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United Grand Lodge. THERE is a very fair programme of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 5th instant. There will, in the first place, be a communication from the M.W. GRAND MASTER, in which his Royal Highness will recommend the recognition of the newly constituted United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and as there cannot be the slightest doubt that the said Grand Lodge has been established in accordance with Masonic law, so far as there is any recognised general law on the subject, and with the practically unanimous consent of the lodges and brethren under the various Constitutions hitherto existing in the Colony, we may reasonably assume that the recommendation will be adopted. Subsequent to this, there will be an election of brethren to serve on the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board, as well as of a Grand Lodge Auditor, and of a section of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Reports of the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes will be submitted, and also the Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but we are not aware of anything in these Reports which is calculated to evoke discussion. The number of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W.G.M. since the Quarterly Communication in March is stated to be nine, two having been granted for London, three for the Provinces (Bucks, Kent, and Shropshire), and four for the Colonies and Possessions abroad (one for Bombay, one for Queensland, and two for Victoria).

THE arrangements, so far as it is possible for them to be made, for the 91st Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have now been settled. Bro. R. EVE, P.G. Treasurer, and a Patron of all three Institutions, has undertaken to preside as Chairman, and the Festival itself will be held at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 3rd July. The Board of Stewards already musters upwards of 300 brethren, the representation of London and the Provinces being provided for in about the usual proportions, and there is ample time in the five weeks that are still available for a further and substantial increase in the number of those who are prepared to act as canvassers whenever a more than usually pressing need can be shown for their services in that capacity. That this need exists at the present time there cannot be the shadow of a doubt. There are 260 boys on the establishment at Wood Green, and the cost of maintaining, educating, and clothing them amounts to between £11,000 and £12,000. The permanent income is only about £800, and, therefore, the Institution is under the necessity of relying for the bulk of its ways and means on the proceeds of its Anniversary Festival. Till last year this reliance was not in vain, but in 1888, owing to the overwhelming attractions of the Girls' School Centenary, the Festival receipts of the School amounted to less than £8700, or about three-fourths of the required sum. Thus, in order to restore the equilibrium between receipts and expenditure, and afford the Institution a fresh and encouraging start, the proceeds of the Anniversary which is now so rapidly approaching should attain to a minimum of £14,000, or thereabouts; and the question which is now exercising the minds of the brethren is—Will this sum, or anything approaching this sum, be forthcoming? The appearances are favourable—that is to say, there is a good Chairman, and a pretty numerous Board of Stewards. There has been no heavy drain on the resources of the Craft during the present year, and the Girls' School authorities, in face of what was done for it in 1888, have considerably refrained from pressing the claims of their Institution, in order that the Boys' School might have the chance of recovering its lost ground. Therefore, under ordinary circumstances, we should say the latter would experience little or no difficulty in achieving its purpose. But, unfortunately, the circumstances are the reverse of ordinary. A Committee of Inquiry into the discipline, expenditure, and management of the School was appointed in July, 1888, and its Report, which was delivered at the Quarterly General Court, held on the 26th April last, is

most unfavourable as regards [the management and expenditure. A Special Court of Governors and Subscribers has been summoned for Thursday, the 6th inst., when no doubt the Committee's recommendations will be duly and impartially considered. It is impossible to determine beforehand what course this Special Court may see fit to adopt, but whether it resolves on accepting the recommendations of the Committee and giving effect to them, or on adopting measures of its own which it may consider preferable, in either case a period of time must elapse before the government of the Boys' School can be again brought into proper working order. In the meanwhile there is the establishment of 260 boys at Wood Green to be provided for, and that cannot be done under any circumstances unless the necessary supplies are forthcoming, or, in other words, unless the approaching Festival is a far greater success than was the Festival of last year. It may or it may not be wise or expedient that certain measures for the future management of the School should be adopted in preference to certain other measures—that is a matter of opinion; but the School itself and the obligation which the Craft of England has entered into to maintain it are a fact, which cannot be got rid of. The management may remain in the same hands, but under a new code of regulations, or it may be entrusted to other hands under the existing or a new code—that, as we have said, is a question which it will take time to settle; but the 260 boys, who are to be fed, clothed, and educated at the expense of the Craft, remain always. We therefore exhort our readers to keep the Festival and the differences about government and officials as separate and distinct from one another as possible, so that, whatever may be the result of the impending contest between the Committees and the officials on the one hand, and their opponents on the other, the resources of the Institution—the supplies on which it is almost entirely dependent for the means with which to discharge its appointed duties—may remain undiminished.

A SPECIAL General Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 30th ult., for the purpose of confirming the resolution adopted, at the Special General Court on the 16th ult., authorising the expenditure of £31,000, in order to carry out the Centenary Memorial Scheme, as recently revised and extended. The necessary confirmation was passed without a dissentient voice, and the Building Committee will, therefore, at once set about the task entrusted to them.

WE congratulate the Supreme Council 33° A. and A. Rite on their selection of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, and Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON himself, on having been selected to fill the office of Grand Captain of Guards, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Bro. Colonel ADAIR. Bro. RICHARDSON is one of the ablest and most active Masons of our day, and the news that he has been appointed a member of the Supreme Council of this branch of our Society will be received everywhere with satisfaction.

WE must protest against the course that has been adopted by those members of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, and the Boys' School, Subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School. It seems that the W.M. of the lodge was some time since "appointed"—whether by the members generally or by the aforesaid Subscribers only is not stated—to act as Steward at the coming Festival of the Institution. "Under present circumstances," however, he has seen fit to withdraw from his Stewardship, and the Subscribers have not only endorsed his action with their approval, but have likewise resolved, among other things, "that under present circumstances of the School no subscriptions should be paid to it." We consider this the very height of midsummer madness. A wise man does not set about repairing his house by pulling it about his ears. On the contrary, he takes counsel with himself, and probably also with some experienced architect, and when they have ascertained the defects which have rendered his house less convenient as a residence than he had expected it would be, he has these defects remedied. So in this case of the Boys' School, "under present circumstances." A Committee has reported that its management is faulty, and its expenditure has been extravagant, and next week it will be the duty of a Special Court of Governors to confirm or non-confirm this Report, and, in the event of confirmation, to determine what measures shall be taken with a view to curing the faultiness and extravagance which the Committee of Inquiry is of opinion exists in the conduct of the Institution. But to suggest an entire stoppage of supplies until a cure has been effected is tantamount to suggesting that the Institution must be closed until it is set in order. This is utterly monstrous. What is now needed is a remedy for the disease with which the PHILBRICK Committee says the Institution is afflicted, but the remedy which the Carnarvon Lodge would have us adopt will kill, not cure, the patient.

## ASHMOLE AS A FREEMASON.

The fact that Elias Ashmole, the celebrated antiquary, was initiated in the year 1646, though not the earliest register of the kind, is of considerable value and interest. The first actual minute of a lodge is of the year 1641 as respects England, but that represented "work" done by a Scottish lodge (No. 1, of Edinburgh, with records from 1599), noted by the Masonic Historian of Scotland, Bro. D. Murray Lyon.

The particulars of Elias Ashmole's initiation are to be found in his diary, now preserved in the Bodleian, Oxford, and have also been printed and published in 1717 and 1774 in two books, the first of which is one of the rarest works known relating to Freemasonry. It is far scarcer than the Book of Constitutions of 1723, or even that of 1738, and almost ranks with the "Roberts' Constitutions," of 1722 (the *operative* Regulations).

Of late years renewed interest has been taken in this extraordinary and most important record, through the researches of Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., made known in the "Masonic Magazine" for Dec., 1881, by far the best account of the subject ever printed; and also because of the able summary of these researches by Bro. R. F. Gould in his exhaustive "History of Freemasonry," vol. 3, 1887. An exact facsimile of both entries in the diary of 1646 and 1682 was also published by Mr. W. H. Gee, Oxford, which has added considerably to the interest excited by the examinations and researches of several students and experts, so that now we are thoroughly "posted up" as to all peculiarities and differences in the several reproductions of the original MS.

The first edition is entitled "Memoirs of the Life of that Learned Antiquary, Elias Ashmole, Esq., Drawn up by himself by way of Diary, With an Appendix of original Letters, Publish'd by Charles Burman, Esq., London, Printed for F. Roberts, near the Oxford Arms, in Warwick-Lane, 1717" (12mo. pp. VIII.—99). The preface is by Charles Burman, aforesaid, is dated "Newington, Feb. 1716-7," and states that "The Copy, from whence these Papers are published, is in the Hand-Writing of Robert Plot, L.D." The transcript was "also collated a few years since by David Parry, M.A., of Jerusalem College, in Oxford, and Head Keeper, of the same Place, who corrected from the original Manuscript (Inter MS. Ashmol. Oxon, 1136) some few literal Errors."

The Diary is a curious combination of sense and non-sense, the following being the important entries referring to the Fraternity of Free-Masons.

1646 (page 15, Edit. 1717.)

"Octob. 16, 4 Hor. 30 Minutes post merid. I was made a Free-Mason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Colonel Henry Mainwaring of Karticham in Cheshire; the names of those that were then at the Lodge, Mr. Richard Penket, Warden, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer."

1682 (pp. 66-67, Edit. 1717.)

"1682, Mar. 10. About 5 Hor. post merid. I received a Summons to appear at a Lodge to be held the next Day at Masons Hall in London."

"11. Accordingly I went, and about noon were admitted into the Fellowship of Free-Masons, by Sir William Wilson, Knight; Captain Richard Borthwick, Mr. William Wodman, Mr. William Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylour, and Mr. William Wise."

"I was the Senior Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted) there was present besides myself the Fellows after named, Mr. Thomas Wise, Master of the Masons-Company this present year; Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt-Waidsford, Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half-Moon-Tavern in Cheap-side, at a noble Dinner prepared at the charge of the new accepted Masons."

On comparing the above with the facsimile, a few differences of a minor character are apparent, also some of the contractions in the original are altered to the words in full, and the portions in italics exhibit the fancy of the Editor or Printer. Under 1682 the word *in* is added in the third line of the reproduction, following "Hall," and the word "Noon" should be given as "Noone." One of the names should be *Woodman*, and Samuel is spelt "Samuell," also the final "e" being omitted once or twice, and old forms of printing such words as "Fellowes," "Dynerd," &c.

The really serious departure from the MS. is the addition of the word *by* after the word *Free-Mason*, and *before* the names of Sir William Wilson and five others, who were the six "admitted into the Fellowship," and not those by whose aid Ashmole was admitted.

The second edition is in octavo (pp. vii., 399) and contains "The Lives of those eminent Antiquaries, Elias Ashmole, Esquire, and Mr. William Lilly, written by themselves," &c., London; Printed for T. Davies, in Russell-street, Covent Garden, M.D.CCLXXIV.," having portraits of the two celebrities named. The life of Ashmole thus reproduced, begins at page 283, and finishes the volume. Under the entry of 1646 the name of *Richard Ellam* is omitted, and the unfortunate word "by" is inserted in the account of 1682, the italics generally being absent from the edition of 1774.

