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OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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United 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 The Approachmade, for the 91st Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic ing Festival of the Boys'School. 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 \pounds^{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 considerately 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 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.

Centenary Memorial Scheme—R.M.I.G. Hall on Thursday, the 3oth 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 con-

firmation was passed without a dissentient voice, and the Building Committee will, therefore, at once set about the task entrusted to them.

Bro.
F. Richardson and the A. & A. Rite.

A. & A. Rite.

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.

The Carnaryon WE must protest against the course that has been adopted by Lodge, No. 1572, those members of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, who are 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. 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 pecularities 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.

"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."

"II. 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-Waidsfford, Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thom pson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half-Moon-Tavern in Cheapside, 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," "Dyned," &c.

The really serious departure from the MS. is the addition of the word by after the word From Manage and Information of Sir William Wilson

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 Russelstreet, 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.

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Thomas Catling, W.M. 2190. Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256.

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.

- 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 Calabian
 - Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
 - Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
- Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,"

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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

The widow of a brother of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-
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   To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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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 48. Id.

THOMAS FENN, President. (Signed)

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:

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CANDIDATES.
                                                           Nominated by
Bro. Harry E. Pollard, W.M. 4., William Masters, P.M. 2128.
                                                Bro. Charles Belton, D.G.D. of C.
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     F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891.
     Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584.
E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 179.
H. Tipper, W.M. 2054.
Capt. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1656.
T. Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192.
                                                     Saml. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 511
                                                      Edward Letchworth, P.G.D.
                                                      Henry J. Lardner, P.M. 1623.
                                                      J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.
     G. Gardner, W.M. 2309.
     F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891.
     Geo. Read, P.M. 511.
Tom D. Bear, P.M. 1584.
                                                      D. P. Cama, P.G. Treasurer.
     T. H. Miller, W.M. 2192.
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     W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167.
E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 179.
Gordon Smith, W.M. 14.
                                                      John C. Radford, W.M. 2243.
Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., G.W.
     George Gardner, W.M. 2309.
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                                                      Lt.-Col. Hon.T. Orde-Powlett,
     J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128.
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                                                        P.G.W.
     T. W. Richardson, P.M. 2029.
                                                      Capt. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1656.
                                                      W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507.
James Terry, P.G.S.B.
Sir R.N. Fowler, Bart., P.G.W.
     W. Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 167.
     Joseph Clever, P.M. 1818.
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      William A. Scurrah, W.M. 167.
     George Read, P.M. 511.
                                                       Samuel Cochrane, W.M. 3.
      Joseph Clever, P.M. 1818.
                                                      W. H. Saunders, P.M. 1503.
     Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256.
Harry Tipper, W.M. 2054.
Harry E. Pollard, W.M. 4.
      William H. Rylands, W.M. 2.
      Arthur C. Tanqueray, W.M. 33. A. G. Browning, W.M. 2140.
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     J. L. Alex. Monckton, M.A.,
         W.M. 197.
                                                      Robert Turtle Pigott, D.C.L.
      William A. Dawson, P.M. 1768.
                                                         P.A.G.D.C.
      T. Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192. Joseph D. Langton, P.M. 2096.
      Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584.
      Henry Bishop, P.M. 66.
      William G. Lemon, P.M. 165.
      Joseph Clever, P.M. 1818.
      Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415.
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      John R. Clipperton, P.M. 66.
                                                      Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.
     George Read, P.M. 511.
T. H. Miller, W.M. 2192.
                                                      Howard H. Room, P.M. 1159.
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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. 1650, 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. 1650, John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, and Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256, nominated by Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G. Swd. Br.

Edward Terry, Grand Treas,

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. Dilley, 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, nomi-

P.M. 150/. N. Griggs, 1.W. 220, and W. H. Hubbert, F.W. 1025, 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.

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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.: I. Read, and if approved, confirm minutes of Grand Lodge held on 6th December, 1888, and Special Grand Lodge heid 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

4. Recommendations arising out of the report.

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 (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:—

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£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.)
Appointment and Investiture of Grand Officers.

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, 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.

There were also present Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.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. 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

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-squarethey 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 slighest need for him to enter at length upon the ceremony at which they had been present, nor was it neccessary 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

t 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.

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"Keystone," "La Chaine 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 frater-

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 as long 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 we thought we carried it out "rather well." Alas: We find now that, like many other theories, it lamentable 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 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 powertheir 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 plagrounds (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 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 bathdetachments the water is practically unchanged, the bathing so hurried as to preclude the idea of its being a means

ing 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 head, but thouse surrounded. able weapon ready to his hand; but, though surrounded by the miserable boys with the evidences in their faces (to 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 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 reduces? 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,

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 Juiy, 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 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 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 Au tralia 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 three of our charteness (at that time) 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. 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



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," lasof. The Bevon and Cottwan 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 Edgeumbe, 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.), Auttimeer Penny Cornwall at six pence each Aurtioneer, Penryn, Cornwall, at sixpence each.



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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 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 1267 tops 6d.

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. Tippett, 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, Wcodman, 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."

of White Prince of Wates. Then followed in 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 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, 1.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 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, at d 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

Read, Gellion, and Stephens added much to the harmony of the meeting.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679). This lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday last —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 Ihomas 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 probut 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 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 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 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 hypothers and sisters were waiting for him at home to combrothers 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 dissentient.

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

"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 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. of material help, in promoting the well-being of the Cratt. 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.

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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 In reply, the W.M. said that it was the first time ne national theoretic 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 occurry that position: and he (Rro. Underwood) 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

attained the coveted honour, he felt that it was the proudest moment of his life. Long before he had become a Mason, he had longed to join the Craft, being per suaded that there was something more in it than met the eye; and being in was something in the found that brethren could look to each other for sympathy. The Masonic Charities illustrated that fact, and the lives of such men as Bro. Storr illustrated it further. He concluded by again thanking the brethren or the reception they had given to the toast.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.,"

to which Bro. Penney responded.

A number of other toasts were proposed, but want of space forbids the speeches being reported.

"The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bros.

Smeath and Wells.

The toast of "The Past Masters" brought up Bros. Stampfer and Arnold, and the Senior Warden replied for "The Officers of the Lodge," and then the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which had been very pleasantly with songs and resistations.

varied with songs and recitations, contributed by Bros. Seymour Smith, White, and other brethren.

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Among the visitors present on this occasion were Bros.
C. H. Stone, I.G. 507: W. A. Smeath, P.M. 1208, P.P.
A.G.P. Kent; H. J. Wheeler, 72; John James Wright,
I.P.M. 1208; J. L. Corner, P.M. 860; James Terry,
P.G.S.B.; C. A. Wells, P.M. 15; and E. C. Massey.

SURBITON LODGE (No. 2146).—The installation ceremony in connection with this lodge took place on the 21st ult. at the new Surbiton Assembly Rooms.

the 21st ult. at the new Surbiton Assembly Rooms. There were present 34 members and the following visitors: Bros. John Drewett, W.M. 889; C. Hogg, W.M. 1872; W. J. Porter, W.M. 1793; J. Squire, P.M. 3; R. Rowlands, D.C. 1658; A. Rushbridge, 889; W. Murray, 95; F. Worn, 704; and J. Mayo, 1614 and 2222.

The officers invested for the year are as follows: Bros. F. P. Hill, W.M.; A. Wilson, I.P.M.; S. Hewett, S.W.; J. W. Allen, J.W.; R. S. Hart, P.M., Treas.; A. Storr, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Beck, S.D.; G. F. Budden, J.D.; W. W. Wakeford, I.G.; W. McMillan, D.C.; and J. Hill, P.M., Org. Letters were read from Bro. Fredk. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey, and other brethren, regretting their inability to be present. The installation ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. A. W. Wilson, I.P.M.

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At the subsequent banquet, a somewhat lengthy toast list was quickly run through, the newly-elected W.M. evidently believing in the truth of the old adage that brevity is the soul of wit in after-dinner speeches.

The usual loyal toasts having had due honour accorded

to them,
That of "The P.G.M. in charge, Bro. Fredk. West,
P.G.D., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and
Past," was given, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. John Drewett, W.M. 889, who, in responding, said he felt flattered at his name being eoupled with the toast of the P.G. Officers. No one, he said, could regret more than the visitors of the Surbiton Lodge that they were deprived of the services of that eminent and useful brother General Brownrigg, who had left this mortal sphere. They had also to regret the absence of Bro. West, who had not been able to be present that evening. Bro. Drewett stated that he represented, perhaps, the lowest rung of the ladder in the High Order, and he wished to express the willingness of the brethren at all times to do their duty, and he humorously alluded to the well-known anecdote of the bricklayer's labourer who stated that "the fellow at the top did all the work." Bro. Drewett, in conclusion, said he took upon himself a great deal of credit and honour to think that his name had been coupled with that toast.

The Installing Master, Bro. Wilson, in proposing the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Francis P. Hill," said he felt sure that in the newly-elected W.M. they had one who would do his work in a manner most creditable to the Surbiton Lodge, and who would, on completing his year of office, leave the chair with the feeiing that he had won the approval of his brethren in the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his hearty thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and

trusted his year of office would prove a prosperous one.

The W.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, then presented Bro. Wilson with a P.M.'s jewel.

Bro. Wilson, in tendering his thanks for this mark of appreciation, urged upon the brethren the necessity of working together in that love and harmony which should at

Working together in that love and national which all times characterise the working of a lodge.

(An unique compliment was paid to Bro. Wilson by the brethren singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," and may aptly be described as "Surbiton honours.")

With the toast of "The Visitors" was coupled the names of Rros Ismas Squire P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and

names of Bros. James Squire, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and Hogg, W.M. St. Margaret's Lodge.

Pro. Squire, in returning thanks, said he had never wit-

nessed an installation ceremony better performed. Bro. Hogg also expressed his admiration at the perfect working of the lodge, saying that Shakespeare's words—
"You have deserved high commendation"—were peculiarly appropriate to the retiring W.M., and he hoped the new Master would follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and who have below the same who have the s and when he laid down the gavel that none of the brethren would repent of having conferred the greatest honour it was possible to confer on one of its members, viz., placing him

in the chair of K.S Bro. Dr. C. C. Gibbes, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. (to whom the Success of the lodge is mainly due), responded for "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and said that this lodge, which he helped to found, had been more than a success, and had far exceeded his expectations. He reminded the brethren that the that the success of a lodge depended on its individual members, and that there were few lodges in the kingdom so capable of working the ceremonies as the Surbiton Lodge. Bro. Gibbes quoted the fable of the bundle of sticks, and emphasised the desirability of members hanging together to ensure prosperity, and should friction arise at any time, he hoped they would think of the bundle of sticks.

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Bro. R. S. Hait, P.M., Treasurer, said it afforded him great pleasure to do what he had done for the lodge, and that so long as they honoured him with the position he held he would try to fulfil the duties to the best of his

The Secretary, Bro. A. Storr, P.M., felt that in following the Secretary, Bro. A. Storr, F. W., 1815 the footsteps of one who had so ably done his work he hoped to be able to fulfil his duties with satisfaction to the brethren and the lodge. and the lodge in general.

Bros. Hewitt, S.W., and Allen, J.W., suitably responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast brought the very happy evening to an end.

The various toasts were interspersed with songs and glees artistically rendered by Messrs. Charles Dungate, Maskell-Hardy, and David Harding, principal soloists of H.M. Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace (of which choir the W.M. is a member), assisted by Mr. Herbert Hart and Mr. J. H. Martin, with Bro. Sebastian Hart at the piano.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE (No. 2191).—
The second regular meeting of the session was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. A. Clark, W.M.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, acting as I.P.M.; Fred. Kedge, S.W.; J. J. Woolley, J.W. (in the absence of Bro. T. H. Tilton); J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. Hancock, acting as S.D.; James Rowe, acting as J.D.; Wilkie H. Jones, I.G.; J. A. Collings, acting as Org.; James Woodward and A. Harris, Stwds.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; C. O. Burgess, B. R. Paul, Elias Jessurun, C. G. Rotter, F. Jackson, W. R. Stretton, A. Mella, G. P. Bertini, G. A. Berholz, C. Hirsch, E. A. Rönaasen, T. W. Donald, W. Lincoln, Dr. G. A. Tucker, J. Coltart, W. J. Thrussell, Frank L. Clark, Curtis D'Alton, and others. Visitors: Bros. Dr. J. Walter Park, S.W. 570, Pa., U.S.A.; Matthew T. Gay, 27, N.J., U.S.A.; E. P. Case, W.M. 32, Minn., U.S.A.; Arnold Fenwick, P.M. 25, Montreal, Canada; F. A. Philbrick, G.R.; Wright Barringer, 1614; Angelico Cogliati, 1559; F. M. Goldstein, 1563; J. Webb, P.M. 1707; J. A. Collings, Org. 1693; E. Francis, S.D. 917: A. Hamilton, I.P.M. 917; J. R. Reid, 970; N. Green, P.M. 1962; G. J. Baker, 869; A. Crawley, G. Bokenham, 1962; J. M. Richarh, 3; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

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The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report was read. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Brackstone Baker, I.P.M.; Major Geo. Lambert, P.M.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Chap.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; and many others. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., also read letters from the M.W.

Grand Master of Maryland, Bro. T. J. Shryock, and Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, saying that they hoped to visit the lodge during the summer. He informed the brethren that a telegram had been sent to the M.W. the Grand Master of New York, Bro. Frank Lawrence, from the lodge, sending "Hearty good wishes" and congratulations on the celebration (24th April, 1889) of their Masonic Hall being freed from debt; to which the of their Masonic Hall being need ...
following reply had been received:

"Masonic Hall, New York,

"April 25th, 1889.

"R.W. Brackstone Baker,
"Freemasons' Hall, England.

