lion Hotel, Lyme Regis.  
671, Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelly.  
721, Independence, Eastgate-row N., Chester.  
797, Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.  
893, Meridian, Masonic Hall, Millbrook, Cornwall.  
941, De Tally, Royal George, Knutsford.  
949, Williamson, St. Stephen's Schools, Monkwearmouth.  
1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness.  
1099, United Brothers, Grosvenor Hotel, Southsea.  
1112, Shirley, Freemasons' Hall, Shirley, near Southampton.  
1113, Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangerni, Angelsea.  
1149, Dorking, Public Hall, West-street, Dorking.  
1174, Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
1421, Derence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Leeds.  
1237, Euned, George Hotel, Enfield.  
1253, Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
1302, De Warren, Private Rooms, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
1350, Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1408, Stamford and Warrington, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge.  
1430, Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Broadway, Sandgate.  
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter-street, Canterbury.  
1474, Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
1490, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester.  
1595, Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.  
1611, Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York.  
1618, Handyside, Queen's Hotel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea.  
1792, Tudor, Masonic Hall, Harborne, Staffordshire.  
1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.  
1852, Forrest, Swan Hotel, Mansfield, Notts.  
1865, Torridge, Market Hall, Great Torrington, Devon.  
1948, Harman, Queen's Arms, Rawtenstall, Lancashire.  
1952, High Peak, Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.  
1990, Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Salop.  
2021, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
2034, Maseneld, Balsall Heath Institute, Balsall, Worcestershire.  
2197, Spencer Walpole, Temperance M.H., Douglas, Isle of Man

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.  
130, Royal Gloucester, F.M.H., Bugle-street, Southampton.  
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.  
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.  
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.  
369, Pomfret-Emulation, Masonic Hall, Northampton.  
378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.  
382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.  
429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.  
409, Hundred or Elloe, Masonic Hall, Finchbeck-street, Spalding.  
521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.  
721, Independence, Bars Hotel, Chester.  
724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.  
962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.  
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.  
1174, Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.  
1286, Bayons, Corn Exchange, Market Rasen, at 8.  
1242, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.  
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.  
1539, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.  
1643, Perseverance, M.H., Carr-street, Hepburn-on-Tyne, at 7.45.  
1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30.  
1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.  
1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.  
1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.  
1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.  
2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

154, Unanimity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield.  
248, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton-street, Brixham.  
495, Wakefield, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
543, Dundas, Golden Lion Hotel, Barrack-road, Aldershot.  
1331, Aldershot Camp, Masonic Hall, Barrack-road, Aldershot.  
1447, St. Matthew, Masonic Hall, Barton-on-Humber.