These two entries in Ashmole's Diary are sure indications of speculative Freemasonry, long prior to the advent of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, proving to my mind, and I should think to all thoughtful Students, that in 1646-82 there were lodges being held in Warrington, London, and elsewhere, into which gentlemen were admitted, and whose meetings were not utilized for operative purposes. That there were also lodges assembling for trade interests during the same period appears to be equally as clearly established. This being so, the notion that the premier Grand Lodge inaugurated speculative Freemasonry is wholly untenable.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, 5th inst.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 24th April for confirmation.
3. Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, submitting and recommending an application from the Body styled "The United Grand Lodge of Victoria," for recognition.
4. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
6. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
7. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
8. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

9. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 1331, Crediton	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees	50	0	0
A brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 1193, Wymondham	50	0	0
A brother of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 213, Norwich	100	0	0
A brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. Martin's Le Grand Lodge, No. 1538, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool	50	0	0
A brother of the Amity Lodge, No. 137, Poole	50	0	0
A brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	50	0	0
A brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln	50	0	0
A brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	60	0	0

10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5863 7s. 2d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £10 4s. 1d.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

21st May, 1889.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 21st May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be given to V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn, the President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year.

(Signed)

CHARLES BELTON,

Vice-President.

11. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 17th May, 1889, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, P.G.D.—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:

CANDIDATES.	NOMINATED BY
Bro. Harry E. Pollard, W.M. 4.	Bro. Charles Belton, D.G.D. of C.
William Masters, P.M. 2128.	Geo. Cooper, P.G.D.
* F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891.	Saml. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 511
* Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584.	
* E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 179.	Edward Letchworth, P.G.D.
* H. Tipper, W.M. 2054.	Henry J. Lardner, P.M. 1623.
* Capt. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1656.	J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.
* T. Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192.	
* G. Gardner, W.M. 2309.	D. P. Cama, P.G. Treasurer.
* F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891.	
* Geo. Read, P.M. 511.	John C. Radford, W.M. 2243.
* Tom D. Bear, P.M. 1584.	
* T. H. Miller, W.M. 2192.	Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., G.W.
* W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167.	Lt.-Col. Hon. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W.
* E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 179.	Capt. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1656.
* Gordon Smith, W.M. 14.	W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507.
* George Gardner, W.M. 2309.	James Terry, P.G.S.B.
* J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128.	Sir R.N. Fowler, Bart., P.G.W.
* T. W. Richardson, P.M. 2029.	Samuel Cochrane, W.M. 3.
* W. Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 167.	W. H. Saunders, P.M. 1503.
* Joseph Clever, P.M. 1818.	Robert Turtle Figott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.
* William A. Scurrah, W.M. 167.	
* George Read, P.M. 511.	Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.
* Joseph Clever, P.M. 1818.	
* Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256.	Howard H. Room, P.M. 1159.
* Harry Tipper, W.M. 2054.	Edward Terry, Grand Treas.
* Harry E. Pollard, W.M. 4.	
* William H. Rylands, W.M. 2.	Edward Terry, Grand Treas.
* Arthur C. Tanqueray, W.M. 33.	
* A. G. Browning, W.M. 2140.	Edward Terry, Grand Treas.
* J. L. Alex. Monckton, M.A., W.M. 197.	
* William A. Dawson, P.M. 1768.	Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.
* T. Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192.	
* Joseph D. Langton, P.M. 2096.	Howard H. Room, P.M. 1159.
* Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584.	
* Henry Bishop, P.M. 66.	Edward Terry, Grand Treas.
* William G. Lemon, P.M. 165.	
* Joseph Clever, P.M. 1818.	Edward Terry, Grand Treas.
* Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415.	
* John R. Clipperton, P.M. 66.	Edward Terry, Grand Treas.
* George Read, P.M. 511.	
* T. H. Miller, W.M. 2192.	Edward Terry, Grand Treas.
* Thomas Catling, W.M. 2190.	
* Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256.	Edward Terry, Grand Treas.

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bro. Col. Frederick Gadsden (Madras), P.M. 434, nominated by Bro. Charles Belton, Dep. G. Dir. of Cers.; Bro. Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656, nominated by Bro. Henry J. Lardner, P.M. 1623; Bros. James Brett, P.M. 177, Col. Frederick Gadsden, P.M. 434, Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537, Albert Escott, P.M. 1539, Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656, John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, and Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256, nominated by Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G. Swd. Br.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733, Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554, J. E. Dawson, P.M. 404, C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, Major A. Durrant,

\* At present Members of the Board.

P.M. 569, C. Kempton, P.M. 1287, A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140, I. Dixon, P.M. 1567, R. Griggs, P.M. 228, and W. H. Hubbert, P.M. 1625, nominated by Bro. J. Clever, P.M. 12.

List of lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :—

- No. 2303, The Trentham Lodge, Trentham, Victoria.
- " 2304, The Mooroopua Lodge, Mooroopua, Victoria.
- " 2305, The Stour Lodge, Ashford, Kent.
- " 2306, Toowong Lodge, Toowong, Queensland.
- " 2307, The Friendship Lodge, Ajmere, Bombay.
- " 2308, The Viator Lodge, Fleet-street.
- " 2309, The George Gardner Lodge, Datchett, Buckinghamshire.
- " 2310, The London Scottish Rifles Lodge, Golden-square.
- " 2311, The Saint Alkmund Lodge, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

### MARK GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday, the 4th inst. :  
1. Read, and if approved, confirm minutes of Grand Lodge held on 6th December, 1888, and Special Grand Lodge held on 5th March, 1889.

2. Report of the General Board.
3. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.
4. Recommendations arising out of the report.
  - (a) That in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown the title of "Provincial Grand Lodge" should be changed to "District Grand Lodge," and that powers be given to such District Grand Lodges to regulate the fees payable to their own Funds, subject to the approval of the Board.
  - (b) That the rank of Past Master be conferred on the Most Worshipful Bro. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, and that the Adelaide Lodge, No. 41, be authorised to carry this resolution into effect.
  - (c) Fund of Benevolence relief :—  
£20 to M. A. G., widow of Bro. I. G.
5. A motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.
6. Installation of M.W.G.M.
7. Election of Grand Treasurer.
  - Candidate proposed—  
Bro. Henry Faija, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 144, 331.  
(Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 355, has withdrawn.)
8. Appointment and Investiture of Grand Officers.
9. Nomination by the M.W.G.M. of Six Members to serve on the General Board.
10. Election, by Grand Lodge, of Five Members to serve on the General Board.

List of brethren nominated for the General Board. (Five only are nominated.) Bros. Dr. Geo. Mickley, P.M. 97, P.G.D., John E. Dawson, Dep. P.G.M. Herts, R. Loveland Loveland, Dep. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, and A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; nominated by Bros. the Earl of Euston, S.G.W., Geo. Cooper, P.G.O., and B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; and Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M. Kent; nominated by Bros. Rev. T. Robinson, Prov. G.M. Kent, J. S. Eastes, P.G.O., and J. G. Podevin, P. Dep. P.G.M. Kent.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MATIER LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 400.

The Matier Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, attached to the Egerton of Tatton Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 400, was consecrated on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, Holborn. The Consecrating Master was Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, S.G.W., assisted by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as S.; C. Fitzgerald Matier (after whom the lodge is named), as J.; Rev. G. W. Weldon, as Chap.; R. Berridge, as D.C.; C. H. Driver, as I.G.; and Dr. E. M. Lott, as Org.

There were also present Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., C. F. Hogard, W. Vincent, A. Williams, Belgrave Ninnis, W.C.N. designate; W. H. Kiallmark, J. designate; Lennox Browne, W. Thomas, A. W. Peckham, C. M. Jessop, W. P. St. L. Chubb, G. Danford Thomas, J. MacGlashan, A. Mostyn, C. Moser, R. Purchas, and W. W. Lee.

A Royal Ark Mariners' lodge having been opened, the following candidates were impressively elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner by Bro. W. Vincent: Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, Lennox Browne, W. Thomas, A. W. Peckham, C. M. Jessop, W. P. St. L. Chubb, G. Danford Thomas, J. MacGlashan, A. Mostyn, R. Purchas, and W. W. Lee.

The consecration ceremony was next proceeded with, and the Grand Officers having entered in procession, and having been appointed to the various offices pro tem., the Consecrating Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. He said they were assembled to consecrate a new lodge, and also to pay a high compliment to a brother who was well-known in every branch of the Craft, and most worthy of the honour, having done his best for the advancement of the Mark and Ark Degrees in particular, and Masonry generally. It was, therefore, a fitting compliment to Bro. Matier to name this lodge after him. He congratulated the founders on the list of candidates who had just been elevated, and greeted them with hearty good wishes, hoping they would rise to the height of their ambition. He would proceed to the business by asking the acting D.C. to read the petition and warrant.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named in these documents, and an eloquent oration on the principles of the R.A. Degree was delivered by Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon, acting Chaplain.

The lodge was then solemnly dedicated and constituted in the usual form.

Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier then assumed the chair, and impressively enthroned Bro. Belgrave Ninnis as W.C.N. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, J.; A. W. Peckham, Treas.; C. M. Jessop, Sec.; Lennox Browne, S.D.; Wm. Thomas, J.D.; and Moser, I.G. Bro. G. B. Brodie, who was unavoidably absent, was appointed S.

Bro. BELGRAVE NINNIS, W.C.N., said he was sure he should be expressing the wishes of the brethren if he proposed a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, at the same time asking them to accept the honorary membership of the lodge.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. KIALLMARK, J., and carried with acclamation.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON returned thanks on his own behalf, and also on behalf of the other officers who had assisted him, for the high honour paid them. As far as he was concerned he felt proud to be an honorary member, and if he could at any time do anything to assist the lodge he should be happy to do all in his power.

A Committee was formed to frame the by-laws, and the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, at the conclusion of which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. BELGRAVE NINNIS, W.C.N., in proposing "The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council," said that in civil life, when they arrived at the goal of their ambition, they were in the habit of resting on their oars, but as far as he could see, when one arrived at the summit of his ambition in Masonry and donned the purple, his work really began. It could not be said of the brethren included in this toast—"They toil not, neither do they spin." He should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Matier, after whom their lodge was named. He need hardly say that should any brother have occasion to visit 8A, Red Lion-square they would always find Bro. Matier or others ready to give any information, and always find the same geniality and readiness to oblige which characterised Bro. Matier.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, in reply, said the encomiums passed upon himself that night, in the first place by Bro. the Earl of Euston in the lodge room, and, secondly, by the W.C.N., were so great, as to make a much more modest man than himself blush. He only trusted he should deserve the compliments so undeservedly heaped upon him. As regards the members of the Council, they were the governing body of the Order, and all warrants were referred to them, and in the first place to the President. At the present moment they were without a President, owing to the lamented death of the late Bro. Rev. Canon Portal. He would reveal a secret, which, however, was now an open one, and say that the vacant office would soon be filled by one whom the brethren that night had to thank for the successful launching of their ship. Bro. the Earl of Euston had been nominated by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to succeed the late Bro. Canon Portal, and in lamenting him who had gone, they had also to congratulate the distinguished brother who would fill the post. He felt flattered at that lodge bearing his name. He would it was one more distinguished, but it could never bear the name of one who had the Order more at heart than their humble servant who addressed them.

The W. C. N. next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," observing that there was not the slightest need for him to enter at length upon the ceremony at which they had been present, nor was it necessary for him to enter into the Masonic biography of their esteemed and worthy Consecrating Officer. The deeds of the Earl of Euston were known to all Masons, for during the last few years he had been the envy of all good Masons, and an example for them to do their utmost for Masonry. His deeds were chronicled in the annals of the various Grand Lodges. The brethren, that evening, thanked him and the other officers for what they had done, and they trusted that the foundation laid would result in success. They also hoped that the Earl of Euston would have no cause to regret having launched their ship.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, S.G.W., thanked the W.C.N. most heartily for the way in which he had proposed the toast, and the manner in which the brethren had received it. He could only assure them that the remarks made about him were far beyond what ought to have been made, for he had only done his duty, the performance of which was a great pleasure. He hoped that the Craft of which the keel had been laid that night, and the Craft generally, would prosper so long as the world remained. They were promised, and were frequently reminded, that the world would never be done away with by a flood. Whether it would be done away with by other means was a thing which would take cleverer heads than his to discover, and as far as he was concerned he should not take the trouble to try to ascertain. He was contented to believe there was a future for himself and others beyond this world. He should look back upon that occasion with pleasure, and he thanked them for the way they had proposed and received the toast of his health.