"Dear Sir and Brother,
"The Grand Master directs me to express his cordial and hearty thanks for your kind telegram of the 24th inst.—Fraternally yours, "E. M. L. EHLERS,

" Grand Secretary." A ballot was taken for Mr. Curtis D'Alton, as an initiate, which proved unanimous, and he, being in attendance, was initiated. Bro. S. Spooner, 1470, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bros. G. A. Berholz, W. J. Thrussell, E. Jessurun, and C. G. Rotter were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. T. W. Barringer was raised to the Degree of a M.M., at the request of the W.M. of 1614. Bro. F. Kedge, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, also Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treasurer, and Bro. R. F. Po'ter, Tyler. Bros. J. H. Meyer, F. Jackson, and J. B. Grieve were unanimously elected Auditors to audit the accounts for the past year. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Clark, W.M., for the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge during his past year of office, being proposed by Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treas., and seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec. A vote of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. J. Rayner in the sad loss she had sustained by the death of her late husband, Bro. J. Rayner, was proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., and seconded by which proved unanimous, and he, being in attendance, was

was proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., and seconded by Bro. F. Kedge, S.W., the same to be entered on the minutes, All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room, where an excellent repast was served by Bro. G. P. Bertini, assisted by Mr. Hoogen.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and

Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G.R., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers" in a feeling speech.

The toast of "The American Visiting Brethren" was replied to by Bros. Dr. J. W. Park, M. T. Gay, E. P.

Case, and A. Fenwick in characteristic speeches.
The remaining toasts, consisting of "The Worshipful Master," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were also given and responded to.
The Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to

The toasts were interspersed with some excellent songs by Bro. Curtis D'Alton, the initiate, and others.

SHIPLEY .- Airedale Lodge (No. 387).- This lodge had a very successful opening of the new rooms at the Institute, at Sataire, near Bradford, on Wednesday, the Institute, at Sa taire, near Bradford, on Wednesday, the 15th ult., when upwards of 100 brethren and visitors attended. The W.M., Bro. John Symonds, was supported by Bros. Henry Smith, P.M., Dep. P.G.M.; Wm. Oddy, I.P.M.; R. W. Curran, S.W.; R. T. Bryden, J.W.; H. Mitchell, P.M., Sec.; John Hey, P.M., Treas.; S. A. Auty, P.M., Chap.; J.S. Rhodes, S.D.; R. Knight, J.D.; G. J. Morgan, I.G.; J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Denby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. Howroyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Roebuck, P.M.; E. Heaton, P.M.; S. Minaken, P.M.; E. Bottomley, P.M.; and a goodly number of the brethren. There was a long array of visinumber of the brethren. There was a long array of visitors, and amongst them were Bros. J. R. Welsman, P.M. tors, and amongst them were Bros. J. R. Welsman, P.M. 600, P.G.D.C.; C.M. Wilson, P.M. 974, P.G.R.; J. J. Rutherford, P.M. 1545, P.G.S.B.; F. Nicholson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G.O.; J. Freeman, W.M. 1648; S. A. Bailey, P.M. 1648; J. W. Barber, P.M. 1648; J. Bell, P.M. 1545; W. J. Waugh, I.P.M. 1545; Rev. B. Mayon, Chap. 974, P.P.G.C. Warwickshire; J. C. Crocker, S.D. 302; Hattley, 302; Rev. J. N. Lee, Chap. 2035; and many

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last

The D.P.G.M., Bro. meeting were read and confirmed. Henry Smith, entered, and was saluted by the brethren. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Hugh Kershaw, which proved unanimous, and he was initiated in a very efficient manner by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers, the J.W. explaining the working tools, and the S.W. giving

the charge.

The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the salutation of the brethren, complimented the W.M. and officers on the efficient manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted, and expressed the pleasure it gave him, after nearly 40 years' connection with the lodge (the chair of which he occupied in 1857), to be present at the opening of the lodge at the splendid rooms to which they had just removed. He stated he had also been present many years ago, when the lodge removed from Baildon to the rooms in Kirkgate, Shipley, and again when, 10 years ago, it changed to the Masonic Hall at Well Croft, Shipley, and he was glad to be able to state that the removal in each instance had been to the advantage of the lodge. He also remarked that he would be happy to report to the P.G.M. (who was on the Continent) of the successful meeting that evening, as well as on the satisfactory condition of the lodge.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors and bre-

thren, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to refreshment in the new dining hall.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly

honoured, Bro. C. Cromack proposed "The Health of the Initiate."

The toast was heartily received, and responded to by Bro. Kershaw, who expressed the gratification he had experienced on being initiated into Freemasonry, which had

been his desire for several years.

Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure it gave the W.M. and brethren to see the D.P.G.M., with several other Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and such a large number of visitors, present that evening on the occasion of the opening of their new rooms, to all of whom they accorded a most hearty welcome.

The toast was received in an enthusiastic manner, and was responded to by Bros. J. R. Welsman, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; C. M. Wilson, P.M., P.G.Reg; and H. Brown, 1545; and in doing so they congratulated the W.M. upon the splendid suite of rooms the lodge now occupied, and complimented him on the manner in which he had distance the suite of the splendid splendid suite of the splendid sp charged the duties of the chair, and they all joined in wish-

ing the lodge prosperity in the new premises.
"The Health of the W.M." was eloquently proposed by Bro. W. J. Waugh, I.P.M. 1545, and heartily received by

the brethren and visitors.

In responding, the W.M. expressed the pride and pleasure it had afforded him to preside over such a large gathering of his brethren on such an auspicious occasion. He remarked that he was the first initiate at the removal of the lodge to the premises they had just vacated—10 years ago—and it appeared somewhat of a coincidence that he should be the Master at the time of the removal from the same premises

Other toasts followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

CROYDON.—Frederick Lodge of Unity (No. 452).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. D. R. Wise, W.M.; C. G. Scott, P.M., acting S.W.; C. M. Ohren, P.M., acting J.W.; Magnus Ohren, P.M. and Treas.; James Waterman, S.D.; Aubrey M. Ohren, J.D.; W. F. Payne, I.G.; Harold Levett, Steward; A. J. Dickinson, P.M.; A. T. Jeffery, P.M.; and W. Geo. Hunter, P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. E. Poole, 2030, and John Rhodes, P.P.G. Org.

Letters, messages, and telegrams were laid before the lodge from Bros. W. Sugg, P.M.; J. W. Sugg, P.M.; F. A. Manning, P.M.; J. C. F. W. Rogers, P.M.; W. G. Batchelor, P.M.; H. E. Frances, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Ackland, J.W.; and W. King, Steward.

The W.M. drew attention to the fact that the lodge was draped in black, and the brethren wore the emblems of CROYDON .- Frederick Lodge of Unity (No.

draped in black, and the brethren wore the emblems of mourning, and referred in feeling terms to the great loss the province had sustained by the death of Bro. General Brownrigg, their late Provincial Grand Master, and moved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to his widow and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to his widow and family, expressing the sorrow of the members of the lodge, and their deep sympathy with the family in this their time of trouble. This was seconded by Bro. Magnus Ohren, and carried unanimously.

The other Masonic business having been got through, the WM stated that he had a pleasing duty to profess.

the W.M. stated that he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz., the presentation to the Treasurer, Bro. Magnus Ohren, of a large photographic portrait of himself, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge as a mark of their respect and esteem. The W.M. referred to the emi-nent services Bro. Ohren had rendered to Freemasonry in general, as well as to that lodge in particular, for a long series of years. Bro. Ohren joined the lodge in 1867, and had since that time promoted the welfare of the lodge in every way. He had been the Secretary for many years, and for the last nine years the Treasurer. This being the first meeting after the jubilee of the lodge, the brethren had availed themselves of the favourable opportunity for mark-

ing so important an event.

Bro. Magnus Ohren, in accepting the portrait, said he fully appreciated the sentiments expressed by the W.M. and the fraternal goodwill of the members-of those present, as well as those who sent their fraternal greetings. Many of the members present had been introduced by him into the lodge, and, as he felt sure that it would be a pleasure to many to look upon the portrait of an old friend after he had been called "to the Grand Lodge above," he hoped that the brethren would allow the portrait to remain in the lodge and become the lodge property, that he might leave behind him a reminder of one who had spent so many happy hours with them in the lodge. He assured them he should ever remember their great kindness to him, and feel honoured by knowing that they would have the portrait hung in the lodge as a memento of that day's presentation.

This was unanimously agreed to, and, the lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to one of those nice little dinners always provided for this lodge, and a very agree. able evening was passed.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations by the W.M., Bros. Charles and Aubrey Ohien, Harold Levett, and others, Bro. John Rhodes, the Prov. G. Org., presiding at the piano.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

WHITEHAVEN.-Lewis Lodge (No. 872) 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. Spittall, 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

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. Spittall P.M.

"The Newly-Initiated Candidate Bro. Los A. Fred."

"The Newly-Initiated Candidate, Bro. Jas. A. Fowler," was proposed by Bro. Dalrymple, P.M.
Bro. Fowler briefly responded, and expressed himself as

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 brethern had made.

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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. 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 got through during his year of office, and the manner that he did the ceremony of installing his succesor, 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

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The first meeting of the season was beld on Saturday, the 18th uit., 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.

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., seconded, and it was resolved—"That the sum of the guineas he taken from the lodge funds, and he spent in to 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) of the Royal Masonic Benevoient Institution (in perpetuicy) 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 two guineas

P.P.G.P. Middx., &c. On the motion of Bio. J. Lawrence, I.P.M., it was unanimously resolved—"That two 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 Benevolved—"That Bro. That it was unanimously resolved—"That Bro. P. Lodge be accepted as Steward to represent the lodge at the Benevolved in 1800, the ten guineas just voted to be lent 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.U., 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. Laurence, 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 28th 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

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 officees 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 bandered by for the wear of the S.W. 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 tee Octagon Room. 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

Following the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic

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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. of the officers of the lodge.

WALTON-ON-THE NAZE. — Arnold 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. Groocock, 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

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,

cellent 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. Dorling, 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 num-ber 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 himalthough 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 Let he called that he windth has repeated at the form 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. 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. I.P.M.," who acknowledged the compliment.

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 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

candidate. I no other initiation was need 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. toasts were given, interspersed with music by the brethren. Among the visiting brethren present we noticed Bross. 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. Brie·ley, 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.; Galloway, A. K. Tillans, Stwd.; G. A. Schofield, and B. H. Moxon, I.G. 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. 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. 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.; I. 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. Tunnicliffe, 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, 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, T. Taylor, 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 breth

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

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. I. B. Ashwell next proposed "The R.W. Bro. Col.

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.

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Bro. H. Palmer then submitted "The Health of Bro.

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 passakes of the bour, 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 pre-

ceded 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 considerable bed earlier to the constant of the Bro. Adams gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which

Bros. Hayles and Kent replied.

Bros. Hamshaw, in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," said they were proud of their Masonic Institu-Charities," said they were proud of their Masonic Institu-tions, to which they yearly contributed a sum of £50,000. He also referred to the Inquiry that had ceen recently held into the Boys' School, and said the thanks of every bro-ther were due to Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliffe for the part they had taken in that investigation.

Bros. Piercy and Tunnicliffe responded.

Bro. Bromley proposed "The Officers of the Gordon Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bros. Boothman and

During the evening songs were contributed by Miss Bas-ford and Bros. G. W. Bradford, Howson, Bervon, and Mountford.

CHINGFORD.—Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of the above (No. 2184).—I he usual bi-monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Royal Forest Hotel. Bro. G. J. Westfield, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M.; A. J. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D.; W. Smith, W.M. 228, S.W.; H. Lewis, Treas.; A. T. Dale, S.D.; T. Ringrose, J.D.; J. G. Hammond, I.G., acting J.W.; Taylor, Button, Reynolds, Barnes, and Joyce, all of the lodge; Winter, 860; Dickey, 2002; Bourn, 65: and others. and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes con firmed, Bro. Carlton was passed, Bros. Coote, Marlow, and Catt were raised, and Mr. Aldon, after approbation, was initiated.

Some other lodge business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren having banqueted, the W.M. gave the

usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, followed by that of "Lord Brooke, P.G.M.," which was drank in bumpers.

Bro. Lewis, in responding for "Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. Eng., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the D.P. Officers, Present and Past," said that with regard to their beloved Present and Past, Said that with regard to the below the P.G.M., had he been present that evening, he would have been delighted with the working of the W.M. and his officers. Next August they would have an opportunity of seeing his lordship at P.G. Lodge and witnessing the energy and zeal he threw into the interests of the province. Their esteemed D.P.G.M. had just completed an arduous task in connection with the Boys' School, for which he deserved the thanks of every Mason in the kingdom. For the hearty reception of the toast he returned them his most sincere thanks. He then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," whom he was pleased to see present in such good health, while the really perfect manner in which he had carried out his duty confirmed the high opinion entertained of him while J.W. of the lodge, and he felt sure that when the time arrived for him to install his successor, he would perform his duty in a manner worthy of the lodge.