"The Health of the W.C.N." was next given by Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, who said he was sure it would be received with hearty acclamation, particularly as this was a new lodge and the members had selected Bro. Belgrave Ninnis to be the first ruler of this Craft that had been launched on the sea of Masonry. It would ill become him to say anything too flattering or too fulsome, but he would say that the members had chosen a man whom they could all look up to, and who had proved himself, not only in Masonry, but also in the service of his Queen and country, which was the first duty of every man. When they saw a man going voluntarily into bad climates to serve his country, they could look confidently forward to that man doing well whatever he undertook. He proposed the health of the W.C.N. with all hearty good wishes for a pleasant year of office.

Bro. BELGRAVE NINNIS, W.C.N., thanked Bro. the Earl of Euston for his flattering remarks, and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He hoped, and had every reason to believe from what he knew of the majority who had joined, for they had joined him in more than one other affair, that they would be the same happy family here as in other places.

The health of the brethren who had been elevated into the Degree was next given from the chair, and responded to by Bros. PURCHAS and KIALLMARK.

The W.C.N. next proposed "The Health of Bro. Vincent," whom he thanked for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of elevation, for all Masons knew how much depended upon the performance of the various ceremonies.

Bro. W. VINCENT returned sincere thanks, and said it was particularly appropriate that he should have the opportunity of elevating the members of this Matier Lodge, for all he knew he had learned from Bro. Matier himself. To that brother he owed what he knew in Ark Masonry, and it was always a pleasure to do whatever he could to assist.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, S.D., replied for "The Officers," and said that as gratitude was sometimes an indication of favours to come, this compliment was to the officers an incentive to do their duty in the offices to which they had been appointed.

The Warder's toast closed a pleasant evening.

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AN OLD P.M.—We regret we are unable to insert your letter, as we have several times notified we cannot open our columns to discussions on ritual.

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The following communications among others unavoidably stand over:

A Review of the True Lines of Rosicrucianism.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Keystone," "La Chaîne d'Union," "South African Freemason," "Masonic Token," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico" and "Die Bauhutte."



SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1889.

**Original Correspondence.**

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
It having been brought to the knowledge of the House Committee of this Institution that a rumour has been circulated that certain officials have received notice of dismissal, I am instructed by the Committee that the question of the dismissal of any official has never been suggested, entertained, or considered.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.  
6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
May 29th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
"The wise do not wash their dirty linen in public," says the proverb, which is true enough. One would, therefore, hesitate to take part in any correspondence on this subject in the columns of the ordinary press. But in a paper such as yours, written by Freemasons, for Freemasons, there is not only no impropriety in writing, but, probably, an obligation to do so, fully and freely, so long as one's words are tempered by that charity which, in its widest sense, should ever be the distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason's heart. By means of the press, a larger number are reached than by any voice, however powerful, at a mass meeting, such as we understand will be speedily called to consider the Report of Bro. Philbrick's Committee.

And now, how stands the case? All parents and guardians are desirous of setting their boys out fairly in the world, fitting them, as far as possible, in every way to bear their part in the battle of life. Freemasons especially are anxious to do this thoroughly and well for "their nephews," the children of their deceased brothers, believing, in the words of an American writer, that a "sound constitution and a good education are two blessings on which all others rest and depend." That is the theory, and, till recently, we thought we carried it out "rather well." Alas! We find now that, like many other theories, it lamentably breaks down in practice. The intention is excellent, and the education is pronounced "satisfactory;" but we accomplish our ends, forsooth! by underfeeding the boys, ruining their eye-sight, and breaking their spirits!

Primarily, as it seems to me, the Head Master is responsible for the breakdown. His duty, according to the Report (p. 9), is to exercise a supervision in every department. He is a Court of Appeal in all emergencies—responsible for the general conduct of the scholars at all hours, and (with the Matron) for the cleanliness of their persons and general appearance. He is Curator of the Library, with its books of reference. In him is vested power to complain of officials and punish scholars. He is to see the boys use the plunge bath in suitable weather, and he may exercise discipline by withholding permission for them to see their friends, reporting, however, the cause to the House Committee. In 1872 we find Dr. Barry saying (p. 27) "Clearly, in any Institution there must be a single head; your rules evidently recognise this necessity and give the first place to the Head Master; but it may be worth your while to inquire whether the practice exactly corresponds to the theory."

Well, Bro. Philbrick's Committee has "enquired," and their report shows that the "supervision" has been powerless to prevent the gravest abuses in the household management; that, so far from his being a "Court of Appeal," the Steward and Matron "take no orders from the Head Master" (p. 26). As to the general conduct of the boys, we are told (p. 16) that "their appearance was pale and manner spiritless." Their "deadness and want of activity" are specially noticed by the Committee, who say (p. 18) "There is a lack of animation, even in their games. The physique is low, and they crowded aimlessly about the playgrounds (where we watched them unobserved) in a manner very different to healthy boys at play. This is especially obvious in the younger boys, and we attribute it in part to the insufficient playgrounds and over-long hours of study . . . All suffer from what was described to us as 'the dreadful monotony.'" There seems to be no indoor play-room, and the library is closed, "and no access to the books has been allowed for some time." Though the punishments are not "excessive," it appears to be established that the Head Master is "severe." Infection is spread by the use in common by several boys of the same towels (p. 20), and when the School is bathed in detachments the water is practically unchanged, the bathing so hurried as to preclude the idea of its being a means of cleanliness, while for the last bathers the state of the water is described as "revolting."

Now it has been said to me, what more could the Head Master do than he has done, with the Secretary at arm's length and the House Committee backing the Secretary? But here one would like to inquire what the Head Master did in fact do? Dr. Barry's report of 1872 was a formidable weapon ready to his hand; but, though surrounded by the miserable boys with the evidences in their faces (to say nothing of their heads and hands) of the abuses of the so-called "management" (and to which abuses he seems to have been fully alive), all, as we understand, that the Head Master did was to complain to the Committee. He renews his complaints, it is true, again and again, "in terms of strong remonstrance" (p. 21), but when his complaints are ignored, he does—nothing! Surely he might have followed up his complaints. Were not your columns open to him, as to us? If he could not have gone himself to the House Committee (of which he certainly ought to be made a member without loss of time), or to the General Court of Governors, were there no well-known brethren who would have taken up the case of these poor boys? Going no further than the names appended to the present report, could none of these brethren have been interested, so as to have secured enquiry and redress? I would have gone to the Grand Master himself rather than remain inactive; or, if only a heroic course could be effectual, I would have resigned my office, with a full explanation of the reasons. The Craft would never have allowed such a step to be final, but it would, at least, have ensured a full investigation, and have called attention in an unmistakable manner to the pressing nature of the case.

However, this has now been done most thoroughly by the report, and as we are all sure that the Head Master has the good of the Institution at heart, there can, I hope, be no doubt that he is now making amends for the past by working heartily with the House Committee to bring about those reforms which are so emphatically and urgently demanded.

My observations as to the Committee's responsibilities must, with your permission, remain over till next week.—I am, yours fraternally,

F. H. ROOKE.

May 27th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Since my letter to you of the 11th inst., I have had an opportunity of reading the whole of the Report of the Committee of Investigation appointed, under resolution of the Quarterly Court of the above Institution, held on 27th July, 1888. I have also read the reply, dated 13th inst., of Bro. F. A. Philbrick to the remonstrance addressed to him by Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, together with the rejoinder thereto, dated 16th inst., signed by Bros. Murray and Hogard respectively, on behalf of the House and Audit Committees. May I, therefore, briefly state my opinion on these three documents, holding over, as I have already said, my final judgment until I have read the shorthand writer's notes of the evidence, the immediate publication of which seems to be rendered imperative by the contradiction direct given by the House and Audit Committees to the conclusions of the Investigation Committee.

1. The Report of the Investigation Committee strikes me throughout by its strictly judicial and moderate tone and a painstaking desire to avoid all undue and unnecessary reflections upon individuals, and to confine itself to the allotted functions of the Committee.

2. Bro. Philbrick's reply, dated 13th inst., to the remonstrance addressed to him by Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, reveals a most trenchant fact, which, as he pithily remarks, "speaks for itself, and needs no comment." The inference of that remonstrance most undoubtedly was, that the evidence given before the Investigation Committee was unknown to the House and Audit Committees, either as a whole or in part. It now turns out that the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. Binckes, had possession of the whole 15 volumes of the notes of the evidence for six days before, and even at the very moment of penning the remonstrance in question.

3. The rejoinder of the House and Audit Committees, dated 16th May, to Bro. Philbrick's reply of the 13th inst., to their remonstrance, I find most difficult to characterise. My first impression of it remains undisturbed, though I have read it over and over again, and is best described by the single word "shuffle." If this view of it is justifiable, then I think the establishment of the truth of the conclusions of the Investigation Committee has been materially assisted by this last utterance of the House and Audit Committees.—Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR, P.M. 2069.

May 20th.

**THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I am desired by several of my brother Cambrians to draw your attention to a mis-statement in your issue of January 19th last, in which you give our lodge's (Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, E.C.) name amongst those who have thrown up their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.

Now, Sir, speaking on behalf of some 30 or more members of No. 656, who never in any way countenanced, but at all times opposed the tactics adopted by the few who took possession of, and now detain our charter, I can safely say that the Cambrian Lodge of Australia will long retain its allegiance to its Mother Grand Lodge, unless that Mother decides that the daughter must cease to pay her allegiance.

We are now the only English lodge in existence in New South Wales; but through the conduct of two or three of our late members, in handing over our charter to a (at that time) foreign and unrecognised body, and which body we believe at the present time improperly holds our charter, though repeatedly applied to for its return, we are unable to meet and make Masons at present.

When we do recommence work we feel sure that English Masonry will shine in Sydney as bright as in days of old.—Yours fraternally,

CAMBRIAN LODGE OF AUSTRALIA,  
No. 656 (E.C.) SYDNEY.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

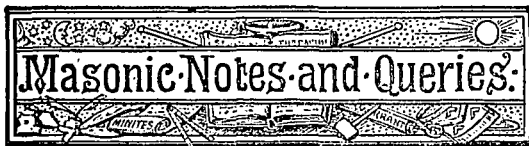
Is it not contrary to the Regulations, the issuing of circulars, cards, &c., such as is being done by certain candidates for the above office? I certainly think it is a practice that should be done away with. If I recollect right it was spoken of two years ago, and I trust some member of Grand Lodge will take the matter up on Wednesday, June the 5th.—I am, yours fraternally and faithfully,

W.M.



#### OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

This useful compilation is in its 18th year of publication, having been started in 1870. Bro. Hughan, who originated the plan and has been editor from its commencement to the present time, has furnished for collectors the dates of all the series. The Directory is now in its fourth volume, the years 1872 and 1881 having been omitted from 1870 to 1889. The "Devon and Cornwall Masonic Calendar," edited by the same brother for four years, thus dates back his editorial experience to 1865-8. We have often explained the method followed in the preparation of this Provincial Calendar, so that there is no need to again note the matter. Suffice it to say that there is no lack of information relative to the Cornish Craft, either as respects the personnel of the Province, or its statistical position. There are 30 lodges under the genial rule of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M., and according to the Table of Returns, 1878-1888, there have been six years when the numbers of members were larger. The total now is 1506, the votes for the Charities not averaging quite one to each brother. There is no lack, therefore, of work to do in this direction by Bro. G. B. Pearce, the Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, about which excellent Society, and others, the editor supplies a list of very interesting details. Copies may be had of Bro. T. Gill (Prov. Asst. G. Sec.), Auctioneer, Penryn, Cornwall, at sixpence each.



#### 841] EARLY FRENCH MASONS IN ENGLAND.

I have recently noticed that one of the early English lodges in which Frenchmen took a definite part met at the "Crown and Sceptres," St. Martin's-lane, in 1725. The lodge was originally constituted at the "Blue Posts" in Holborn on 27th March, 1724, removing to the "Crown and Sceptres," in St. Martin's-lane, in 1725. (It was numbered 27 in 1725, and erased in 1745.) The first edition of the Engraved List for 1725 describes the lodge as meeting on the "Second Saterd. French, last Monday, English." This notification does not appear in the second edition. An examination of the names of the members of this lodge in 1725, as well as in 1731-2, shows that about one third of them were Frenchmen. The reference in the Engraved List to a specific day for working in French (for I assume that to be the correct signification) is the earliest of the kind I have met with.

JNO. LANE.

#### FOURTH CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association (which is connected with the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174) took place at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Monday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. J. Newton, President; J. Ward Verry, Treas.; J. S. Fraser, L. C. Haslip, C. Lacey, H. Mayce, and C. H. Webb, members of the Committee; H. M. Hobbs, Secretary; and others.

The balance sheet for the first year of the society's operations was duly audited, showing that £267 10s. 6d. had been collected, and 25 ballots for Life Governorships of 10 guineas each had been obtained.

The TREASURER having intimated that he had sufficient in hand for six ballots, the following members drew ballots of 10 guineas each: Bros. A. Toulmin, H. J. Tippet, A. Adams, W. T. Abnett, C. E. Ferry, and T. Huntley.

The annual meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held in the hall of the London University, Burlington House, on Monday, when the various medals for the year were awarded, and Memorial and other awards were made.



#### Craft Masonry.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, on the 2nd ult., when there were present Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M.; C. A. Bond, S.W.; A. C. Stephens, J.W.; W. Langridge, Treas.; G. Read, P.M., Sec.; J. Hutchings, S.D.; C. Coleman, J.D.; A. Barrodell, I.G.; J. H. Dew, Org.; W. Craig, P.M.; J. Mickelburgh, P.M.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; J. Whitehead, P.M.; S. Sims, P.M.; D. F. Gellion, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; Durbin, Jackman, Howe, Huntley, Woodman, Cruttenden, Edridge, Hayes, Chapple, Churchman, Smith, Rosenberg, Grant, Morrell, and Barrow, Visitors: Bros. Barclay, W.M. 1767; Boswell, P.M. 1559; Freeman, J.D. 1767; Barfield, P.G. Treas.; Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Walter, P.M. 865; Ross, 1744; Adamson, P.M. 202, P.P.S.G.W. Kent; Whitehead, 1446; Ward, 1744; Duke, 753; Hollands, 2030; Duke, 733; and Cordingley, P.M. 45.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last lodge and lodge of emergency read and confirmed. Bro. Edridge was raised, and Bro. Bond was presented for installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Bond was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. C. Stephens, S.W.; J. Hutchings, J.W.; W. Langridge, Treas.; G. Read, P.M., Sec.; C. Coleman, S.D.; Barrodell, J.D.; J. Dew, I.G.; J. Stephens, P.M., D.C.; J. Wyndow, A.D.C.; and Gullick, Tyler.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft, and the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." Then followed "The Pro. G.M., the D.P.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Barfield, P.G. Treas., in responding, congratulated the W.M. on the continued prosperity of the lodge, and also said the Grand Officers were always ready at all times to do all they could to further the interests of Freemasonry.

Bro. Allman then, in very felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and promised should he require assistance that he would give him his hearty support, but was sure he would require little, if any, as he had always performed his duties so satisfactorily since he had belonged to the lodge.

The toast was received with considerable applause.

Bro. Bond, in replying, said it would be his greatest ambition to give satisfaction and to leave the chair with their hearty good wishes and esteem, and he would do his utmost to keep up the reputation of the lodge, and concluded by proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Allman," who had so ably discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year as to have gained the affection and esteem of all the brethren by his affability to one and all. He then, on their behalf, fastened the beautiful jewel of the lodge to his breast, and also presented him with a Past Master's collar and jewel, which the brethren had procured and handed him to invest him with as an extra mark of the esteem they held him in. He thanked Bro. Allman for his kindness and the able manner he had installed him that evening, and trusted he might have his assistance and active co-operation during his year of office, and wished him and his family many years of health and happiness.

Bro. Allman, I.P.M., in reply, said that when the brethren did him the honour to elect him as W.M. he promised them he would do his best to maintain the prestige of the lodge. For the past 12 months he had been working to that end, and had devoted his time and attention to carrying on the business of the lodge and rendering the ceremonies in an efficient and proper manner. He was gratified to find from the kind expressions which had fallen from the W.M. and brethren that his labour had not been in vain, and his efforts had been amply rewarded by the kindness and support he at all times received from them. He had to thank them most sincerely for the very handsome jewel they had presented him with; handsome as it was and much as he should always prize it, it was still more precious to him knowing it carried with it the goodwill and esteem of all the brethren, and coming from his first love in Freemasonry, the Hyde Park Lodge. He also thanked them most heartily for the collar and jewel they had presented him with, which he valued all the more as being the private gift of the brethren. The proceedings of that evening must have been very encouraging to those brethren who were working towards that chair which he had that evening vacated, proving to them that their efforts would always be gratefully recognised by the brethren of the lodge. He expressed his gratitude for the enthusiastic manner in which they received the toast of his health, and trusted they would extend to his successor the same support and confidence he had always enjoyed. They were all animated by that spirit of brotherly love and unity which should always exist amongst Freemasons. He trusted the lodge would go on and prosper more and more, and assured the brethren his best services were always at their disposal.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, Bro. Bond welcoming them heartily, and said the lodge was always pleased to have visitors among them. Several of those present that evening were eminent Masons, and well known to the majority of the brethren.

Bro. Adamson, in a fluent speech, congratulated the W.M. on his accession to office and in having officers that performed their duties so perfectly, and was sure there was a bright future for the Hyde Park Lodge.

Bro. Dehane endorsed the words that had fallen from so able and hard-working a brother, whom he had known for some years as the representative of the Province of Kent at the elections, and trusted that the officers and brethren would continue to avail themselves of the opportunity of "officers' night" at the lodge of instruction, and continue to merit such words of praise for the working as had just been bestowed upon them by Bro. Adamson.

Bro. Ross also added his testimony of praise as to the working of the lodge, and added the W.M., whom he had known for years, would add lustre to the already noted lodge.

Bro. Gilston Holland said he had known the W.M. for many years, and congratulated him upon having attained the chair, which he was sure, from the manner he had performed the duties so far, he would fill with credit to himself, the lodge, and Freemasonry in general, and thanked him for his invitation and the unbounded hospitality he had received.

Bros. Walter, Dr. Duke, and Cordingley also responded. "The Past Masters" followed, responded to by Bros. Whitehead, Gellion, J. Stevens, Read, and Chalfont.

"The Officers" was responded to by the S.W., Bro. A. C. Stephens, and Bro. Langridge, Treasurer.

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening. Songs and recitations by Bros. Bond, Allman, Chalfont, Read, Gellion, and Stephens added much to the harmony of the meeting.

#### HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1670).

—This lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday last at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Thomas Penney, and the ordinary business of the lodge was then proceeded with. Bro. Alfred Allengame was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in a masterly style by Bro. Penney. The names of two gentlemen, Mr. Richard Russell and Mr. A. F. Moore, were entered on the summons as candidates for initiation, but as unfortunately both were prevented by unforeseen circumstances from being present, all the relative proceedings, including the ballot, were postponed until next meeting. At the conclusion of the work, Bro. J. T. Penney, W.M., vacated the chair, and requested Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., to assume it and perform the ceremony of installation, and then proceeded to present the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Underwood, S.W., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Terry then addressed the assembled brethren upon the subject of the periodical election and installation of lodge Masters, and then obligated Bro. Underwood as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence Bro. Underwood was duly installed by Bro. Terry into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. was then saluted and congratulated, and the Board of Installed Masters was closed. The W.M. invested Bro. Penney as I.P.M., and requested Bro. Terry to invest the officers of the lodge, which he did. The list for the ensuing year is as follows: Bros. S. W. Reddall, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; Scriven, P.M., Treas.; Sachs, P.M., Sec.; Boyce, S.D.; Hembrow, J.D.; Woodthorpe, I.G.; Salmon, P.M., D.C.; Arnold, P.M., Stwd.; Elstobb, Org.; and Marsh, Tyler. Bro. Penney, I.P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry for having so readily and in so able a manner officiated as Installing Master in the absence of Bro. Scriven, their Treasurer, who usually performed the ceremony. The motion having been seconded, was carried unanimously. Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment, saying that when he received a letter from their Secretary, asking him in the name of Bro. Henry Muggeridge, whom he had known for some nine-and-twenty years, to come and perform the ceremony, he at once acquiesced, as it was his duty as a Mason to do. He admitted that he had attended at some personal inconvenience, as it was his birthday, and his children and brothers and sisters were waiting for him at home to commemorate the day in a family gathering. Under the circumstances he hoped the brethren would excuse him from remaining for the banquet, which he could not do without detriment to himself and his connections.

The W.M. then rose, and addressing Bro. Penney, said that it was his pleasing duty to present him with a P.M.'s jewel, voted to him by the lodge, and the pleasure he had in investing him with that decoration was enhanced by the knowledge acquired, by having seen the admirable manner in which Bro. Penney had discharged the duties of Master during the past year, that the compliment which the lodge had paid him was thoroughly well deserved.

Bro. Penney having briefly made his acknowledgments, then proposed that leave be asked of the M.W.G.M. for the lodge to remove from its present quarters, and to meet for the future at Anderton's Hotel.

The proposition was seconded, and on being put to the meeting was carried, there being only one dissident.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren re-assembled at the festive board, and did ample justice to an excellent dinner.

"The Queen and the Craft" was, of course, the first toast, and equally, of course, was enthusiastically drunk, and greeted with a hearty fire. A similar reception was accorded to "The Health of the Grand Master."

"The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," called forth a few remarks from the W.M., who said that in Grand Lodge the Craft possessed a Grand Council of Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, including a number of eminent and devoted Freemasons, who had dedicated a vast amount of time and trouble, and no small measure of material help, in promoting the well-being of the Craft. He had been present on a recent occasion, when the D.P. G.M. of the Isle of Man had invested Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Sir John Gorst, and Edward Terry, their recently elected Grand Treasurer, and it was greatly impressed upon him how truly men of every rank in life became brothers on the floor of a Masonic lodge.

Like its predecessors, this toast was very heartily received by the brethren.

Bro. Penney, the I.P.M., then proposed the toast of the evening—"The Health of their Newly-installed Master." Bro. Underwood, he said, was above all things anxious that the brethren should enjoy themselves on that occasion. He would be sorry if any one should go away dissatisfied, but he felt confident that it would be the fault of the brethren themselves if they went empty away. They had known their Master for many years, and they knew he was well qualified for the chair. He was very pleased to think that the W.M. would have three initiates at their next meeting. Bro. Underwood had gone through all the offices in the lodge, and had at length attained the chair of K.S., which he was so well fitted to adorn.

In reply, the W.M. said that it was the first time he had either there or elsewhere had the opportunity of returning thanks for that toast, because he was not a P.M. He hoped that in due time all the brethren of the lodge would arrive at the same honourable position. It was now nine or ten years ago that he sat on the right of the W.M. He had then said as it was the first so it would be the last time that he would occupy that position; and he (Bro. Underwood) had wondered how long a period would elapse before he should occupy the Master's chair. Now that he had



**WHITEHAVEN.**—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult. Bro. Dr. Jas. F. Muir, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. D. P. Field, P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; J. S. Moffatt, S.W.; D. Atkinson, J.W.; J. Spittal, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; E. Pattinson, Sec.; R. Shepherd, S.D.; Dr. J. Pirie, J.D.; B. Taylor, I.G.; R. Mann and F. Farquharson, Stewards; J. Sewell, Tyler; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Matthews, W. Lewis, W. H. McClellan, J. Wood, T. Blenkinsop, J. Hamilton, P.M. 360 (S.C.); and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, when the ballot was taken for one candidate, who was accepted and initiated by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Brakenridge, P.M. With other general business and "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the banquet hall, where the Stewards had refreshments provided, and a very pleasant hour was spent in toasts and songs.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair; that of "Our Provincial Chiefs" was proposed by Bro. Moffatt, S.W., and ably responded to by Bro. Spittal P.M.

"The Newly-Initiated Candidate, Bro. Jas. A. Fowler," was proposed by Bro. Dalrymple, P.M.

Bro. Fowler briefly responded, and expressed himself as much pleased on being admitted a member of 872.

Bro. Field, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Muir," in eulogistic terms, and said that the members of the lodge could not but be pleased at the excellent way the W.M. did his work; it reflected credit upon the choice the brethren had made.

Bro. Dr. Muir replied, and said that it would be his endeavour while in the chair to try and follow in the wake of those that had preceded him, and in short the able way he was supported by the Past Masters of the lodge was of itself an incentive to march on and uphold the honour and dignity of their banner, which was one of the first lodges for good workmanship in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, but he said he had a far more pleasing duty to discharge than responding to a toast. He had to propose one on behalf of the brethren, who held office in the lodge last year, which the majority of the members present would be quite ignorant of. The brethren could not but be aware if there was a W.M. of the lodge there was also an I.P.M. And the brother who had been his predecessor had filled that ancient chair, and handed him the warrant of the lodge in a way which could not be surpassed. The great amount of work which had been got through during his year of office, and the manner that he did the ceremony of installing his successor, left him no option but to proclaim him a master of the Art. And the Past Officers had placed in his hands a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, with the following inscription upon it, which would speak for itself, viz.:

"Presented to Bro. W. D. P. Field, P.M. (Lewis Lodge, 872), by the officers for 1888, as a token of regard."

The jewel was placed on Bro. Field's breast by the W.M. in the midst of a round of applause by the brethren. It was much admired, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London, being the third jewel of the same design procured for the lodge.

Bro. Field feelingly replied, and thanked Bro. Dr. Muir and the brethren who had held office in the lodge during his Mastership for their very handsome and unexpected gift, and hoped if he had even tried to do his duty in the past, to merit the presentation of such a pretty jewel, that nothing would be wanting on his part to further the prosperity of his mother lodge in the time to come.

With other toasts and songs a most agreeable evening was spent.

**FELTHAM.**—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The first meeting of the season was held on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the Railway Hotel. Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, W.M., opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. C. W. Baker, S.W.; J. A. Wilson, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Sec.; J. C. Goslin, S.D.; S. Wheeler, J.D.; F. Dunstan, I.G.; E. J. Whelan and A. Robertson, Stewards; John Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; James Laurence, I.P.M.; Frederick Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; H. H. Room, P.M., P.G. Sec.; H. J. Buckley, W. Kite, J. Amey, P. Lodge, W. H. Davey, G. J. Bailey, B. G. Andrews, and many others. The visitors were Bros. H. E. Dehane, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex; E. F. Pass, I.P.M. 1540; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. B. G. Andrews, and proving unanimous, he was initiated. The W. Master, as is usual with him, proved that, although he had had seven months' rest, he was as brilliant and efficient in his working as ever he was. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D., proposed, Bro. Joseph John Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., seconded, and it was resolved—"That the sum of 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds, and be spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Male Annuity Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (in perpetuity) in the name of the Secretary of the lodge for the time being, in memory of the late Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx., &c." On the motion of Bro. J. Lawrence, I.P.M., it was unanimously resolved—"That 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to the 'Gould Testimonial.'" On the motion of Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., it was unanimously resolved—"That Bro. P. Lodge be accepted as Steward to represent the lodge at the Benevolent Institution in 1890; the ten guineas just voted to be put in his list." On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D., it was unanimously resolved—"That Bro. W. H. Davey be elected Steward for the Girls', and Bro. W. Kite Steward for the Boys' Schools' Festivals, 1890, to represent the lodge." Notice of motion was given by Bro. F. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D.—"That the usual 10 guinea jewel be purchased from the lodge funds and be presented to Bro. E. A. Smith at the termination of his year of office." It was announced that Bro. J. M. Jennings, from this lodge, had been elected an annuitant of the Benevolent Fund. On the motion of Bro. J. Lawrence, I.P.M., it was unanimously resolved—"That Bro. Howard H. Room be elected an honorary member." Bro. Room thanked the brethren for the honour. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

**BOGNOR.**—Gordon Lodge (No. 1726).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Assembly Rooms. The retiring W.M., Bro. Alfred Lloyd, has displayed a most commendable energy in his Masonic work during his year of office, and he has the satisfaction of having the affairs of the lodge in a much better position than when he was installed a year ago. At the opening of the lodge, Bro. Lloyd was assisted by a full staff of officers and many visitors from various Sussex lodges were present.

The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, Bro. Henry Leyton Staffurth, S.W., who had, at the previous meeting, been unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was presented by Bro. Long and the W.M. proceeded with the installation ceremony, which he rendered in a most impressive and perfect manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Lloyd, I.P.M.; W. H. Hope, S.W.; T. Burne, J.W.; Rev. H. Green, Chap.; H. Marshall, Sec.; J. Barclay Lloyd, S.D.; Rev. R. Barrett, J.D.; J. Baker, I.G.; and T. Walls, Tyler. Bro. W. Kershaw Davies, who had been re-elected Treasurer, was unavoidably absent. The addresses followed, that to the W.M. being delivered by the Installing Master, while Bro. Arthur Smith addressed the Wardens, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, addressed the brethren generally. The W.M. then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. A. Lloyd with a P.M.'s gold jewel, in recognition of his services during the year; and Bro. Lloyd, after returning thanks, presented the lodge with a handsome chair for the use of the S.W. It was resolved, on the motion of the W.M., that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Lloyd for his valuable present, and recorded on the minutes.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren sat down to a banquet in the Octagon Room. Mrs. W. Cox was entrusted with the catering, and the result proved that it could have been placed in no better hands, while Bro. A. T. Long's efforts as Steward were again crowned with success.

Following the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Those present included Bros. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. J. Puttick, W.M. 40, P.P.G.C.; J. H. Longman, W.M. 56; T. Billing, W.M. 271; L. R. Styer, W.M. 315; S. Denman, W.M. 732; W. E. Morrison, W.M. 916; J. H. Wright, W.M. 1110; W. Wright, W.M. 1303; H. A. Dowell, W.M. 2187, P.P.G.D.; Sir Robert Raper, P.M. 38, P.P.J.G.W.; Oliver Lloyd, P.M. 38, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Hawes, P.M. 38; T. U. Price, P.M. 56, P.P.G.D.; Sir Francis Knowles, P.M. 1736, P.P.J.G.W.; Arthur Smith, P.M. 38 and 1736, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. T. Long, P.M. 1736, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Causton, P.M. 1736, Prov. G. Stwd.; C. F. Field, P.M. 1736; J. Hughes, C. Cray, T. Manton, and most of the officers of the lodge.

**WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE.**—Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Clifton Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. M. Scarlett, S.W., was then installed into the chair of K.S. in ancient form, the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by Bro. Alfred Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.J.G.W. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. George Canler, I.P.M.; H. Wilkinson, S.W.; E. Grocock, J.W.; W. E. Sutton, S.D.; E. P. King, J.D.; Jas. Andrews, D.C.; J. Harness, I.G.; and J. James, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was followed by a lengthy toast list. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent music, under the direction of Bro. Dr. Haskins, Org. 1364, &c.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Hempson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. H. Scott, P.M., Sec., P.P.A.G. Sec.; A. G. Rickaby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Fines, P.M., P.P.G. Steward; W. Fines, P.M.; E. Doring, P.M., P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; Wright, Schofield, Wright, and others; also the following visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51, P.A.G.D.C., P.G. Sec.; A. Birch, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.J.G.W.; H. P. Kindell, 1364; R. Soomes, 1471; J. P. Allen, W.M. 2063; J. W. Jones, W.M. 1892; M. H. Page, Sec. 2063; F. J. Nunn, S.D. 2063; Jackson, 1445; Pile, 1892; Cook, 1892; Saunders; Edmonds, 1892; Brightwell, 2063; Spurling, 2063; Nugee, 290; Dr. Haskins, Org. 1364; and others.

**KIRKBURTON.**—Beaumont Lodge (No. 2035).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place in the New Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 18th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. Chas. Hargreaves, W.M., after which the ballot was taken for three candidates, namely Messrs. Henry F. Beaumont, M.P., W. Denham, and Alfred Shaw, which proved favourable in regard to all the candidates. There was a large gathering of brethren from the neighbouring lodges to witness the ceremony of the initiation of Mr. Beaumont, who is the patron of the lodge, and a large landed proprietor in the immediate locality. Mr. Beaumont, who is member of Parliament for the Colne Valley division, it will be remembered entertained H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M. of Oxfordshire, on the occasion of his visit to Huddersfield in October, 1883, to open the Beaumont Park, on which occasion the Freemasons of West Yorkshire, to the number of 1200, welcomed H.R.H. in the Huddersfield Town Hall. In consequence of Mr. Beaumont having so loyally entertained such a distinguished brother as H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, it was thought on the formation of the Beaumont Lodge, in the latter part of 1883, that it would be a courteous compliment to Mr. Beaumont to ask him—although not a Mason—to allow the lodge to be called Beaumont Lodge, which he at once consented to, and expressed his wish to become a Mason as soon as his public duties would allow of his doing so. The opportunity has never been afforded him until now, but so soon as he found that the new Masonic Hall was to be opened on the 20th of April last he asked that he might be proposed as the first member there, and accordingly this was done, and as before stated he was the first member initiated in the new hall. The ceremony of initiation was performed by Bro. S. B.