He asked them to drink the toast heartily, and they did. Bro. Westfield thanked them very sincerely for their sincere reception of the toast. He was very sorry that the time did not allow of him making a long speech in response to it. If he had time he would have used all the eloquence in his power to have made his thanks acceptable to them; but he would say that if he had at any time done anything to please them, he was perfectly satisfied. He was thankful to say that the lodge was prospering, and consoled himself for any shortcomings by the knowledge that it was stronger now than it was when he took up the reins of

Bros. Jolly and Manning respond for the "P.M.'s"
Bro. Smith returned thanks for "The Officers," after
"The Initiate," and then the proceedings, which had been enlivened by some excellent harmony, were, brought to a

DATCHET. - George Gardner Lodge (No. DATCHET. — George Gardner Lodge (No. 2309).—The first regular meeting of the above young lodge took place on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Village Hall, when there were present Bros. George Gardner, W.M.; W. B. Fendick, S.W.; and Alfred Skinner, J.W. The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. A. Hewer, W. H. S. Mansfield, J. Corp. W. H. Hanham, and A. Druce for initation, which proved unanimous in their favour Druce for initation, which proved unanimous in their favour and being in attendance they were initiated, three first and the latter two afterwards. A ballot was also taken for Bros. the latter two afterwards. A ballot was also taken for Bros. E. Laundy, 2090; R. Dennis, 1563; C. P. Bellerby, P.M. 2021; E. B. Cox, P.M. 1563; H. Perdue, P.M. 834; and S. Roberts, 901, as joining members, which also proved unanimous in their favour. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, which had been left over from the last meeting, as follows: Bros. Cox, Treas.; Bellerby, Sec.; Laundy, S.D.; Ralph Dennis, J.D.; S. Roberts, I.G.; H. Perdue, D.C.; and A. Hewer, Stwd. The Committee for framing the by-laws was then elected, and the lodge was closed. was closed.

There were also present Bros. G. Everett, P.M., F. Newton, Kenyon, Woodruffe, P.M.; Hartam, 1305; and Ellis, Tyler. The brethren where then photographed by Bro. H. Perdue, P.M., and proceeded to the Manor Hotel to dinner, which having been disposed of, the usual loyal, Grand, and Provincial Cond Ledge tracks were given. Grand, and Provincial Grand Lodge toasts were given.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir W. Ellis, Bart. I.P.M., Bro. G. Everett, by request, gave the W.M.'s toast saying it gave him great gratification to be present, and to give the toast of his old friend, Bro. Geo. Gardner, and he was pleased to find him at the head of so young a lodge starting on such excellent ground—five initiates; and he had no hesitation in saying that he predicted a great future for the lodge under such a hard-working Mason as the present W.M., who, he was sure, would carry out the duties during his year of office as well as he had every duty he had undertaken since he had joined the ranks of duty he had undertaken since he had joined the ranks of the Craft. He could say that during the few years that Bro. G. Gardner had been a Mason, he had trebled the time in head. time in hard work both for the Charities and the work of the several lodges that he belonged to. He asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in response, said he thanked them for the way in which they had received the toast, and he assured

educated in the Boys' School, where he had passed a Cambridge examination, and was glad that now, after 20 years since he left, he was admitted amongst them. He was sorry to see by the papers that the School had troubles, but he was sure they would soon overcome them. He recollected when he was at the School there was a deal of disagreement between the Educational and House Department, and concluded by paying a high compliment to Bro. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School, on his ability and energy, by which means the School had risen to the

dimensions it had attained.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," responded to by all, "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," who responded, promising to support the W.M. in every way to further the success of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Present: Bro. Axford, W.M.; White, S.W.; Willis, J.W.; J. Andrews, Preceptor; Brown, S.D.; Young, J.D.; Sandals, J.G.; Eidmans, Croxson, Emery, and Timms.
Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Eidmans as candidate. Bro. Timms answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted, Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Timms duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. Bro. Croxson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Croxson duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the V.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Emery was elected a joining member. Bro. Emery returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. White was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. White returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the congratulations of the brethren on his splendid working of the Three Degrees, and the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

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The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stallibrass candidate. Bro. Wherle having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wherle candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. then invested his officers. Bro. Shaw was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 17th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; J. Davies, S.W.; E. Fox, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; H. D. Aslett, S.D.; R. H. Williams, J.D.; W. G. Coat, I.G.; J. Pattison, and

J. Jobson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. R. H. Williams having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. rendering the traditional history in a very able manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and called off for the formation of the Benevolent Association. The lodge was called on. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Davies was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; C. G. Wetzlar, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Gosling, S.D.; W. J. Mason, J.D.; F. W. Pritchard, I.G.; J. Threadgold, Stwd., J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; D. Stroud, P.M. 2045; Major Ferris, J. Corrie, O. W. Battley, and N. Spyer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Corrie being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Battley being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cruttenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation, The Secretary announced that Bro. Read had been nominated for a second year's service on the Board of General Purposes, which announcement was received with considerable applause and promises of support. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. E. Sheffield, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; G. T. Chretien, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; G. J. Barnett, D.; C. G. Gray, L.G.; J. M. Scarlett, and R. Loomes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Petch as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Petch. Bro. Sheffield answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raise and the ceremony of the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Sheffield candidate. Bro. Sheffield again took the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Hancock was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. A very cordial vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to the Secretary, Bro. C. M. Coxon, for the unremitting attention he had given to the duties of his office, and his punctual and regular attendances during the season. The Secretary tual and regular attendances during the season. The Secretary having thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his ser-vices, and, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on the 20th ult., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, the 29th ult., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Brindley, P.M., W.M.; G. Holland, S.W.; Plant, J.W.; Colman, P.M., acting Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Smales, Sec.; Coombe, S.D.; J. Ray, J.D.; Bailey, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Walker, Quick, C. A. Chambers, Clarkson, Musson, W. Holland, Shepperd, Fort, Andrews, Goldfinch, and Holbs

The lodge was opened in due form, and, after the confirmation way in which they had received the toast, and he assured them nothing should be wanting to make the lodge a success.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Initiates" (which was responded to by each one), saying that he had much to be grateful to Freemasonry for, he having been to the property of the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Shepperd was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Shird Degree, and Bro. Shepperd was passed to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Chambers, 1604, was elected a member of this lodge of instruction. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614),-The usual weekly

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; F. Buxton, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; R. J. Harnell, acting as Sec.; F. Jackson, S.D.; G. H. Foan, J.D.; S. Moss, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Hancock, John Skinner, J. S. Cator, C. Mitchell, Wright Barringer, W. Higgins, C. Thompson, and A. Clark.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. W. Barringer having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Bro. W. Hancock worked the 2nd Section, and Bro. W. Brindley the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. D. Graham was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed. lodge was closed.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—A meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., on Tue-day, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; F. Dusterwold, S.W.; We Hillyar, J.W.; J. Sims, acting Preceptor; D. S. Long, acting Scc.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; T. W. Biggs, A. Williams, E. Fox, Jobson, 834; E. J. Hiscox, 1602; F. Craggs, and Clark.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Jobson having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and called off for the purpose of balloting for the sum of £5 5s., which proved in favour of Bro. Aslett. The lodge was called on, and, on the first rising, Bros. Hiscox, 1602, and Jobson, 834, were elected members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Dusterwold was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; A. F. Scholding, S.W.; C. J. Bye, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. Bartlett, S.D.; J. Powell, J.D.; W. R. Hatton, I.G.; F. Chandler, P.M.; H. D. Smith, G. Gardner, J. R. Roberts, M. Peteis, R. H. Broom, and J. Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Broom being candidate. The charge to the initiate was given by Bro. A. F. Scholding. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed in the First Degree. Bro. R. H. Broom answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Broom being candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. A. F. Scholding was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Keene, P.M., W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Swann, J.W.; W. C. Williams, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; Hubbard, Sec.; Knight, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; Thomas, Haynes, Merrish, Jobson, Woods, Boyce, and Betts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last inceting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas being candidate, and he also answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Betts being candidate. Bros, Haynes and Boyce answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Eros. Cox, Thomas, and Merrish were elected joining members. A vote of condolence was carried to the family of Bro, Rayner on his sudden death, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawkroad, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., W.M.; G. Higginson, S.W.; Woodard, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Cavers, S.D.; Arnott, J.D.; Jobson, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; Cotton, Love, Craggs, Nash, Head, Gilbert, and Cox.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Davies, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cotton having answered the usual questions leading to the ceremony of passing, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, The 6th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, the questions being answered by Bro. Higginson. Bro. John Davies, Preceptor, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

ST, AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 20th uft. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; John Davies, S.D.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, J.D.; T. Skar, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Sims was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Monday, the 27th ult, when there were present Bros. James Sims, P.M., W.M.; Thornas Jobson, S.W.; John Davies, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; J. B. Cory, Sec. (pro tem.); W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; C. E. Everett, I.G.; M. R. Rice, F. A. Barth, and W. Fayers.

The lodge was opened, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Sacond Dagree. Bro. Savers offered himself as a candidate.

by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro, Fayers offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising worked in an admirable manner, Bro. Fayers acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Williams, and the 4th Section by Bros. J. Davies and J. Collings. Bro. F. A. Barth was elected a joining member. Bro. Thomas Jobson was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

EARL OF LATHOM (No. 1922).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. H. Cohen, W.M.; J. M. Spencer, S.W.; Maddox, J.W.; Andrews, Preceptor; Blenkarne, S.D.; J. London, J.D.; and West, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Blenkarne was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Blenkarne duly and impressively raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. London as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. M. Spencer was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Spencer returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M., rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros, Mitchel, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; l. Wright, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Ellson, S.D.; Donaldson, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Cochrane, Bate, Cranch, H. Mitchell, Beardmore, Smith, Langdon, Beaven, Poole, Folkard, Livett, Russell, King, Coe, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Russell as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Livett, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Livett ably passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. Bro. Cranch; P.M., 1056. was elected a joining member. Bro. Cranch returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Cranch, P.M., 1056. was elected a joining member. Bro. Cranch returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Mitchell for his splendid working of the ceremonies for the first time in his Masonic career. Bro. Harvey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W,M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Albion Tavern, 173, Aldersgate-street. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. B. Sorrell, P.Z., Treas., as M.E.Z.; W. A. Barrett. P.G.O., P.Z., as H.; Fredk. Walters, P.Z., P.P. 1st A.G.S. Middx., S.E., as J.; W. R. Goddard, P.Z. 174, Janitor; and a large number of companions. companions.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies were received from all the officers who were absent. The Treasurer and S.E. gave a notice of motion—"That the usual six guinea P.Z.'s jewel be voted to Comp. J. C. Cockett, M.E.Z., at the expiration of his year of office; to be paid for from the chapter funds." All business being ended, the chapter was closed. There was no hanguet was no banquet.

The only visitor was Comp. &W. A. Barrett, P.Z., P.G.O., &c.

PLYMOUTH.—Fortitude Chapter (No. 105).

—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, on the 21st ult., to install the Principals for the year ensuing, viz.: Comps. Geo. Horswill, as Z.; J. W. Parsons, as H.; and A. W. Spinney, as J. The ceremony was performed by Comp. W. Allsford, P.Z. 202, assisted by Comp. Edward Pillar, the retiring 1st Principal. Among the Board of Installed Principals present were Comps. S. Jew, P.Z. 105, 2025, P.P.G.T.; J. T. Browning, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; and C. H. Cooper, P.Z., of 105; Jno. Hammond, P.Z. 1255; Jno. Wallis, P.Z. 1205; Jno. Whitford, P.Z. 230; Jas. Gidley, P.Z. 1205, 2025; and E. Aitken Davies, P.Z. 1099, P.P.G. Reg. The officers were invested as follows: Comps. E. Pillar, I.P.Z.; T. W. Soper, S.E.; M. M. Joel, S.N.; S. Edgcombe, P. Soj.; W. J. Sweet, 1st A.S.; G. Finch, 2nd A.S.; J. T. Brownrigg, P.Z., Treas.; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor.

At the close of the chapter the companions retired for refreshment to the club, where the usual toasts were duly honoured, a pleasant evening being spent by all. PLYMOUTH.-Fortitude Chapter (No. 105).

TORQUAY.—St. John's Chapter (No. 832).—
The annual convocation of this chapter took place on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, as this was the installation meeting a goodly number of companions assembled, amongst those present being Comps. W. E. Warren, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; W. Taylor, P.Z., Prov. G.T.; W. H. Probert, P.Z.; John Dodge, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; F. C. Frost, P.Z. 303; R. H. Rae, P.Z., P.P.G.J., S.E. 189; John Chapman, P.Z. 189, P.P.G. Std. Br., H. elect; John Lane, H., Z. elect; John Taylor, 1st Asst. Soj., as P.S.; T. W. Morgan, Treas., Prov. G.O., J. elect; John Salter, S.N.; T. J. Crossman, S.E.; T. Beckett, and Thomas Brooks, P.P.G.O., Org. The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and letters of apology were read from several companions who could not TORQUAY .- St. John's Chapter (No. 832) .-

apology were read from several companions who could not be present. The audited balance sheet was unanimously passed, showing the financial affairs of the chapter had passed, showing the financial affairs of the chapter had been carefully managed. Comp. Rae, as Installing Principal, then installed Comps. John Lane, M.E.Z.; John Chapman, H.; and T. W. Morgan, J.; the whole ceremony being ably and impressively performed with that venerable companion's usual ability. The M.E.Z. then invested the officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Comps. T. J. Crossman, Treas.; John Salter, S.E.; T. Prust, S.N.; John Taylor, P.S.; A. W. Searley, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Hill, 2nd Asst. Soj.; T. Beckett, D.C.; T. Brooks, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Hersey and R. L. Mugford, Stwds.; and Geo. Burt, Janitor. On the proposition of Comp. Lane, seconded by Comp. Chapman, a most cordial vote of thanks was given to Comp. Rae for the able manner in which the ceremony was carried out.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting companions, the chapter was closed, and an adjournment made to the banquet room of the hall, where a cold collation was

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After the repast,
The M.E.Z. gave "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the
Grand Z., and the other Grand Officers, Present and
Past," coupling with this toast the name of Comp. W. J.
Hughan, Past G. Soj. of England, who, in responding,
gave a short and lucid account of the history of the R.A. Degree and its connection with the other Degrees of

Masonry, and its progress in various parts of the world.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Grand Superintendent and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Com. W. Taylor, Prov. G.T., and the

Stork, J.; Richard Stanton, S.E.; and A. T. Ralph,

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. F. Willan, P.M. 1561; and Bro. William Capstick, W.M. 1051, and proving unanimous, they were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree by Comp. Capt. Garnett, P.P.G.J., the latter portion of the ceremonial being given by Comp. Longman, P.P. G.S.B. The chapter was the constant.