Brierley, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., in a most impressive manner, Bro. B. Stocks, P.M., acting as J.D., and Bro. W. Schofield delivered the charge. The working tools were delivered by Bro. Drummond, J.W., in an appropriate manner. Bro. Beaumont afterwards expressed a desire to take the next Degree as soon as possible. The initiation of Mr. Denham was then proceeded with, the W.M. performing the ceremony. Bro. Wm. Fitton gave the charge and Bro. Drummond explained the working tools to the candidate. The other initiation was held over for a lodge of emergency. After the transaction of the ordinary business of the lodge, it was closed.

The brethren afterwards, to the number of about 40, dined together in the hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with music by the brethren. Among the visiting brethren present we noticed Bros. Marmaduke Fox, 208; Major Preston, P.J.G.W. Cheshire; Hopkinson, P.P.J.G.D. Sussex; Craven, 275, P.P.J.G.W. West Yorks; Mallinson, W.M. 290; Jno. Dawson, W.M. 521; Hy. Shaw, P.M. 521; Bottomley, 1462; D. Walker, P.M. 2261; E. Mellor, I.G. 1783; Jno. Brierley, 290; Stevens, 290; Yardley, 290; and Bentley, 2261. Amongst the brethren of the lodge were Bros. Rev. R. Collins, S.W.; Drummond, J.W.; J. W. Cocking, I.P.M.; Brierley, P.M.; Schofield, P.M.; Stocks, P.M.; W. H. Jessop, P.M.; Hy. Barden, P.M.; W. H. Cook, P.M.; Wm. Fitton, P.M., Treas.; Rev. T. M. Turnbull, Chap.; Bedford, Sec.; W. H. Groves, S.D.; J. W. Senior, J.D.; A. Gledhill, D.C.; Gallaway, A. K. Tillans, Stwd.; G. A. Schofield, and B. H. Moxon, I.G.

**HANLEY.**—Gordon Lodge (No. 2149).—The festival of St. John and the installation of Bro. James Charlesworth as W.M. in connection with this lodge took place on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside. There was a large number of brethren present, including Bros. J. Bromley, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Hales, 418, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Bickley, 418, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Tooth, W.M. 2214, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Folker, P.P.G.R.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.R.; E. H. Croydon, 460, P.P.G.W.; F. Mountford, 460, P.G.D.; S. Watson, W.M. 2064, P.G.P.; F. Weston, 98, P.P.G.S.B.; G. S. Kent, 546, P.P.A.G.S.; J. B. Achwell, 637, P.P.A.G.S.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.D.; J. L. Hamshaw, P.P.G.R.; E. D. Boothman, P.P.G.C.; H. Windle, W.M. 418; F. Skerrett, W.M. 460; J. Davenport, W.M. 451; W. Tunnicliff, I.P.M. 418; E. B. Jackson, P.M. 418; J. Robinson, S.W. 418; J. Barlow, S.D. 418; D. Jones, 418; Edmund Jones, I.G. 418; E. B. Devereux, Sec. 418; W. Hampton, J.W. 418; J. T. Howson, 418; M. Tunnicliff, 418; J. Munro, 418; P. B. Watts, 418; H. R. Hancock, 418 and 451; Rev. G. F. Tamplin, Chap. 546; T. Edwards, I.G. 460; W. H. Reynolds, J.D. 925; M. Lawton, 1031; James Hindle, Stwd. 1942; W. R. Tooth, J.D. 2214; and the following members of the lodge in addition to those already mentioned: Bros. H. Palmer, the retiring W.M.; C. Adams, G. W. Bradford, W. J. J. W. Heath, A. R. Moody, H. E. Moody, J. Clare, C. H. Phillips, G. P. Bradford, A. C. Bourner, A. Baines, J. Lowe, and F. H. Lodge.

Bro. Charlesworth was installed W.M. by Bro. J. B. Piercy, assisted by Bros. H. Palmer, T. Taylor, F. Mountford, and J. L. Hamshaw. After the ceremony of installation, the following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Palmer, I.P.M.; J. B. Ashwell, S.W.; G. W. Bradford, J.W.; E. D. Boothman, Chap.; C. Adams, Treas.; F. H. Lodge, Sec.; E. D. Boothman, S.D.; W. J. J. W. Heath, J.D.; T. Taylor, D.C.; F. Mountford, Org.; J. Clare, I.G.; A. R. Moody and C. H. Phillips, Stwds.; and W. Wood, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren, to the number of fifty, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, by Bro. Munro, whose catering gave the utmost satisfaction.

The W.M. presided, and most of the brethren whose names have been given were present.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, the Worshipful Master proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

The Worshipful Master also gave the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the Grand Lodge of England."

Bro. J. B. Ashwell next proposed "The R.W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire, P.G.S.B. England." He said all the brethren would regret the domestic affliction which was now troubling the Prov. G. Master. They in the north of the province had reason to be gratified that he had been appointed Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, because Bro. Col. Gough had always looked well after the interests of the north of the province.

Bro. H. Palmer then submitted "The Health of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, Deputy P.G.M., and P.G. Officers of Staffordshire, Present and Past."

Bro. F. Mountford responded, after which Bro. J. L. Hamshaw proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Charlesworth." He said Bro. Charlesworth was not only esteemed as a neighbour, but he lived in the affection of the populace of the town, which was an infallible test of a man's popularity and worth. As a Mason, he was also held in high regard, and he had the reputation for being not only a careful workman, but a conscientious workman. In the offices he had filled, from the door of the lodge to the J.W.'s chair, he had shown not only an anxiety, but also an ability to properly and efficiently discharge the duties which belonged to the various offices he had filled. In the important office to which that day he had been installed, there was no doubt he would come up to everyone who had preceded him.

The health of the W.M. having been heartily drunk, Bro. Charlesworth responded. He said since he had been a member of the Gordon Lodge, it had been a great source of pleasure and Masonic profit to him. The Gordon Lodge was a very harmonious lodge, and the brethren were very united. He had a good set of officers, and in the ensuing year he should rely on their support and assistance, and he hoped they should work with that concord that had previously characterised the lodge. He concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Palmer, the I.P.M.," who acknowledged the compliment.









The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," whose zeal, hard work, and disregard of personal comfort had done so much to further the interests of the lodge. He was a thoroughly popular Master, and personally he felt assured that as I.P.M. during the coming year his help would continue to be most valuable.

Bro. Presgrave returned thanks, paying a compliment to his officers during the past year.

"The Sister Lodges" was proposed by Bro. Knight, and responded to by Bros. Thompson, 508, and Jennings, 1595.

The toast of "The Present and Past Officers" was also drunk, being responded to by Bros. Derrick, Grigor Taylor, and C. E. Velge respectively.

"The Ladies" was proposed in a characteristic and eloquent speech by Bro. Khory.

The Tyler's toast having been drunk in silence, the brethren then closed the evening with a concert, which is customary on these occasions, and parted at the hour of high twelve with that love and harmony which always characterises the brethren of the mystic tie.

## Jamaica.

### CRAFT MASONRY.

**KINGSTON.**—Royal Lodge (No. 207, Dis. No. 1).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 6th ult. There was a large attendance of brethren, among whom were 30 Past Masters representing the English and Scotch Constitutions. The lodge having been opened, the W.M., Bro. G. E. Burke, vacated the chair to Bro. J. M. Simpson, P.M., to whom Bros. Thos. Briscoe, jun., S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented, and duly installed in a most impressive manner. The following is the administration for the present year: Bros. Thos. Briscoe, jun., W.M.; G. Eustace Burke, I.P.M.; H. D. Bogle, S.W.; A. Bogle, J.W.; T. M. Burke, Treas.; F. G. Sale, Sec.; F. A. Ritchie, S.D.; C. Thompson, J.D.; J. Cox, I.G.; F. McCulloch and J. Facey, Stwds.; and T. Damtrius, Tyler.

During the course of the evening, the brethren tendered a special vote of welcome to Bro. Wm. Andrews on his first appearance in a Craft lodge since his return to the Island from his visit to the mother country.

Bro. Andrews replied in suitable terms. It having been mentioned by Bro. Burton that Bro. Ex Leon, P.M. of the lodge and Treasurer of the District Grand Lodge, was about to visit Europe, and would leave in the Royal Mail steamer Para on the 8th ult., it was unanimously agreed "That the Worshipful Master be requested to forward to Bro. Ex Leon a document expressive of the esteem and regard in which that brother is held by the brethren, and their sincere wishes for his happiness and good health during his absence from home, and his safe return after an enjoyable trip to the mother country."

Immediately before the sailing of the Para from Kingston, Bro. Thos. Briscoe forwarded to Bro. Ex Leon a beautifully-engrossed extract of the minutes of the lodge, accompanied with the following additional expressions signed by the Past Masters of the lodge, viz.:

"The brethren of the Royal Lodge, No. 207, Dis. No. 1, unite in tendering to W. Bro. Ex Leon, P.M. 207, and Dist. Grand Treasurer, an expression of their affectionate regard for him as a man and a Mason; their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge ever since his initiation therein; their hopes that his trip to the mother country may be agreeable and profitable; their 'Hearty good wishes' for his continued prosperity; and their earnest prayer that the G.A.O.T.U. may watch over him and insure his safe return to his loving family and faithful friends. Signed by Thos. Briscoe, W.M.; G. E. Burke, I.P.M., D.G.S.; C. T. Burton, P.M., D.G.P.; C. M. Sherlock, P.M., P.D.G.S.; W. Duff, P.M., D.G.S.M.; J. M. Simpson, P.M., D.G.D. of C.; A. E. Langley, P.M., P.D.G.S.; and G. M. Duff, P.M., P.D.S.G.W."

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### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

**KINGSTON.**—Kingston Chapter (No. 86).—This chapter held their regular meeting at Sussex Hall, on the 23rd April, Ill. Bro. E. J. Andrews, M.W.S., presiding. The business before the chapter was the perfecting of several brethren, and the installation of M.W.S. and officers for the ensuing year. The first part of the programme having been gone through, Ill. Bro. William Andrews, 31<sup>o</sup>, P.M.W.S., assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Chas. Plummer as M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The following are the officers of the administration: Ill. Bro. C. Plummer, M.W.S.; E. Bros. R. W. C. Mac Calla, H.P.; A. Robertson, 1st Gen.; Dr. J. H. Peck, 2nd Gen.; G. Messiter, G.M.; Rev. G. C. Linton, R.; Rev. R. Harding, 1st Herald; A. C. McMillan, C. of G.; G. French, D.C.; J. M. Simpson, 2nd H.; E. X. Leon, Recorder; Ill. Bro. E. J. Andrews, Treas.; E. Bro. B. Bolton, 1st Lieut. of the G.; E. Ledward, 2nd Lieut. of the G.; J. M. Gordon, Org.; and John Hayes, Equerry. The occasion was used to tender a warm and hearty welcome to Ill. Bro. W. Andrews (founder of the chapter) on the safe return of himself and family, after a sojourn in the mother country, and a resolution to that effect, and congratulating him on having attained further Masonic distinction, was unanimously passed and tendered to the worthy brother. Ill. Bro. W. Andrews informed the chapter of the cordial and fraternal reception accorded him by the M.W.S. and brethren of the Invicta R.C. Chapter, No. 10, and conveyed to the chapter the "Hearty good wishes" and fraternal regards of the Invicta. The Chapter recorded its appreciation of the kindness and attention shown to its founder, and passed a resolution, which will be duly forwarded to Ill. Bros. Major Lambert, Earl, Head, and others, the members of the Invicta chapter.

After the closing of the chapter, the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Bro. Lord George Hamilton and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the India Office on Saturday last.