CROYDON .- Mozart Chapter (No. 1929) .-This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 20th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., M.E.Z.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.Z., P.G. Org., S.E., &c., acting H.; E. J. Hoare, J.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., S.N., acting P.S.; and others. Comp. Weiss, St. James's Chapter, was a vicited

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalt of Bro. G. T. Allisten, 1491, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. The election of officers for the year then took place, with the following result: Comps. R. P. Thomas, M.E.Z.; E. J. Hoare, H.; H. H. Shirley, J.; G. T. Allisten, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; and Lane, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., and R. P. Thomas, H., sent letters pleading inability to attend sent letters pleading inability to attend.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, The M.E.Z. gave "The Past Principals." In the course of his remarks he touched upon the great services rendered to Masonry in general by two of their body, namely, Comps. Dr. Lott and Lardner. The former was the founder of a very prosperous lodge formed on the lines of the Orpheus. He had also floated the Mozart Chapter, but, unfortunately, musical brethren were so much engaged professionally, that they had not the time to enter other grades, consequently the chapter was languishing a little. Dr. Lott's Masonic motto was "nil desperadum," and he (the M.E.Z.) believed that ere long the chapter would be as successful as several other Masonic bodies that owed their existence and prosperity to their worthy

Past Principal.
Comp. Dr. Lott having replied, the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 24th uit., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. G. March, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H.; M. Spiegel, J.; W. H. Chalfont, S.E. (pro tem.); J. Cruttenden, P.S.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890; and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaliation was rehearsed, Comp. Dehane candidate. The companions were glad to hear that Comp. Dean was improving in health, and that there was a probability of him being amongst them again at an early date. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. G. L. Moore, Z. 169, M.E.Z.; Grummant, P.Z., H.; Jackson, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; and George Powell, P.Z.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell, P.Z., personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time. After all the business had been concluded, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

CAMBRIDGE.—York Lodge (No. 334).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Room, Lion Hotel, on Wednesday, the 15th ult. The ceremony of exaltation was very ably performed by the W.M., Bro. E. H. Jennings, P.G.S.B., after which the S.W., Bro. C. A. Vinter, was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. C. F. Matier, A.G. Sec. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. E. H. Jennings, J.P.M.; W. I. Pashler, S.W.; J. E. L. Whitehead, J.W.; T. Jennings, jun., M.O.; W. Purchas, S.O.; G. Tindall, J.O.; A. W. Bishop, Chap.; E. J. Montlock, Treas.; G. McCallum, R. of M.; O. Papworth, Sec.; W. Fawsett, S.D.; J. Dempster, J.D.; B. W. Beales, D.C.; J. Fuller, I.G.; and R. Hills and J. F. Miller, Stewards.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a well-served

The W.M., in referring to the steady progress of the lodge, said it simply shared in the general advancement of Mark Masonry, which now numbered upwards of 25,000 members and 400 lodges. No doubt its prosperity was due in a large measure to the support accorded to it by their G.M. and the distinguished members of Grand Lodge. Not long since Mark Masonry was regarded by all as simply a Side Degree, but, by the progress of time and its beneficial work, the Mark Degree had established for itself a place and name in Freemasonry which entitled it to the highest esteem and regard.

Later in the evening, the W.M. stated his intention to offer his services as a Steward at the next Anniversary of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

DEAL.-Granville Lodge (No. 390).-The first and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Com. W. Taylor, Prov. G.T., and the past officers present.

Other toasts followed—"The Installing Principal," "The P.Z.'s," and "The Officers of the Chapter."

The Janitor's toast concluded a pleasant and social evening, the future of the chapter in every way appearing very bright.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—

The regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Comps. Go. Kelland, M.E.Z.; W. Dewhurst, H.; C. J. W.

MEAL.—Granville Lodge (No. 390).—The first annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th ult. The following annual meeting of the Above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th ult. The following brethere were present: Bros. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M.M. Kent; J. G. Podevin, D.P.G.M.M., Prov. G. M.M. Kent; J. G. Podevin, D.P.G.M.M., Prov. G. M.M. Kent; J. G. Henning, I.P.M. 129; W. G. Kennett, I.P.M. 252, D.C.; Rev. G. D. W. 129; W. G. Kennett, I.P.M. 252, D.C.; Rev. G. D. W. 129; W. G. Kennett, I.P.M. 252, D.C.; Rev. G. D. W. M. 129; W. G. Kennett, I.P.M. 252, D.C.; Rev. G. D. W. M. 129; W. G. W. Prov. Grand Master installed Bro. Pageen, M.A., 378; Rev. E. C. D'Auquier, M.A., W.M. 129; W. Denne, P.G.I. of W.; T. T. Denne, R. Staines Davey, G. H. Denne, Jun., J. M. Browning, A. C. Brown, J. W. Court, G. C. Allen, J. S. Marsh, T. Ayling, T. Bent, A. Chennell, J. P. Ekins, A. With whom he had worked in many Masonic Orders to

J.W.; G. H. Denne, jun., M.O.; A. C. Brown, S.O.; J. W. Court, J.O.; J. S. Marsh, Treas.; G. C. Allen, R.M.; T. Ayling, S.D.; T. Bent, J.D.; A. J. Cottew, D.C.; A. Chennell, I.G.; J. S. Marsh, Org.; and W. I. A. Norris, Tyler. Bro. the Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A. P.M. 129, who was unable to be present, was re-appointed Chaplain, and Bro. J. F. Solly, Secretary. (It is with much regret we have to state that Bro. Solly was unavoidably absent through illness.) The Prov. Grand Master is much regret we have to state that Bro. Solly was unavoidably absent through illness.) The Prov. Grand Master in a few remarks to the W.M. referred in eulogistic terms to the high state of efficiency which the lodge had attained since its consecration twelve months ago, which, he said, was due to the very great interest taken in Mark Masonry by all the members, but more especially by the I.P.M., Bro. R. J. Emmerson, and he hoped before long to see the Granville Lodge rank second to none in the province. The W.M. then rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, viz., to present the I.P.M., Bro. Emmerson, with a Founder's and Past Master's jewel, which he begged him to accept from the brethren of the lodge, as a slight token of their esteem and regard and in recognition of his great Masonic services.

The lodge then being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Black Horse Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by the spirited proprietor, Mr. A. E. Ban.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF NORTHUMBER. LAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-ON. TWEED.

This Provincial Priory was held under the banner of the St. Guthbert's Preceptory, at the Freemasons' Hall, Darlington, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. The Provincial Priory was opened by V.E. Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Prov. Prior, assisted by his officers.

The muster roll was called, and the minutes of the last Prov. Priory were read and confirmed.

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The roll of preceptories was called, and a satisfactory report made by the E. Preceptor of each preceptory.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to E. Sir Knight C. R. Fry, who resigned the office of Provincial Treasurer, and recorded on the minutes. The accounts were passed, and were very satisfactory. Sir Knight W. F. Carmon, E. Preceptor of the Royal Kent Preceptory, was unanimously elected Provincial Treasurer.

A very cordial vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to E. Sir Knight R. A. Luck, P.P.S. Prior, and the Committee who arranged the designs of the beautiful jewels for the V.E. Prov. Prior, Prov. Sub-Prior, and Great Officers, being quite works of

Prov. Sub Prior, and Great Officers, being quite works of art, and greatly admired by all present.

The following Great Officers and officers were then appointed and invested:

Sir Knight H. Maddison, G. 1st Aide-de-Camp ...

Rev. Canon Tristram
S. S. Wilks Prov. Sub-Prior.
Prov. Prelate.
Prov. Chancellor.
Prov. Chancellor.
Prov. Carrellor. Prov. Chancellor. Prov. Constable. T. M. Barron W. F. Carmon Prov. Marshal. ,, Prov. Treasurer. T. J. Armstrong Prov. Registrar. Prov. Sub-Marshal. Wm. Logan ... Rev. T. Randell ,, Prov. Chap. & Almoner. John Burn ... Prov. Herald. ... John Pearson Seymour T. Bell M. H. Dodd ... Prov. Standard Bearer. Prov. Aide-de-Camp. Prov. Capt. of Guard. Prov. Sword Bearer. ••• C. D. Hill Drury John Usher ... Thos. Prince... ... Prov. Organist.
... Prov. 1st Equerry.
... Prov. 2nd Equerry. J. Appleyard...

The V.E. PROV. PRIOR delivered an address on the origin, history, and suppression of the Order from the year A.D. 1188 to 1312, and afterwards congratulated the E. Preceptors and the sir knights upon the favourable reports made to him at that Provincial Priory. He looked forward with great hope that the Sunderland knights would soon see their way to establish a preceptory in that town, where

Business of the province being concluded, the alms were collected, and the Provincial Priory closed.

The V.E. Prov. Prior and his officers retired under an archest teel.

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The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, having on his right V.E. Sir Knights Charles Fendelow, Prov. Prior of Stafford, Warwick, and Leicestershire; Robt. A. Luck, J.P., P. Prov. Sub.-Prior, P. G. Banner Bearer; Rev. Wm. Jackson, Past Prov. Chaplain; T. M. Barron, T. Ness, W. F. Carmon, T. M. Watson, John Burn, W. Pearson, Seymour Bell, M. H. Dodds, and others; and on his left Sir Knights Hy. Maddison, Prov. Sub.-Prior, Grand 1st Aide-de-Camp; Col. James Monks, P.P.S.P., Past Grand Banner Bearer; Rev. T. Randall, Chaplain; C. Hill-Drury, Prov. Sword Bearer; F. S. Boasfield, P. Prov. Constable; F. Tovey, and others. The vice-chair was occupied by the Prov. Constable, Sir Knight S. Wilson. Constable, Sir Knight S. Wilson.

After grace the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of H.M.G.M. the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," also "The V.H. and E. Great Prior, the Earl of Lathom, the V.E. Great Sub-Prior, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and the rest of the Grand Officers in the National Great Priory," which was responded to by Sir Knight H. MADDISON, G. 1st Aide-de-Camp, in happy terms.

The CHAIRMAN proposed with all the honours their old friend, "Sir Knight Charles Fendelow, V.E. Prov. Prior of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicester," who he was delighted to see and welcome to Prov. Priory, and honed that he would for many user it is "

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gether, and had the greatest pleasure in seeing him looking so well. He wished every prosperity to the Prov. Priory and their excellent chief.

Sir Knight R. A. LUCK, J.P., Past G. S.B., &c., in an excellent speech and fraternal feelings proposed "The Health of the Prov. Prior," whom he had known and respected for so many years—indeed, he was the acting Commander when the Mount Grace Conclave was consecrated by Sir Patrick so many years—indeed, ne was the acting Commander when the Mount Grace Conclave was consecrated by Sir Patrick Colquhoun, the Grand Chancellor, in 1872, installing him and several other sir knights on that occasion, and ever since that time their V.E. Chief and his kind friend had helped him forward in the various offices it had been his need fortune to fill. He had, therefore the greatest placeure helped nim lot wated in the various onices it had been his good fortune to fill. He had, therefore, the greatest pleasure in proposing every happiness and a prolonged life to come in proposing every mappiness and a prolonged life to come amongst them for many years.

The toast was received and drunk most enthusiastically

with all the honours. The V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. BANISTER, thanked most sincerely Sir Knight R. A. Luck for the very kind words he had expressed and the fraternal feeling towards himself, and the truly cordial manner in which his health had been received by all present; it was a pleasure to him to come amongst them and to meet his old friends, who so heartily welcomed him at all their Masonic meetings, more particularly in the Knights Templar. He was greatly indebted to his kind friend, Sir Knight H. Maddison, and his good wife, for taking the greatest care of him during his sojourn in the beautiful neighbourhood of Darlington, their kindness, and the kindness of his sir knights and their families throughout his province, cheered him in his old age to make these long journeys, sincerely hoping that each and all might enjoy every happiness themselves and their

dear ones.
The Prov. Sub Prior, Sir Knight H. MADDISON, proposed
"The Health of the Province," which was responded to
by the Prov. Constable, Sir Knight S. WILSON, most

effectively.

Sir Knight Col. J. MONCKS, P.P.G.P., and P.G. Std. Br. Eng., in very flattering terms proposed "The Health of the E. Preceptor and Members of the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory," under whose banner they were assembled, thanking them for the very excellent provision, both in the In the absence of the E.P., Sir Knight W. Logan, who

was unavoidably prevented being present, the I.P.P., Sir Knight D. HILL DRURY, returned thanks to Sir Knight

Knight D. HILL DRURY, returned thanks to Sir Knight Col. Moncks for proposing the toast, and the cordial manner in which it had been received.

Sir Knight J. BURN proposed "The Health of the E.P. of the Royal Kent Preceptory," which was ably responded to by the E.P., Sir Knight W. F. CARMON.

Sir Knight T. M. WATSON, P.P. Chancellor, in happy terms proposed "The Health of the E.P. and Members of the Mount Grace Preceptory," which was responded to by the E.P., who stated that they had seven candidates to propose for installation, and he expected all would be accepted and take the Degree during the present year.

Songs and sentiments were given between the toasts, and a truly happy and instructive evening was spent by all.

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Letters of apology were received from many sir knights who were unable to come to the Provincial Priory.

ALDERSHOT. - William Stuart Preceptory (No. 76) .- A meeting of this preceptory was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Imperial Hotel. The Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight A. S. Knight Prescott, Provincial Chancellor, was supported by Sir Knights R. Loveland Loveland, Sub-Prior; R. Eve, P. Prov. Constable; Dr. Trestrail, Dr. Harwood, Jas. Taylor, Prov. Reg.; W. J. Rix, Prov. Capt. of Guards; R. Stone, and others.

Acologies for repositendance were received from Sir

KIX, Prov. Capt. of Guards; K. Stone, and others.
Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir
Knights J. E. Le Feuvre, Grand Herald of England,
P.E.P.; Capt. Sir Godfrey Thomas, Bart., A. Savill, and
others. Comp. W. E. Foster was installed a member of
the Order by the Eminent Preceptor in a most impressive
manner. Sir Knight Lieut. Col. R. P. Fitzgerald, J.P.,
Prov. Constable, was duly elected E.P.; Sir Knight R.
Eve, P. Prov. Constable, Treas.; and Sir Knight W.
Burns, Equerry, for the ensuing year. Burns, Equerry, for the ensuing year.

DARLINGTON .- St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139) .- A meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on (No. 139).—A meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 21st ult. The preceptory was opened, in the absence of the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight W. Logan, by the Past E. Preceptor, Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, assisted by the officers. V.E. Sir Knights Chas. James Banister, Past G. Captain of England, Prov. Prior; Chas. Fendelow, Prov. Prior of Stafford, Warwick, and Leicestershire, E. Sub-Prior; Hy. Maddison, P.E. Prov. Sub-Prior; Col. Moncks, and R. A. Luck were received under an arch of steel, and saluted. The V.E. Prov. Prior of Staffordshire, &c., thanked the sir knights, as did also the V.E. Sir Knight Banister, Prov. Prior. Knight Banister, Prov. Prior.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and con-The sir knights adjourned to the dining hall for the banquet, under the presidency of the V.E. Prov. Prior.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Conclave (No. 122).—The enthronement meeting of the above excellent conclave took place at the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when Sir Knight C. Jolly, P.G. J.G., Viceroy Eusebius, and M.P.S. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies enthroned Most Puissant Sovereign, and saluted in due

The conclave was opened by Sir Knight A. Penfold, M.P.S., and soon after on entering the room grand honours were paid to Sir Knight the Baron de Ferrieres, Most Eminent Grand Viceroy and Deputy Commander of St. John, who bowed his acknowledgments. The minutes of the previous conclave having been confirmed, the ceremonies of installation, both of the Red Cross and Holy Sepulchre were rehearsed. Sir Knight F. Wood, P.S. 122 and Intendant General, then proceeded to the enthropement which advances common the carried out in enthronement, which arduous ceremony he carried out in a most perfect manner. Sir Knight C. V. Cotterell, M.P.S. 148, was then consecrated as V.U., and the G.S.B., S.G.; W. G. Weiss, I.G.; Rev. Hayman Cummings M.A., G.H.P. England, G.H.P., H.P.; Captain W. H. Thomas, P.S., P.G.V.E., Treasurer;

A. H. Bateman, G.I.R. England, D.G.R., Recorder; Rev. Fielding, M.A., Prefect; J. Aillud, Standard Bearer; G. Sugars, Orator; Capt. Weston, Herald (when installed); and A. Creed, Sentinel. A cordial vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Sir Knight Wood (the American Sentinel). for the admirable manner in which he carried out the duties of enthronement, for which he returned thanks. A hand-some P.S. jewel was presented to Sir Knight Penfold, I.P.S., for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, and as a mark of the esteem of the sir knights, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered, the con-

after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered, the conclave was duly closed.

Among the other sir knights present were Sir Knights Dr. J. Elliot, P.S.; W. O. Robinson, P.S., P.G.V.O.; E. H. Joynson, and J. G. Marsh, P.G.A. Eng. (Hon.), all of the conclave. The visitors included Sir Knights Baron De Ferrieres, P.S.; T. C. Walls, P.S.; and H. J. Lardner, P.S.; all of the Premier Conclave; and Sir Knight Cobham, P.S. 147.

The banquet, which was served in the hall attached to the building, having been thoroughly enjoyed,

The M.P.S. gave the toast of "The Queen and Christian Masonry," followed by that of "The Grand Sovereign of the Order, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the Baron de Ferrieres, M.E.G.V., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

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Baron de Ferrieres, in responding, said that all those who belonged to the Order should receive and drink the toast in a most hearty manner, and he was glad to see that the sir knights of the Saye and Sele Conclave had done so. It was a beautiful Degree, and if properly worked, as he saw it worked that day, it must ultimately become a great and flourishing one. In most cases it was worked by one companion only, and was too much in the hands of the elders of the Order, now he would like to see younger men come to the front, and take charge of it; he knew himself that he was not so young as he would like to be, and believed that younger men could by energy and zeal raise it to a good, safe, and higher standard than it at present held. Their revered Grand Sovereign, Sir Francis Burdett, worked hard and unceasingly, but at his age what could they expect? They could not expect that he could go about and visit the conclaves like a younger man could. It was the same with himself, and he felt sure that they need not look around long before they found some younger men to do the work hitherto entrusted to their elders; if that was done he felt sure the Order would prosper even more in the future than it had in the past.

The toast of "The M.P.S." was proposed by Sir Knight Penfold, I.P.S., and duly responded to.
"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Sir Knights Walls, Lardner, and Cobham, who gave great praise to Sir Knights Wood and Penfold for their excellent working of the respective ceremonies, and also to Sir Knight Bateman for the perfect equipment of the conclave.

The other toasts were "The Past Sovereigns" and

"The Officers," and then the proceedings terminated.

Allied Masonic Begrees.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE (T.I.M.)-This old council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 24th ult. Among those present we noticed Bros. the Right Hon. Col. the Earl of Euston, Crand Master; R. Loveland Loveland, S.G.W., W.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, S.W., W.M. elect; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., J.W.; George Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; W. Lemon, S.D.; Thomas Cubitt, Conductor; J. Brittain, S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.A.G. D.C., I.P.M.; C. F. Matier, P.G.D.M., Grand Sec.; Alfred Williams, P.G.D.M.; Charles Driver, P.G.D.M.; James Moon, F. W. Driver, M.A., S.G.D.; George Graveley, J. Pakes, Dr. Mickley, S. H. Parkhouse, G.S.; Swinney, Carter, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M. presented Bro. Baron de Ferrieres to the W.M. for the benefit of installation. Bro. Loveland performed the ceremony most impressively. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Capt. W. B. old council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square,

performed the ceremony most impressively. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Capt. W. B. Williamson, S.W.; W. Lemon, J.W.; G. Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; T. Cubitt, Conductor; Major P. Dunbar, S.D.; A. McDowall, J.D.; Brittain, I.G.; and Mills, Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Officer. Bro. Thomas Poore was elected as a re-joining member. Numerous letters of apology were received, notably from Bros. Major George Lambert, P.M., Major Dunbar, and A. McDowall. McDowall.

The council having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. The W.M. presided

most ably and genially.

The Grand Master, in responding to the toast of his health, expressed his acknowledgment to the members of the council for having given him an opportunity of visiting them. He congratulated Bro. Baron de Ferrieres upon his induction to the high position of W.M., and in concluding his remarks he said that he had passed so agreeable an evening that he hoped that the brethren would give him an early opportunity of visiting them again.

Bros. C. F. Matier and C. Driver replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bros. Carter, F. W. Driver, and Parkhouse responded or "The Visitors." Bros. Loveland and Walls acknowledged "The Health of the Past Masters."

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary,"

Later a very high compliment. He the W.M. paid the latter a very high compliment. He said that the success of the day's proceedings was mainly due to Bro. Lardner's exertions. At the last moment, the Grand Master had expressed a desire to visit the council, and in order that his lordship might be suitably received, invitations were sent out to the Grand Officers. He was pleased that, notwithstanding the short notice, so many distinguished brethren had attended, and he felt personally gratified.

Bro. Lardner having briefly replied,
The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of
Bros. Williamson and Lemon terminated the proceedings, which were throughout of a most pleasant character.

A very successful concert was given in the Westminster Town Hall on Tuesday evening by the Children's Orchestra, in aid of the funds of the National Society for

Order of the Secret Monitor.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONCLAVE (No. 6). The first meeting of the session of this successful con-clave was held at the Criterion (Masonic Temple), Piccaclave was held at the Criterion (Masonic Temple), Piccadilly, S.W., on the 14th ult., when there were present Bros. Major G. Lambert, S.R. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Theodore H. Tilton); Adolphus Clark, C.; W. Hancock acting as G.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, acting as Gd.; Thomas C. Seary, Org.; R. F. Potter, Sentinel; E. A. Rönaasen, Dr. R. Verley, J. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, Angelico Cogliati, T. C. Pratt, J. Williams, C. Hirsch, R. Sparrow, E. G. Van Tromp, Dr. B. A. Duncan, and J. A. Alsop.

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The conclave was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the following brethren, and, proving unanimous, they were the following brethren, and, proving unanimous, they were inducted into the Order: Bros. J. A. Alsop, P.M. 715; E. G. Van Tromp, 969; B. A. Duncan, M.D., 63; W. Tomson, 1524; H. Cæsar C. Hirsch, 917 and 2191; and J. Williams, 15 and 2191. Bro. J. J. Woolley was nominated by the S.R., Grand Steward for the Festival of 1889. Bro. Major George Lambert was unanimously elected S.R., also Bros. J. B. Cumming, Treas., and R. F. Potter, Sentinel. Bros. J. Woolley and W. Hancock were unanimously appointed Auditors.

A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Bro. Theo. H. Tilton, S.R., for the very handsome Bible which he had

H. Tilton, S.R., for the very handsome Bible which he had presented to the conclave, being proposed by Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treas., seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec.

Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Theodore H. Tilton, F. Kedge, J. J. Woolley, A. G. Wulff, and others.

The conclave having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room, where an excellent supper was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini.

The brethren inducted into the Order expressed them-

selves as being highly delighted, and all present enjoyed a pleasant and interesting evening.

Bro. T. C. Seary, Org., presided at the piano after supper, and during the evening many songs were given by some of the brethren.

Straits Settlements.

SINGAPORE. - Zetland-in-the-East Lodge (No. 508).-There was a large gathering of members and visitors at the meeting of this lodge on the 13th April at the Freemasons' Hall, Coleman-street. The W.M. pre-sented the I.P.M., Bro. E. A. Thompson, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted by the lodge, in recognition of his services. In a few well-chosen words, Bro. G. Thompson expressed the feeling which had dictated the presentation, and a hope that the recipient might long be spared to wear the jewel. Bro. E. A. Thompson acknowledged the gift in suitable terms.

After the usual business of the lodge was transacted, the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where an excel-

lent supper was provided.

Over 40 brethren sat down, and at the conclusion a few toasts were given, amongst them being "The Newly-made Brethren," to which Bro. C. Bean ably responded.

Bro. E. A. Thompson was then congratulated by the sister lodges of the district, Bros. E. J. Khory and C. G. Garrard speaking on behalf of St. George Lodge, Bro. Daly on behalf of the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, and Bro. P. Moss on behalf of the Bearly Lubiles Lodge, and Bro. P. Moss on behalf of the Perak Jubilee Lodge.

It must have been gratifying to Bro. E. A. Thompson to see so many friends around him on such an occasion, and also as being the best evidence of the success of his efforts for ensuring the popularity of his mother lodge.

The jewel was a solid gold P.M.'s jewel, and on the ribbon was the Earl of Zetland's coat of arms, his

coronet (set with a diamond and two emeralds), and crest.

SINGAPORE.—St. George Lodge (No. 1152). On Tuesday, April 23rd, the above lodge held its annual meeting for the installation of the new W.M., followed by a banquet, in the Freemasons' Hall, Coleman-street. The lodge, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, was opened under Bro. Presgrave, W.M., there being present no less than 10 Past Masters, as well as Bro. Col. Dunlop, D.G.M., and Bro. J. T. Leask, D.D.G.M., and a goodly number of members and visitors.

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After the usual besiness of the lodge, Bro. Khory presented the W.M. elect, Bro. T. de M. L. Braddell, and the ceremony of installation was impressively proceeded with by Bro. Presgrave, assisted by Bros. Knight, Khory, and Hooper, and Bro. R. G. Watson at the organ. On the conclusion of the installation, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers, delivering the various exhortations eloquently. The officers are as follows: Bros. G. A. Derrick, S.W.; C. G. Garrard, J.W.; E. J. Khory, Treas.; E. A. Thomson, Sec.; V. H. S. Charlwood, S.D.; R. G. Watson, J.D.; R. Little, I.G.; W. E. Hooper, Org.; and J. Lannon, Tyler.

After further business, "Hearty good wishes" were presented from Lodge Zetland, from Penang and from Perak.

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At the subsequent installation banquet nearly 40 members and guests sat down to an exceptionally well arranged and successful dinner in the banqueting hall, which was also nicely decorated with ferns, flowers, and banners.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W.D.G.M.," who, in returning thanks, said looking back 21 years, before the lodge was in existence, he felt proud and happy to see

the progress Masonry had made.

The D.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.,

Bro. T. de M. L. Braddell." In December, 1868, nearly 21 years ago, he had sat with Bro. Braddell's father, a well known Mason, within Lodge Zetland. It was most encouraging to find now his son following in his steps as a staunch Mason, and being installed as a Master. He must congratulate them on the beautiful and solemn way in which the installation ceremony had been carried out; it reflected the greatest credit on those concerned and was an earnest

of what he had no doubt would be a successful year. The W.M., in reply, tendered his thanks for the goodwill and confidence placed in him by the brethren, assuring them that he felt the need and value of their confidence and the assistance of his officers in what he felt was a responsible position.

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,

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. 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. 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. McCullock 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.

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It having been mentioned by Bro. Button 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 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,

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 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. Andiews, 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 and officers for the ensuing year. The first part of the programme having been gone through, Ill. Bro. William Andrews, 31°, 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. Ffrench, 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 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 Bros. 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 enthusiationally acquired. astically 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.