## West Indies.

### CRAFT MASONRY.

**ST. THOMAS.**—Harmonic Lodge (No. 356).—The annual festival—St. George—of this progressive little lodge took place on the evening of the 23rd April. It was a very enjoyable event, as besides the observance of the fête, there were five candidates admitted into the mysteries of Masonry.

At the banquet, "The Health of their Majesties the King and Queen of Denmark and the Danish Royal Family" was succeeded by that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master," and it was most enthusiastically received.

The geniality and apt working of Bro. S. H. Toledano, W.M., continue to win great popularity for the Harmonic Lodge, and it is seldom a month passes without one or two additions being made to its membership.

[Since the above has been written, this lodge has suffered a severe loss in the death of its Junior Warden, Bro. W. H. Mardenborough, who was a most efficient officer. The deceased brother saw the light in Lodge St. John's, Antigua, in 1863, and in taking up his residence here 12 years ago, became a member of the Harmonic Lodge. This is the second loss within eight days, that 356 has had to sustain—the first being that of Bro. Wm. Azular, Tyler, a very worthy man who had been 23 years connected with his lodge. Bro. Mardenborough assisted at his obsequies—none thinking that in a few short days he would follow.]

### MARK MASONRY.

**ST. THOMAS (DANISH).**—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 347).—The members of this lodge held their annual installation meeting on Thursday, the 25th April, for the purpose of installing Bro. Eduardo Henriquez Moron, W.M. elect, as W.M. for the present year. Bro. H. Michelsen opened the lodge, and on the confirmation of the minutes, assisted by Bro. A. J. Sasso, P.M., installed his successor. The following brethren were then invested by Bro. Moron as officers for the present year: Bros. S. H. Toledano, S.W.; W. H. Mordenborough, J.W.; L. Monsanto, M.O.; A. R. Liggett, S.O.; O. La Beet, J.O.; A. J. Sasso, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Bonelli, Sec.; J. Sasso, S.D.; A. Lugo, J.D.; and S. H. Cappé, I.G.

After the lodge was duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to very effectively.

After an otherwise agreeable evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

### MASONIC SERVICE AT BESWICK, MANCHESTER.

On Sunday afternoon, the 19th ult., a special Masonic service was held in the parish church of St. Mary, Beswick, in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. A musical service, entitled "Gems from the Oratorios," was rendered. The music was performed by Bro. J. H. Greenwood, the accomplished organist of All Saint's, Manchester, assisted by some of the leading artists of the city, and the arrangement was as follows:—A shortened liturgy commenced and concluded the service, and the following programme was carried out: Hymn, "Thine for ever, God of love;" "I know that my Redeemer liveth," Miss Pethybridge; "If with all your hearts," &c., Mr. Barton; "Thou art gone up on high," Mr. A. S. Kinnell; "He shall feed His flock," Miss Elgin; "In native worth," Mr. Kendal Thompson; "Widow's duett," Miss Vickers and Mr. Kinnell; "Arm, arm, ye brave," Mr. Griffiths; "Angels ever bright and fair," Miss Lizzie Stansfield; "God is a spirit," Madame Webster, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Crabtree, and Mr. Warren; "Ruth," Madame Webster; and hymn, "Oh, help us Lord, each hour of need."

The sermon was preached by the rector, Bro. the Rev. E. BIGOE BAGOT, Prov. Grand Chaplain of East Lancashire, P.P.G.C. of Cheshire, from I. Cor., xii., v. 21 and 26—"The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee, nor again the hand to the feet. I have no need of you. . . . Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it, or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." He said that the Masonic body was a great organisation, which bore witness to an universal principle which runs through all creation, and was traceable in the dealings of the great Creator with His creatures—the idea of association, co-operation, and mutual dependency. Human society was a net work, a vast system whose threads interlaced in a marvellous union. The joy and pleasure, the advancement and material progress, the safety and security of society would be arrested and imperilled if men were not everywhere drawn together by the ties of mutual interest and mutual sympathy. The great ocean cannot be fenced off into private pastures. The firmament cannot be partitioned into household lots. All truths, all discoveries, all inventions, all things good and worthy, in due time are as sure to diffuse themselves abroad in every direction as water to find its level, or the free air of heaven to flow into every open space. The origin of Freemasonry was probably due to that love of association and mutual co-operation which permeated all nature and human society; but which found its highest expression and development in the Church of Christ, that greatest of all societies, in which human creatures are joined in the noblest, purest, and most sacred bonds. The word "Freemasonry" was now domiciled in the family of familiar English current expressions, and was used to denote that union and touch of sympathy, that mysterious and indescribable bond, which, wherever it existed, ensured the success and prosperity of any cause. The Masonic body was a great moral and benevolent society, which set forth the highest moral precepts and placed its members upon an elevation sufficiently high to beat back any discordances which the waves of sectarian or political controversy might raise around us. The hearts of men grow sick at the spectacle of a divided and a dividing human family; while we are living on the edge of a social revolution we are contending with unwearied vigour, pertinacity, and ability about words and trifles, barren orthodoxies and futile and profitless ceremonialism. What covert scorn lurks beneath the civil word and the courteous manner! What prejudices

and bitterness and unfairness are bandied about! What exaltation of man meets us everywhere, and what hiding of God! Does not the great and healing influence of a peaceful community like ours command cordial acceptance and a genial welcome from all loyal Christians and patriots? The broad and comprehensive character of the Craft is calculated to enlarge our field of vision and purify and expand our sympathy—

"In Vedic verse, in dull Koran,  
Are messages of good for man;  
The angels to our Aryan sites,  
Talked by the earliest household fires;  
The prophets of the earlier day,  
The slant-eyed sages of Cathay;  
Read not the riddle all amiss,  
Of higher life evolved from this."

The higher religions of the non-Christian world contain a thousand elements of what is noble and God-like, and a growing civilization and a more philosophic view of life might show us the grand solidarity of the world, and teach us that he who lives by others should live for others; but the true Christian is swayed a thousand-fold by the force of a higher thought, and inspiration—humanity to him was a Divinely-formed family. No one member of it is to be despised; the same Father made all; the same Father loved; the same Saviour redeemed all. From the earliest period the great Father has joined together the members of the human family, and saved them, not merely by their personal individual faith, but by joining them in a body, or family, or association, or church. We are regenerated by baptism, and sanctified and cleansed by the waters of the Holy Font, and when we are incorporated into that family, we are sustained and fed by the means of grace which he has instituted. And by the sacraments the mystical union of the whole body with the Redeemer is inaugurated and cemented. The Masonic association, excellent and profitable as it is, is terminated, as far as individuals are concerned, by death. But the Christian's hope tells him to look forward to the vision of God; the society of the good and great; the restorations of lost friendships and too early severed loves; but, above all, to that holiness without which no man shall see God; to that character which has been slowly formed here; but which will be possessed in its fulness and beauty hereafter.

"Wry-mouthed disdain, and corner-hunting lust,  
And toady-faced fraud, and beetle-brow'd distrust,  
Soul-boiling rage, and trouble state sedition,  
And giddy doubt, and goggle-eyed suspicion,  
And lumpish sorrow, and degenerate fear  
Are banished thence, and death's a stranger there.

"But simple love and sempiternal joys,  
Whose sweetness never gluts, nor fulness cloy;  
Where, face to face, our ravish'd eye shall see,  
Great God, that glorious One in Three,  
And I hree in One—And seeing Him, shall bless Him,  
And blessing, love him—and in love possess Him!"

The Preacher concluded with an earnest appeal to the brethren present to realize their moral responsibilities, social obligations, and Charitable duties, to take a high and exalted view of their organisations, and to convince the world of the reality, genuineness, and sincerity of their professions.

"Be Just and fear not.  
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy Country's,  
Thy God's, and truth's."

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. METHAM, P. PROV. D.G.M. DEVON.

The friends of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum—an institution for the clothing, education, and maintenance of the orphan children of soldiers, sailors, and Marines who have fallen in the service of their country—celebrated, on the 24th ult., the jubilee anniversary of its foundation. The occasion was one of very singular interest in every respect. It is singular in having for its patron her Majesty the Queen, one of whose earliest charitable works it was to contribute to its foundation and to have continued a subscriber ever since; in its having connected with it as a donor or subscriber almost every member of the elder branches of the Royal Family; in having for its Honorary Secretary Bro. L. P. Metham, who has been its faithful worker from the beginning (it having been started by his mother), and in having at its jubilee meeting three of the Old Girls out of the five with which the work of the asylum was commenced. When it was determined by the Committee to celebrate the anniversary with more than usual ceremony, Bro. Metham pressed upon the Committee that besides the home arrangements there should be an invitation to all the Old Girls who were within a reasonable distance to put in an appearance, and the Committee voted a sum of money to meet their railway expenses. As a proof how that invitation was appreciated, there were on the 24th ult. present more than a hundred women who had passed through the institution, and who are now married or filling situations. Bro. Latimer, of Plymouth, who is an old member of the Committee, thought that as Bro. Metham had given fifty years' service to the asylum, and as it had grown up to its flourishing state under his fostering care, there should be something left as an abiding testimony of such a valuable life's work, and on Tuesday, the 26th of March, he called upon the late Rev. G. E. Carwithen, and suggested that it would be a kind thing to raise a subscription and have a portrait of Bro. Metham painted and presented to the institution. Mr. Carwithen received the proposal most kindly, and Bro. Latimer left the matter in his hands for him to see other friends and consult them upon it. The result was most satisfactory. Capt. A. Edey, R.N., agreed, and consented to act as Hon. Treasurer of the fund. The work was set going, and, although the valuable aid of Mr. Carwithen was lost by his short illness and death, Capt. Edey, with other assistance, sent out letters to the subscribers and donors to the institution, and very soon received subscriptions so satisfactory that they felt they might commission Mr. E. Prynne to paint the portrait. Admiral Hickley took the position of chairman which had become vacant. This was not all. The Old Girls, on hearing of what was being done, determined that they would present a token of their affectionate regard. Furthermore, as Bro. Metham was an old Freemason, who had served the highest rank in the province but one, and was Past Grand





This falls into the husband's hands, and when he lawfully charges his wife with infidelity, Mrs. Desmond comes forward, and, in order to save the wreck of their lives, claims the letter as being written to her. George Desmond arrives on the scene, and, being of a jealous temperament, and on having, after several years of married life, only found out that his wife was engaged or even knew Captain Tempest, that he turns her out of his house. The rest of the play is occupied with the reconciliation of the different parties concerned and with Tempest's protest of penitence. We think we have never enjoyed Mrs. Kendal's acting more than in "A White Lie." She throws the most passionate energy into her appeal to George Desmond, who will not believe her declaration that she has been telling a falsehood. Bro. Kendal is throughout admirable as the unsuspecting husband. Mr. Arthur Dacre plays the disagreeable part of the lover with every satisfaction. Mr. Glendinning, as Desmond, is not impressive, and his provincial accent is disagreeable. Miss Olga Brandon is the Lady Molyneux, who sails so near the wind, though no harm is meant, that one cannot sympathise with her, nor even with any one in the play. That sweetest of children—pretty little Miss Minnie Terry—has been engaged by Mrs. Kendal to play a part, which she does in the most unaffected manner, and looks as if she enjoyed what she does. Her scene with Mr. Desmond wins her the applause of the whole house. Mr. Kendal has to say in "A White Lie" that "husbands are made, not born." We may reverse this, and say, judging by little Minnie Terry, whom we have seen in other parts, that "actresses are born, not made." The talent possessed by her four clever aunts seems to have in a large measure descended to her. This child is only seven years of age, and, unlike stage children, is quite as childish as any other of her age. A very pretty comedieta, which introduces Miss Annie Hughes and Mr. Eric Lewis, is played before "A White Lie." Mr. Arthur Chudleigh, the joint lessee with Mrs. John Wood, is to be congratulated on the victory he won over the Chelsea Vestry, who wanted to re-pave Sloane Square in the height of the season, which would have made driving to the "Court" impossible for several weeks.