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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

to a sumptuous banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to very effec-

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, service was neight 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 artistes of the city, and the arrangement was as follows: artistes 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. Crabtree, and Mr. Warren; "Ruth," Madame Webster; and hymn, "Oh, help us Lord, each hour of need." 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 1. Cor., xii., v. 21 and 26—"The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee, nor again the head to the feet. I have no need of you. . . . Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it or one member he becaused all the you. . . . Whether one member suner, an the members suffer with it, or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." He said that the Masonic body 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 salety and security of society would be arrested and imperilled if men were not every where drawn together by the ties of mutual interest and where 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 to the cannot be partitioned. tions, 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 The origin of Freemasonry was probably due open space. 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 its members upon an elevation sufficiently high to beat back any discordancies which the waves of sectarian or political controversy might raise around us. The hearts 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 profit-less 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 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 taith, 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 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 degenerous fear Are banished thence, and death's a stranger there.

"But simple love and sempiternal joys. Whose sweetness never gluts, nor fulness cloys; 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

'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 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 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 uit. 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 there were on the 24th ult. present more than a hundred state under his tostering 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. Edye, 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. Edye, 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

Deacon of England, and as he had taken special care of the children whose fathers had fallen in the Crimean War, Bro. Latimer addressed a circular to his brother War, Bro. Laumer audiessed a circular to his brother Masons, to which they have handsomely responded. When it was seen that the funds would allow of it, it was determined to have a special gold medal for Mrs. Metham, who have her husband's right hand in all his word, who has been her husband's right hand in all his work during all these years of jubilee, and it was thus that the Committee wished in some belitting manner to associate her

mittee wished in some penting manner to associate her name with the celebration.

The Earl of ST. LEVAN, who presided, spoke well of the meritorious services of Bro. METHAM, who, in his reply, mentioned some most interesting circumstances, showing how the work that the institution had done came the behavior of the public. home to the benevolent emotions of the public

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The jubilee has now passed, but it will live in the memories of many of those who were present on the 24th ult., and, above all, we trust that it will be a red-letter day for years to come in the minds of the chief recipients—Bro. and Mrs. Metham.—Western Daily Mercury.

A MASONIC LODGE HELD "AL FRESCO."

Bro. H. D. Cole, P.P.G. Sec. Isle of Wight, writes to the *Hampshire Independent* as follows:
"In 1849 an interesting event occurred in the annals of Freemasonry, and as I am nearly the only surviving brother who was present, it will be of interest to the Craft to record who was present, it will be of interest to the Craft to record
what I can remember of perhaps an unique occurrence
which took place now 40 years ago. At a meeting of the
members of the Albany Lodge, then No. 176, now 151,
held at Newport, Isle of Wight, it was resolved to hold a
Lodge of Recreation at Freshwater-gate, to have a substantial tea at the hotel there, which was kept by a brother
Meson and to transact any hydroges that may be brought Mason, and to transact any business that may be brought forward; and it was also resolved that each member of the lodge be at liberty to invite any brother or brothers to meet the lodge there by paying the proper share of their refreshment; but none but brother Masons be allowed to join the party at any period of the day. The lodge was accordingly

adjourned for the purpose.
"On the appointed day a large number of the brethren drove over to Freshwater, and happily it was a lovely fine day. When all had arrived, including several officers from Parkhurst Barracks and brethren from different parts of the island, an adjournment was made to the neighbouring Down, where a spot was selected in a chalk pit, well adapted for the purpose; and, as we had brought our adapted for the purpose; and, as we had brought our necessary furniture and paraphernalia, not forgetting our lodge warrant, &c., with us, we quickly formed the semblance of a proper working lodge, adopting the manners and custom of our ancient brethren, who held their meetings 'on high hills and low valleys,' when they had no regularly built lodges. I may remark, en passant, that I was initiated in a private house belonging to a Bro. Williams, in Pyle-street, Newport, in the presence of two D.P.G.M.'s, as the present Masonic Hall was not then built. Before opening the lodge in ancient form, four bre-thren were selected to act as Outer Guards to prevent the approach of intruders into Masonry, and, most fortunately,

it was necessary to ask only one person to kindly walk on one side, and which he most willingly did.

"The lodge was opened in form, being 'strictly closed, guarded, and watched,' and to make the occurrence more interesting, a candidate living in the neighbourhood had previously applied to be admitted into the Fraternity, and, being dilly appropriate form. being duly approved of, he was initiated in ancient form. Lectures were given to some F.C men, and when all other business was transacted, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment at the hotel, where the substantial tea alluded to was partaken of, consisting of chicken and ham, and other cold meats, with lobsters and prawns ad libitum, at a cost of two shillings to each, and after being thoroughly enjoyed, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. As far as my recollection goes, I think there were about 40 brethren present; and, as everything passed off with such unbounded pleasure, it formed an agreeable topic of conversation for many years afterwards. I was Secretary of the lodge at the time, and perhaps this circumstance has impressed the event more strongly on my memory. In conclusion, may I suggest that this narrative may prove of interest to those members of lodges who would wish to arrange a summer 'outing;' and I am sure many brethren, like myself, who are past active work, would gladly join for the day, if invited. It would be necessary, however, to obtain the P.G. Master's dispensation, authorising the removal of the lodge to the place appointed. Many of our brethren are owners of parks and houses with private grounds, who would, I should imagine, gladly allow the holding of such a lodge; and may I be there to see.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT MONKWEARMOUTH.

"H. J."

On Monday afternoon, the 20th ult., the dedication of the new lodge building of the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, took place at Monkn the ceremony was performed by Prov. G.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., assisted by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G. the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G. Chap. England, and the officers of Prov. G. Lodge. There was a large attendance of brethren. The officers acting at the dedication were, in addition to the above: Bros. H. I. Turnbull, acting P.S.G.W.; J. Potts, P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. Randall and Rev. J. Haworth, P.G.Chaps.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. Stonehouse, P.G. Treas.; W. Logan, P.P.G. Reg., P.G.D.C.; D. P. Huntley, P.S.G.D.; W. Mayson, P.I.G.D.; R. Singleton, P.J.G.D.; Charles Spencer, P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G.S.; T. Hardy, P.G.P.; and T. Potter, P.G. Tyler. Among other Prov. Officers were Bros. R. Patison, P.A.G.S.; T. Hardy, P.G.P.; and T. Potter, P.G. Tyler. Among other Prov. Officers were Bros. R. Shadforth, P.P.S.C.D.; M. Douglass, P.P.G.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.G.D.; J. G. Kirtley, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Liddell, P.P.S.G.D.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; A. Gray, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. W. Halinight, P.P.G.P.; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.S.B.; C. S. Lane, P.P.J.G.D.; Robert Kinmond, P.P.G.P.; Thos. C. Jepps, P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D.; H. G. Jepps, P.P.G.D. Middx.; E. J. Gibbon, P.P.G.O.; H. D. G. Stwds.; and among Masters of lodges and others Bros. G. W. Bain, W.M. 949; E. Milburn, W.M. 2019; J. Hudson, W.M. 80; J. G. Marshall, W.M. 97; J. W.

H. Swan, W.M. 94; J. R. Smart, P.M. 94; G. Wanless, P.M. 94; C. F. Sutcliffe, W.M. 240; G. B. Hall, P.M. 949; J. Deans, P.M. 2039; J. R. Cutter, S.W. 97; R. A. Brown, S.W. 2039; G. Craven, S.W. 94; R. Todd, S.W. 80; and W. E. Moffatt, S.W. 240.

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The brethren assembled at three o'clock at the new hall, and the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. G. W. Bain. A procession of the Prov. Grand Officers and Past Masters, with the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. at the head, were received by the brethren standing.

After the usual formalities, Bro. R. HUDSON, the P.G. Sec., on behalf of the lodge, requested the P.G.M. to dedicate the lodge room for Masonic purposes.

The P.G.M., Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., expressed the pleasure it gave him to perform the ceremony, especially considering the name which the lodge bore.

especially considering the name which the lodge bore. The solemn ceremony customary to the dedication of similar Masonic premises then took place. The prayers were said by the Chaplains, and the anthems and sanctus were sung by a choir, under the direction of Bro. McCallum, D.C., Org. 949, assisted by Bro. E. J. Gibbon, P.P.G.O. Northumberland. Afterwards, Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., the D.P.G.M., who responded to the call of the P.G.M., delivered a most elegatent address to the brethren. The exection of a lodge

eloquent address to the brethren. The erection of a lodge at Monkwearmouth, he said, was a Masonic duty which had only been too long delayed. When they remembered that Monkwearmouth had an ecclesiastical and architectural history, by the side of which such modern creations as Sunderland and Bishopwearmouth were mushrooms; that Monkwearmouth Church was one of the oldest edifices in the kingdom, and that Benedict Biscop had been its pre-siding genius; that Benedict Biscop and others were not only scholars but men of the world, and held the secrets of architecture and science, as far as they were then known, in their hands, he could not but feel that Benedict Biscop knew very well, and valued the secrets of Freemasonry as acquired by him. He (Canon Tristram) felt it was peculiarly appropriate that Monkwearmouth, the mother of ecclesiastical architecture, the first recipient of the Oriental arts and sciences in the west of Europe, should at last have offered a permanent home to that masonry which was part and parcel of all Oriental and mediæval civilisation, and the best wish he could offer to the Freemasons of Monkwearmouth was that their lodge, and its material representation of it, might be represented in that true and massive form as long as the representative of Christianity had stood in their midst in the church now nearly 1250 years old. In the course of an eloquent address, he proceeded to say there was a far higher revelation of Masonry in the subsequent revelation of Christianity that did not do away with the advantages and blessings of Masonry, because Masonry, springing from the idea impressed alike upon Solomon and upon his Phoenician allies, of the spirituality and simplicity of Divine worship, bound all men together; and, therefore, Masonry was in itself the very foundation and at the bottom of all monarchical and democratic constitutions. It was impossible to have a true monarchy or a true democracy unless they were founded upon the very principles upon which Masonry existed and was built—"Order and liberty, founded on subordination to authority."He congratulated their P.G.M. and the brethren of Monkwearmouth upon the erection of their new hall.

The P.G.M. asked to be allowed, in their name, to thank

Canon Tristram for his eloquent address. They congratulated him upon his return, in restored health, to this country, and he (the P.G.M.) congratulated the lodge upon the successful ceremony that had taken place. He remembered that he was the first W.M. of the lodge upon its foundation in 1863, and he was very pleased to see some of the original members present that day, viz., Bros.

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After the dedication of the new hall, the ordinary business of the lodge preceded, the W.M., Bro. G. W. Bain, in the chair. Bro. Bain was also re-installed as W.M. by Bros. G. Porteous, P.P.G.O., and W. Liddell, P.P.G.D. Bro. Bain invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Maddison, P.M., P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; Remigius Blake, S.W.; L. R. Davies, J.W.; J. G. Kirtley, P.P.G.D., Treas.; A. Logan, Sec.; J. S. Chatt, S.D.; T. Hunter, J.D.; G. Porteous, P.M., D.C.; J. McCallum, Org.; L. R. Simpson, I.G.; Brady Swain, Tyler; and R. Cook and J. Turner, Stwds. The lodge business afterwards terminated.

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In the evening the festival of the lodge was held at the Oueen's Hotel, Fawcett-street, the W.M., Bro. Geo. Washington Bain, presiding. There was a large company present.

THE POET BURNS.

It was not my intention to add anything to my last contribution to this controversy, but, as Bro. Officer states that he presumes "all has been said on it by both sides that can be said," I must record that I have a very different opinion. At the same time, I do not think it necessary to enter

further into any lengthy details.

Amongst my worthy brother's well-established "conteme and circumstances ference to Allan Cunningham's remark in his life of Burns, when speaking of the relics of that once numerous bodythe Jacobites—the leading members of whom had, in 1787, made their rendezvous in Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. Cunningham says "the Poet was received with acclamation and the dignity of LAUREATE was conferred upon him." Probably there are other references of a similar nature, and I may state that when Bro. Anthony O'Neal Hay held the office in 1863, he began the introduction to his volume of "Songs and Ballads" by stating that "the Laureste ship of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge was instituted to do honour to Robert Burns," &c.

Bro. Officer says that Bro. Marshall "adroitly suppressed" statements in his "Winter with Robert Burns," and therefore it is hardly fair for him to quote so copiously from that work to assist in attacking my chapter on Burns, which is based on the lodge minutes. One more remark—and it is a repetition of the fact as stated in my history of the lodge—that when the picture of the Inauguration was being painted by Bro. Stewart Watson—a painting equally being painted by Bro. Stewart Watson—a painting equally entitled to our respect for truthfulness as, say, that of "The Finding of Moses," by Schopin—there was alive at the time—1845—at least one member of the lodge (William Petrie) who bore oral testimony to the fact of the Inauguration as

Before closing, and in connection with the whole subject, I think it may be of interest to many of the brethren to record here some of the particulars relating to the grave and mausoleum so frequently alluded to in the course of

this correspondence.

The spot in St. Michael's Churchyard, Dumfries, where all that was mortal of the bard was deposited on Monday, the 25th day of July, 1796, had been selected by himself in the north-east corner of the cemetery. In one of his published letters we find him using this proud language:

"When I am laid in my grave I wish to be attached." published letters we find him using this proud language: "When I am laid in my grave, I wish to be stretched at my full length, that I may occupy every inch of ground that I have a right to." The bard's countrymen in their generation are not unlike the rest of the human family that are said to "build up tombs of those prophets whom their fathers had persecuted to death." In process of time, they conceived that Burns was entitled to occupy a much larger space of ground than he had humbly claimed as his own. Accordingly, in 1815, they erected the present mausoleum upon a site in the south-east portion of the same burial ground, the change of position being requisite, because the poet's own corner was too contracted to hold so bulky a structure. At the solemn hour when night and so bulky a structure. At the solemn hour when night and morning meet, the remains of the bard and his two boys (Maxwell Burns, a posthumous child, who lived two years and nine months, and francis Wallace Bruce, who died in 1803, aged 14) were carefully disinterred, and placed in the magnificent habitation thus prepared for their reception. A ponderous Latin inscription was composed, with the view of telling visitors that "Hoc Mausoleum" was built "in eternum honorem Roberti Burns, Poetarum Caledoniæ;" but, by the rarest good fortune, it was never put up.
A. MACKENZIE,

Edinburgh, 18th May.

THE LATE BRO. COL. W. A. ADAIR.

The Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33°, of which the late Bro. Col. Adair was a member, has

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"Dear Sir and Brother,

"The Supreme Council, 33°, have to announce, with very deep sorrow, the death of their friend and colleague, Brigadier-General Alexander William Adair, who departed this life on Thursday, the 16th instant, at Bath.

"Bro. Adair was a distinguished member of the Masonic body, being Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for Somersetshire, and a Past Provincial Grand Master for the same county. He was also a Past Great Constable of the Temple, and a Past Grand Warden in the Mark Degree.

"He was for many years an active and enthusiastic member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and served on

the Supreme Council from the year 1868.
"By his death the Order has lost a most useful member

and a true [friend.

"As a tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, the Supreme Council request the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite within this jurisdiction to appear Ancient and ...
in mourning when sitting in chapter
from the date of his decease.
"I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
"Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°,
"Grand Secretary General.

"33, Golden-square, London, W.,
"27th May, 1889."

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1572, AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The following circular has been issued by the above

The following circular has been issued by the above lodge; reference to it is made in our leader columns:—

"28, Warwick Lane,

"Paternoster Row, London, E.C.,

"May 21st, 1889.

"At a meeting of subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School from the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, held on May 20th, 1889, it was resolved—

(1.) That the action of the W.M., appointed as Steward for the Boys' School, in withdrawing from his Stewardship, be confirmed.

(2.) That under present circumstances of the School no

(2.) That under present circumstances of the School no subscriptions be paid to it.

(3.) That this meeting tenders its most grateful thanks to the Committee of Investigation for its report, and hopes all the reforms named by it may be carried into effect.

(4.) This meeting considers that the confidence of sub-scribers in the Institution can only be secured by the resignation of the House and Audit Committee, and the removal of all the officials implicated in the report.

(5.) That the subscriptions received shall be paid into the Benevolent Fund of the Carnarvon Lodge, 1572, and there remain at the disposal of the subscribers.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, and to each subscribing member of the Carnarvon Lodge,

"JOHN PAIGE, W.M. 1572, "Sec. Savage Club Lodge, 2190."

FIT FOR FREEMASONRY.

The following letter has been addressed to the Editor of the Natal Mercury:

"Ladismith, March 30. "Sir,—I was much surprised upon reading a report of affairs Masonic in your paper this week to observe the ruling of D.G.M. Finnemore respecting the incapacity of a one-armed (left) man. These questions are best left for discussion elsewhere than in a public newspaper; but since this ruling has been by authority (as neccessarily it must have been) published in your columns, allow me to one who by misfortune or the 'act of God' has lost a limb, is debarred from the privilege which, I understood, was open to every free, honest, and upright man. Though I have never joined, or even visited, any Natal lodge, I would, in the interests of the Craft in Natal, suggest that the ruling be referred to a higher Masonic tribunal for decision, rather than that long-cherished tenets and beliefs

should be in this quarter of the globe thus scattered to the four winds, as would be the case if that ruling is accepted

as final.

"Above all things I deprecate its publication in the man ner it has been, and that I do this from no personal motive, but from a simple desire to uphold the old pillars, I am willing that you should give my name to the D.G.M. if he or any of his known officers should ask for it.-

"M.M. 1609, ENGLAND."

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. CAPT. MURRELL, OF THE SS. MISSOURI.

An emergency meeting of the United Northern Counties Lodge was summoned for Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, at the inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. J. Wood, who briefly

stated the object for which the lodge had been called.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P.M., then formally introduced Bro. Capt. Murrell to the W.M., who, in the name of the lodge, expressed the pleasure and honour it afforded them to receive a visit from one who had rendered such distinguished services to his fellow creatures. It was also a double pleasure to them that they could also claim him as a brother; and the following address, which had been signed by all present, was then read by the Secretary:

"London, 23rd May, 1889.

"To Bro. Hamilton Murrell, Captain Steamship Missouri,
Atlantic Transport Company.

"Dear Brother, "We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, welcome you in our lodge, and offer you our most fraternal and hearty congratulations for your distinguished bravery as well as that of your gallant crew—in rescuing, in mid-Atlantic, on the 5th April, 1889, during a heavy gale, the passangers and crew, numbering 735 persons, of the dis-abled steamer Danmark, and we ask you to accept from us a small gold Masonic jewel as a memento of that event.

"On the obverse of the jewel are the arms of our lodge (the seal of Prince Edwin of York, Grand Master 926), surmounted by the Prince of Wales' feathers, and on the reverse the inscription:

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Bro. Hamilton Murrell, Captain ss. Missouri, by the
Brethten of the United Northern Counties Lodge,
No. 2128, of A.F. and A.M., for his distinguished
bravery in Mid-Atlantic, 5th April, 1889.

'G. J. WOOD, W.M.

'London, 23rd May, 1889.'
"We hope you will consider this trifling gift, not for its intrinsic value, but as an expression of admiration of

we intrinsic value, but as an expression of admiration of your gallant conduct as a man, a seaman, and a Mason.

"We are, dear Brother,

"Yours fathfully and fraternally,

"G. B. Davis, S.D.

W. Masters, I.P.M.
W. H. Bullock, S.W.
J. M. Peake, J.W.
E. Carr, Treasurer.
S. B. Bolas, Secretary.

"G. B. Davis, S.D.
Frank Wright, J.D.
J. S. Cumberland, D.C.
W. G. Stott, Organist.
C. R. Lee, I.G.
H. I. Giller, Steward

E. Carr, Treasurer.
S. B. Bolas, Secretary.
H. J. Giller, Steward.
"J. Lockett, Assist. Steward.
"Bast Masters Smithson, G. Ralliffe.
"Members and Visitors—
"J. Terry, J. Kershaw, R. Davison, W. W. Morgan,
H. S. Batting, William Lake, E. C. R. Oxley, W.
J. Brown, Fred. Maddison, A. W. Chapman, Henry
Smith, D.P.G.M. W. Yorks; E. St. Clair, John Dixon,
W. H. Grimshaw, Thos. Owen, Henry Johnson, S. Jennings, J. E. Terry, H. Bertram, &c., &c."
Bro. Capt. Murrell briefly replied, heartily thanking the brethren tor the warm reception they had given him, and reserving a fuller reply till later on in the evening.
Several letters were read from members and others,

Several letters were read from members and others, regretting their inability to be present, and all expressing their admiration of the gallant services that had been rendered by Capt. Murrell.

It was hoped that some distinguished brother connected

with the Navy would have been present to make the presentation, but, unfortunately, the notice was too short. Amongst the letters referred to, the following from Bro. Lord Charles Beresford will be read with interest:

"May 23rd, 1889,
"100, Eaton-square, S.W.

"Dear Sir,
"I am extremely sorry that I shall not be able to attend the meeting this evening convened in order to make a presentation to Capt. Murrell.
"I am the more sorry as I should have esteemed it a

"I am the more sorry as I should have esteemed it a great honour to have made the acquaintance of one who has shown in the most brilliant manner that readiness of resource and independence of action which are the highest and most splendid characteristics of our British seamen.

"Pray make my compliments to Capt. Murrell, and say how happy I should have been had my engagements allowed me to be present to night to do him honour. - Yours faithfully,

"CHARLES BERESFORD." After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to dinner under the presidency of the W.M., who, after the loyal and other toasts had been proposed, introduced in an able speech the toast of the evening—"The Health of Bro. Capt. Hamilton Murrell." (Signed)

Bro. Capt. HAMILTON MURRELL, in responding, said that he thought the best way he could thank the members of No. 2128 for their kindness was to give them the true sorts of tales had been circulated, and it was not wise to believe all that appeared in the newspapers. After stating the length of time they stood by the Danmark, also in towing her and casting her off, he said that the s.s. Missouri was a cargo boat with a crew of 41, and he was only provisioned for six weeks; he had been at sea two weeks, and to take on board 735 additional people was a serious matter, so he stipulated with the Danmark captain weeks, and to take on board 735 additional people was a serious matter, so he stipulated with the Danmark captain that each boat should bring some provisions with it. The first boat brought 22 babies all under 11 months old; there were no women with them, so he had them placed on the floor of his cabin until their mothers arrived to select their less than the locks, and forthwith orders Tempest out of his cabin until their mothers arrived to select their less thousand of the locks and forthwith orders Tempest makes a declaration of love in a room in which Sir John is supposed to be asleep, but he is more wide awake than he looks, and forthwith orders Tempest out of his house at once. The Captain contrives to send a note, unaddressed, to Lady Molyneux, asking her to fly with him, and to meet him that night on the

children from the bulk, and they were hauled on board in coal baskets; then the women were brought over, and afterwards the men and crew of the Danmark; nine boats were employed in bringing the passengers from one ship to the other, without a single mishap, and a high sea running. Capt. Murrell then sailed for the Azores, and the morning that he arrived there the last of the provisions were eaten at 8.30 a.m., and he cast his anchor at St. Michael's at 9.30, which was rather a close fit. After arrangements had been made for the accommodation of the passengers ashore, he sailed to Philadelphia, and when 100 miles from shore a reporter of the New York Herald came on board from a tug, threw his arms round Capt. Murrell, saying "that he was the most talked of man in America, and everyone was turned upside down about him." On the quay he was met by a great demonstration and all the notables in the town, and seven (!) brass bands. Capt. Murrell then referred to the many honours and kindnesses he had received at the hands of the Americans of all classes. He paid a high compliment to his officers and crew for the gallant way they supported him, and to the officers and crew of the Danmark.

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Other toasts were then proposed, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. E. St. CLAIR, W.M. of La France Lodge, who, after returning thanks, in a general way alluded to the fact that on the previous Monday at La France Lodge they happened to learn that Capt. Murrell was a Mason, and, being anxious to testify their admiration for their English brother's noble conduct, made a collection to be added to the testimonial raised at the Massion House

Bro. Murrell appeared much pleased with this token of fraternal regard from his French brethren, and offered Bro. St. Clair his photograph for the lodge album.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Frank Richardson, A. E. Gladwell, E. H. Finney, H. F. Nash, E. J. Anning, H. Massey, Alfred C. Spaull, Peter de L. Long, Ralph Clutton, Robert Berridge, C. H. Webb, Edward Terry (G. Treasurer), E. M. Money, J. J. Caney, Wm. Morley, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

The CHALBNAN reported that a Special Court had been

The CHAIRMAN reported that a Special Court had been held that day, at which the resolution to accept the tender of £31,000 for the enlargement of the buildings at Battersea-rise come to at a Special Court of the Subscribers held on the 16th May was confirmed.

The salary of one of the governesses was, on the recommendation of the House Committee, raised from £40 to £50 a year—moved by Bro. P. DE L. LONG, seconded by Bro. R. CLUTTON.

A legacy of £5 to the Institution was reported by the CHAIRMAN.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for certain liabilities of the Institution, consisting of wages

Two petitions for candidates to be placed on the list of girls for election into the School being before the brethren, on the motion of Bro. W. MORLEY, they were referred to a Committee of four brethren for examination, to be reported to the next meeting, with any other petitions coming in before the June meeting—the Committee to consist of Bros. Morley, A. C. Spaull, Money, and Nash.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the pro-

ceedings.

SPECIAL COURT.

A Special Court of Governors and Subscribers to this A Special Court of Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Charles Hammerton in the chair. There were also present Bros. Alfred C. Spaull, Ralph Clutton, J. H. Matthews, Frank Richardson, Peter de L. Long, C. H. Webb, Willoughby Masters, Edward Terry, Grand Treas, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

The meeting was called for the purpose of confirming a resolution come to at a meeting a forthight ago authorising

resolution come to at a meeting a fortnight ago authorising the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £31,000 on the enlargement and alteration of the School buildings at St. John's Hill, Battersea-rise.

The resolution was duly confirmed, and the business of the day closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE PROVINCE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

We have been requested to state that the total of the subscriptions by the Province of Staffordshire to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the Anniversary Festival on the 27th February last, amounted, not to £21 as stated at the time, and also in our analysis of the Returns at the recent Girls' School Festival on the 22nd ult., but to £210, the sum of £21 representing only the personal donations of the two Stewards. The complete list was not made up and forwarded to the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution till nearly two months after the Festival, and about a month after the report of the Festival had been revised and issued in pamphlet form. We regret the error, but it will be seen that it is one for which neither the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution nor this journal is responsible.

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MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

On Thursday, the 16th ult., the celebration of the ninety-seventh anniversary of the establishment of this praiseworthy Institution, situate in the Merrion-road, was held in the Leinster Hall, Dublin, when the Duchess of Abercorn was present and distributed the prizes. The following were the successful Ulster scholars:

Jessie Butler, Belfast (instrumental music, scale-playing, housekeeping); Kathleen Butler, Belfast (calisthenics, fancy work, and good conduct).

Special Prizes—Edith Barnard, Larne (general merit); Caroline Hazlett, Lurgan (French); Sarah Cumings, Tandragee (Scripture); Gertrude Kilpatrick, Portadown (instrumental music and domestic duties); Emily Brosle, Armagh (Nagle Prize, French, drawing, Scripture, machine work, and vocal music); Mary Stewart, Ramelton (Florentine Prize); Mary Fisher, Holywood (Flennell Prize, 1889—best in school—first Astley Prize for English; drawing, French, first art medal, Scripture second, scale-playing, needlework, and shorthand).