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The Gaiety Company have opened with "Faust up to Date" at the Grand Theatre, Islington, leaving their own house to the French artistes, who commenced last Monday night with Augier's play, "L'Aventuriere." In this piece, Clorinde, an adventuress, is about to marry a widower, much to the distaste of his friends and family, who have some knowledge of the lady's real character and history, and from this fate he is saved by his son, who returns unrecognised after some years' absence, and sets himself to expose the whole plot. Madame Hading was not entirely successful as the adventuress, though she managed to obtain a good deal of sympathy for an undeserving character. M. Coquelin was excellent throughout as the guardian or brother of Clorinde, and M. Duquesne gave a very earnest rendering of the part of Fabrice, the son. We would advise the management in the interest of the public to issue with the programme a short account of each piece in English, in addition to the book, and also to put an immediate check upon the host of footmen who were on Monday allowed to crowd up the hall and staircase and push about, much to the discomfort of those leaving the theatre.

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The International Hall is a fine sounding name for the room recently opened on the second floor at Monico's as a concert hall, and the Spanish guitarists make a very mournful-looking troupe, who will never find the favour accorded to their rollicking Neapolitan predecessors of last year at the Italian Exhibition. The hall is ill adapted for concert purposes, and will probably be of more service to the public and its proprietors as a dining room attached to the Café, to which use it must ultimately be brought.

**Obituary.**

**BROS. JOHN HENRY ONIONS AND CYRIL CHARLESWORTH.**

It is one of the disadvantages attending upon a lodge which has existed for 70 years, and has in that time reckoned more than 2000 sons, that it must expect to lose every year some of those who are, or have been, on its roll of members. But it must rarely happen that such a loss has fallen on any Masonic body as to have to lament within a week the death of three brethren, two of whom were so distinguished as Alexander William Adair and John Henry Onions, while Cyril Charlesworth had endeared himself to many brethren not only in Oxford but also in London and the neighbourhood. Of General Adair we wrote at length last week. Bro. Onions was better known in the classical than in the Masonic world. The Blue Ribbon of the University of Oxford as regards classical learning is Dean Ireland's Scholarship. Three members of the Apollo University Lodge have gained this distinction—Thomas Brancker in 1831, John Henry Onions in 1875, and Albert Curtis Clark in 1879. It is the second of these whose loss we have now to deplore. Educated in the great Philological School of Shrewsbury, Bro. Onions was elected a junior student of Christ Church in 1871, obtained a First Class in Moderations in 1873, was placed by the Classical Examiners in the Second Class in the Final Schools in 1875, and was Craven Scholar in 1876. In this year he was elected to a senior studentship at Christ Church, and began a most successful career first as Classical Lecturer, and afterwards as tutor. No clever pupil could read with him without deriving vast benefit from his acute scholarship, while he took the greatest possible pains to enable the duller men to pass their examinations. His friends thought that he worked too hard, and it is to be feared that the seeds of brain disease were sown, to which he at length succumbed. For some years past it was his custom to reside in Christ Church during part of the Long Vacation, and to devote himself to a few favoured men whose studies he superintended in the morning while he joined in their distractions in the afternoon. During the last Easter Vacation he accepted an invitation to coach some of the Winchester scholars in classical subjects, and found the work most congenial. "Never," he wrote, "have I had such a pleasant lot of pupils." He had a book on hand about a Latin grammarian—Nonius Marcellus—which he wished much to

complete, and about a month ago he told a friend that he intended to apply for a year's absence from tuition, that he might enjoy some repose and prepare his book for publication. A few days afterwards he caught a severe cold while attending a meeting on the subject of the Christ Church Mission in East London, and in 10 days, after a painless illness, his spirit returned to God who gave it. The first part of the funeral service took place in the Cathedral on Friday, the 24th ult. About two hundred undergraduates attended in their surplices. The Dean, six Canons, sixteen members of the tutorial staff, many old students and attached friends from other colleges, admirers of his classical attainments (among whom were the Master of Balliol and the Provost of Oriel), together with brethren from his lodge, joined in paying the last tribute of respect to departed merit. The body was taken to the family grave in Shropshire. There is not much to be said of the Masonic work of our dear brother. He was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, in 1872, and joined the Apollo in 1883. In this lodge he served some minor offices, and became Junior Warden in 1887, but refused to go on, as he had no spare time at his disposal for getting up the work of the W.M. He had, however, hopes that when he had finished his work in the University he might elsewhere aspire to the dignity of the chair of K.S. He was very fond of the R.A. Degree, and rendered good services, to the Apollo University Chapter as their S.E., besides entertaining in his room in Christ Church those companions who liked to enjoy his hospitality after the labours of the Degree were ended. Kind and courteous in manner, yet steady and firm in principle, he was never heard to say a harsh word of any one, and he has lived respected and died lamented by all who knew him.

Cyril Charlesworth was initiated in 1885, and acted in the same year as Secretary to the Committee who gave the musical fête in the gardens of New College at the Commemoration. He died on the 21st ult., and was buried at Chislehurst.

**BRO. WILLIAM WELLS.**

We regret to record the death, at the age of 71, of Bro. William Wells, of Holme Wood, Peterborough, which occurred at his London residence, 12, North Audley-street, on the 1st ult. Bro. Wells was one of the oldest and most influential members of the council of the Royal Agricultural Society, having been elected to that body in 1861. In December, 1862, he was chosen a member of the Chemical Committee of the Society, of which he became chairman in 1866. This post he continued to hold uninterruptedly up to the time of his death. His long chairmanship was distinguished by constant and careful attention to the work of the Committee. His counsels were invaluable, and his loss will be deeply felt. As a practical agriculturist his name will be especially associated with the enormous work he undertook in the draining and reclamation of Whittlesea Mere. He represented Beverley in Parliament from 1851 to 1856, and Peterborough from 1868 to 1874. He was formerly an officer in the 1st Life Guards, and took a deep interest in the Volunteer movement, with which the name of his brother-in-law, Lord Elcho (the present Earl of Wemyss), is so closely identified. The remains were taken from London and interred at Holme, on the 6th instant. The mourners included Capt. Grenville Wells (brother), Mr. Hubert Wells (nephew), Earl Wemyss (brother-in-law), Earl Carysfort, Lord Hilton, Lord Elcho, Lord de Ramsey, Lord de Vesci, Lord Brooke, M.P.; Lord Esme Gordon, Hon. St. John Broderick, Hon. Ailwyn Fellowes, M.P.; and Mr. Gordon, M.P. A deputation from the Royal Agricultural Society attended, and the Peterborough Agricultural Society, Middle Level Commissioners, and Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire magistracy were largely represented. St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, of which Bro. Wells was a very old member, was represented by the W.M. and a number of P.M.'s and brethren. The W.M. deposited at the entrance of the vault a magnificent wreath, "with fraternal sympathy from St. Peter's Lodge and Chapter of Freemasons, Peterborough." By the death of Bro. Wells the Charities have lost a warm supporter.

**WHITSUNTIDE RAILWAY FACILITIES.**

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce that a fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. on Saturday, the 8th inst., reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours, and that excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Dorchester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, and other stations on the Great Western System; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, the 8th instant, the company will run in duplicate the 9.0, 11.45 a.m., 1.0, 3.0 (by which 3rd class passengers are now conveyed), 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. trains from London to the North; and the 10.20 a.m. and 12.0 noon train to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 9.0 a.m., 1.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8.55 a.m., 12.55, 4.55, and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. Passengers for Windsor who are usually conveyed by the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington will be taken by the 6.30 p.m. train instead. On Bank Holiday Excursions will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and other stations. They have made arrangements for the issue of tickets during the week preceding Whit Sunday, at their City and West-end Offices, viz., 193 and 407, Oxford-street, 23, New Oxford-street, Holborn Circus, 29, Charing Cross, 269, Strand, 26, Regent-street, 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge, 82, Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44, Crutched Friars, 67, Gresham-street, and 4, Cheapside. The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th instant, when passengers can obtain tickets at any time for use on either day.

THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, June 3rd, to Monday, June 10th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the L. and N.W. Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time—Sundays and bank holidays excepted—at the following Town Receiving offices of the Company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Soread Eagle, 3, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65, Aldgate, E.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116 and 117, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, High Holborn, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly-circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria-street, S.W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241 Oxford-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; Knights-bridge, 34, Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33, High-street, W.; 117, Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; and Islington, Angel, 5, Pentonville-road, N. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison-road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at those stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142, Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Friday, June 7th, special express trains will leave Euston Station at 10.20 a.m. for Windermere, Morecambe, Ingleton, and Keswick; and at 1.10 p.m. for Blackburn, Fleetwood, Southport, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Kendal, and Windermere. A special express will leave Euston at 6.25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland. On Saturday, June 8th, special express trains will leave Euston Station at 8.55 a.m. for Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, and Aberystwith; 10.20 a.m. for Windermere, Morecambe, Ingleton, and Keswick; 1.10 p.m. for Blackburn, Fleetwood, Southport, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Kendal, and Windermere; 4.25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham. Special express trains will leave Birmingham (New-street) at 2.10 and 4.5 p.m. for Northampton, calling at Stetchford, Coventry, and Rugby. On this date the ordinary trains leaving at 2.0 and 4.0 p.m. will not convey passengers to Stetchford, Coventry, Rugby, and Northampton. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued on Bank Holiday, Monday, June 10th. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Burton, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Aberystwith, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places.

**WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.**

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Evenings,  
ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.  
ADELPHI THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce.  
GAIETY THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.30, FRENCH PLAYS.  
VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.50, THAT DOCTOR CUPID; at 7.50, THE POET.  
OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 9, THE REAL LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY; at 8.15, HER OWN RIVAL.  
COURT THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.30, A WHITE LIE; at 8, IN THE CORRIDOR.  
COMEDY THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8, A HIGHLAND LEGACY; at 9, TENTERHOOKS.  
TOOLE'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8, COMEDIETTA; at 8.30, ARTFUL CARDS; after which ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS.  
SAVOY THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.15, THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD; at 7.20, MRS. JARAMIE'S GENIE.  
PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.15, PAUL JONES; at 7.30, JOHN SMITH.  
TERRY'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.30, SWEET LAVENDER.  
LYRIC THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.15, DORIS; at 7.40, FUNNIBONES' FIX.  
ROYALTY THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8, MIGNONETTE.  
GRAND THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 7.30, FAUST UP TO DATE.  
SURREY THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 7.30, THE TWO ORPHANS.  
ROYAL AQUARIUM.  
Open 12 (noon); close 11.30 p.m. Constant Round of Amusement.  
ALHAMBRA.  
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.  
EMPIRE.  
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment Grand Ballet, DIANA, &c.  
LONDON PAVILION.  
Every Evening, Grand Variety Entertainment.  
CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, Humorous Sketches, &c.  
MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.  
Open 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.