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SAMUEL SMITHER, W.M. 193.

A few brethren met at Bro. Snellgrove's, Curtain-road, E.C., on Wednesday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of presenting a suitable testimonial to Bro. Samuel Smither, ex-churchwarden of St. Leonard and Shoreditch, and W.M. of the Confidence Lodge, 193. After a sumptuous

repast, and the usual loyal toasts,
Bro. GEORGE EDWARDS said: Bro. ex-Churchwarden S, Smither,—It affords me much pleasure in handing you this splendid gold watch and and chain, together with this handsome illluminated testimonial, as a token of the spect for the efficient manner in which you carried out the duties of churchwarden of this parish in the years 1887, 1888, and 1889. May you live long to wear it.

Bro. S. SMITHER briefly responded. With one exception, all present were members of the

The watch is a gold keyless demi-hunter, and is of 18 carat gold, as also is the chain.



We think ours was the only paper which gave a favourable notice of "Wealth," at the Haymarket. It is only fair to say that we did not see Mr. Jones's play on the first production; therefore, possibly, we saw it under altered and better circumstances. We are glad to say that the business is now so good that Bro. Tree will not produce a new play. Before the theatre closes for the hot weather Bro. Tree may repeat for a few nights several of his popular pieces. nights several of his popular pieces.

* * * The Gaiety being occupied, according to long tanding arrangement, with French plays, "Faust up to Date," which had not by any means worn itself out, has been transferred to the Grand, Islington, which will give the "dwellers in northern latitudes" a good opportunity of spending a pleasant evening with Miss Florence St. John, Miss Violet Cameron, Bros. E. J. Lonnen, George Stone, and H. Parker. At the end of the fortnight, Mr. Wilson Barrett goes there for two weeks, and we are sure that Mr. Freeman will find plenty to do to seat all the patrons who will flock to see this popular actor and his excellent company.

The Alhambra is very rich in attractions just now, for, besides the beautiful ballets, "Irene" and "The Army and Navy," which everyone ought to see—especially the latter—Bro. Herbert Campbell, the clever Schaaster troupe, and that funny man, Mr. Cole, the ventriloquis, and Miss Minnie Mario are there. The building is beautifully cool, and the directors cater well for the public, who recognicate by large attendances reciprocate by large attendances.

* * * We have frequently said of Mr. Sydney Grundy as a playwriter that he writes over the heads of the ordinary theatre goer. He is like a man of science or an advanced politician who is ahead of the times. Mr. Grundy has usually in his writings satirised some topic of the day, and usually in his writings satirised some topic of the day, and made the thing ridiculous which men and women are worshipping. But in "A White Lie," which he wrote for Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, and played by them in Nottingham and now at the Court Theatre, Sloane-square, Mr. Grundy has dropped his cynicism—unless there be a slight satire on the favourite method of playwriting—and become commonplace. Though intensely interesting as a play, and perfectly acted, still it has defects, and to enjoy it thoroughly one must forget these and believe in Mr. Grundy's theory, that a wife may, should, and would bring suspicion on her purity in order to shield her brother's wife from what is after all a foolish flirtation, and not a sinwife from what is after all a foolish flirtation, and not a sin. Such a sacrifice is not demanded of any woman. We are not going to argue with the author whether there may be circumstances in which one may do evil that good may come, but we do say that Mrs. Desmond has no right to bring dishonour upon herself and her husband, in order that Lady Molyneux, her sister-in-law, may go free. Sir John Molyneux, an easy-going man, marries a flighty sort of girl Miss Desmond. He lets her go her flighty sort of girl, Miss Desmond. He lets her go her way, while he goes his, which, do do him justice, is a very innocent one. But surely a man has duties to perform when he weds to look after the happiness and comfort of his wife, and associate as much as possible with her. Small wonder if he neglects his duties, that a young wife will recent this and reals a sociate as much as possible with her. Small wonder if he neglects his duties, that a young wife will recent this and reals a sociate as much as possible with her. resent this, and make a strong acquaintance with some other man, though she may mean no harm. This is Lady Molyneux's case. On their travels they meet a Captain Tempest, who pays much attention to my lady, and which Sir John appears not to mind. Captain Tempest stays at Sir John's seat for several weeks. In the house is Mts. Desmond, who is married to Lady Molyneux's brother. She sees the danger which is going on, and having been engaged to Captain Tempest ten years ago, knows that he is a man to be despised. She warns Sir John, but he pretends to be heedless, and can trust his wife. She speaks to Lady Molyneux, and is told to mind her own business. Tempest makes a declaration of Ladia have a commin which Tempest makes a declaration of love in a room in which

This falls into the husband's hands, and when he lawn. This rank the control in angular strains, and when he charges his wife with infidelity, Mrs. Desmond comes forcharges and, in order to save the wreck of their lives, claims the letter as being written to her. George Desmond arrives the letter as being written to ner. George Desmond arrives on the scene, and, being of a jealous temperament, and having, after several years of married life, only found out that his wife was engaged or even knew Captain Tempest, that his wife was engaged or even knew Captain Tempest, the 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 false-bod. Bro. Kendal is throughout admirable as the unsurhood. Bro. Kendal is throughout admirable as the unsushood. Dro. Actual is throughout admirable as the unsuspicious husband. Mr. Arthur Dacre plays the disagreeable picious nusuand. Mr. Atomir Datre plays the disagreeable part of the lover with every satisfaction. Mr. Glendinning, as Desmond, is not impressive, and his provincial accent is disagreeable. Miss Olgna Brandon is the Lady Molyneux, disagreable. Mis Olgna 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 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 comedictta, 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. impossible for several weeks.

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 re-turns 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 through out 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.

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 with Court Chalamageth had and ordered himself to Onions, while Cyril Charlesworth had endeared himself to many brethren not only in Oxford but also in London and he 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 Clarks and Albert Life the second of these whose loss Brancker in 1831, John Henry Unions in 1075, 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 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 pass their examinations. His friends thought the seeds of brain disease were sown, to which he at length succumbed. For some 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 to a few favoured men whose studies he superintended to a few favoured men whose studies he superintended to a few favoured men whose studies have distractions tended 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 and the work most conscholars 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 for use on either day.

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 bis 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 part of the funeral service took place in the Cathedra of 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 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 Com-memoration. He died on the 21st ult., and was buried at

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 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 presnt 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 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 Northboroughire magistracy were largely represented. 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, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, 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 Sth 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 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 instead. On Bank Holiday Excursions will be run to Reading, Bath, Deletal Oxford Leamington, Birmingham, Wolver-Windsor who are usually conveyed by the 6.20 p.m. train Bristol, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolver-hampton, and other stations. They have made arrangehampton, 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 instant, when passengers can obtain tickets at any time

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 on do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the con-venience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western system and its 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.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, Black-friars-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 connections can be obtained at any time-Sundays and 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 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 Kendal, and Windermere; 4.25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham. Special express trains will leave Birming-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 Lordon and Wolverhampton Leapington Coventry. from London and Wolverhampton, Learnington, 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 S.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 FAUNT-LEROY; 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, COMEDISTTA; 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. Jarramie'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'

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.



A Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday next, the 6th inst, at the hour of noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the discipline, management, and expenditure of the School, which was presented by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, to the Quarterly General Court on the 26th of April last.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at 4 p.m., when doubtless there will be a large attendance, as it is the meeting appointed for the Election of the House and Audit Committees.

We regret to hear that Bro. W. Burdett Coutts M.P., has been suffering from an attack of an intermittent fever, and, under medical advice, has given up all his engagements during the present week.

The Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple have placed their gardens at the disposal of the Royal Horticultural Society for the purpose of a flower show which was to be opened at the close of the term, on the 30th ult., and continued to-morrow (Friday).

At the drawing room on Wednesday last Mrs. Pigott, wife of Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C., was presented by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Miss Elsé G. Turtle Pigott by her mother.

The Keystone of the 18th ult. has the following: "Gould's 'History of Freemasonry,' which has been so fully endorsed by the Keystone and by Past Grand Masters Bros. Hon. Richard Vaux and Michael Nisbet in our columns, has met with the favour of the brethren wherever it has been introduced. Bro. Frank C. Scrivener presents it to the brethren upon whom he calls in its true light, as the fullest, fairest, and best of all Masonic histories, and as an exceeding handsome work for either the book table or the library."

An adjourned inquest was held at the Sessions House, Westminster, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., on the body of Bro. Edward Lintott, aged 36, formerly of the Rothesay Lodge, who succumbed to the injuries received on the 29th April, by being run over in Whitehall by one of the Tramcar Company's one-horse omnibuses. Bro. Forest Fulton, M.P., instructed by Bro. F. Hatton, solicitor, represented the family of the deceased, and Mr. Julius O. Jacob the Tram Company. The evidence was of the usual conflicting kind. The verdict was returned "Accidental death," and no blame attached to the driver. Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M., was present at the inquiry for some Masonic friends.

Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson, 33°, Past Grand Deacon, has been appointed to the seat in the Supreme Council rendered vacant by the decease of Brigadier-General Adair, while Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. G. F. H. Haldane and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., of the 32°, have been selected for advancement to the 33°.

A ball was given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sassoon, of Albert-gate, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday evening, in honour of the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were present with Prince Albert Victor, the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, Prince George of Greece, and Prince Charles of Denmark.

GOULD TESTIMONIAL.—The following brethren have recently joined the Committee: Bros. Jacob R. Telfair, 33°, New York; R.T. Pigott, D.C. L., P. A.G. D.C.; E. W. Batt, P. M. 162; Col. Sir W. Norman Pringle, Bart., S.W. 92; Harold Carter, P. M. 72; Henry Irving, 197; Reed Taylor, C. W. Radway, P.P.S. G. W. Somerset, and Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., S.G.D. The Jordan Lodge, 1402, has voted £1 is.; the Victoria Lodge, Burma, 332, £5 58; and the Unity Lodge, Knysna, South Africa, 2181, £2 28.

A new Mark lodge is to be consecrated at Swindon on the 7th inst., to be called the Swindon Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 401. Bro. John Chandler is the W.M. designate, and the consecration ceremony will be performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.

The annual meeting of the Imperial Federation League was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on the 23rd ult., under the presidency of the Earl of Rosebery. Among those present were Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Brassey, H. W. Lawson, M.P., and Lord Charles Beresford, M.P. The report for the past year was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor of England, presided at the annual festival dinner, held at the Hôtel Métropole, on the 23rd ult., in aid of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen-square, Bloomsbury. The subscriptions in the course of the evening amounted to £2400.

We regret to hear that the health of Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, has been by no means completely restored by his lordship's recent trip up the Nile, his medical advisers having ordered him to seek further rest. His lordship has accordingly repaired to his seat of Underley Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, and will not resume his Parliamentary duties till after Whitsuntide.

The Queen completed her 70th year on Friday, the 24th ult., and at Windsor the event was celebrated in the usual way, while, in addition, the ceremony of trooping the colour at the Castle was witnessed for the first time for many years by her Majesty in person.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine, who is travelling on business connected with the Imperial Institute, arrived at Wellington, New Zealand, from Tasmania, on Saturday last, and reports that the Tasmanian Government concurs in all his proposals with reference to the Institute. This week he was to leave Wellington to address commercial meetings at Christchurch and Dunedin.

The meet of the Four-in-hand Club took place at the Magazine, Hyde Park, at one p.m., on Saturday last. Some 22 coaches were present, including those of Bros. Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Cheylesmore, and Lord Charles Beresford. A numerous and fashionable crowd assembled to witness the pageant.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., introduced an influential deputation from the Plumbers' Company to the President of the Local Government Board for the purpose of asking that qualified plumbers holding certificates from the Company should be preferentially recommended by the Board for employment by Boards of Guardians and other local authorities.

The Bal Poudré in aid of the Home of Rest for Horses was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening, and proved a great success. About 500 ladies and gentlemen were present, among whom were Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Airlie, Lady Randolph Churchill, Lady Brooke, the Earl and Countess of Yarborough, Lady Cardigan, Bro. and Mrs. Sandeman, and others.

The 33rd annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held at Wichita, on the 20th—22nd February last, the attendance of Grand Officers and representatives of private lodges being very numerous, Bro. George C. Kenyon was elected M.W.G.M., and Bro. John H. Brown elected Grand Secretary. Charters were granted to no less than 17 new lodges.

On Friday, the 24th ult., the Prince of Wales, accompanied by his sons, the Princes Albert Victor and George, visited the Medical Examination Hall, on the Victoria Embankment, and unveiled a statue of the Queen erected by the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in honour of her Majesty's Jubilee.

Bros. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., C. Hall, M. Shaw-Stewart, and W. G. Cavendish-Bentinck are among the members of the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire into and report upon the Department of Woods and Forests and Land Revenues of the Crown.

A recent number of the Canadian Craftsman records the death, on the 26th January last, of Bio. Richard Holmes, of Plum Hollow, Leeds, Ontario, who was 102 years of age, and was initiated into Freemasonry in 1813, being thus, according to our contemporary, "the oldest member of the Crait in North America." He was an honorary member of the Farmersville Lodge, and had occupied the farm on which he died since 1827. He was the father of 12 children, of whom 10 survive him.

We regret to hear of the sudden death on Monday, the 27th ult., of Bro. John Lee Dale, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933. The funeral will take place at Abney Park Cemetery to morrow (Saturday) at 1.30 p.m., when we dare say many members of the deceased brother's lodge will be present to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory.

Those of our readers who take an interest in accounts of travel will be much pleased with a series of articles which are appearing from time to time in the columns of the Western Morning News from the pen of Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P. The last we have seen appeared on the 23rd ult., in which his lordship describes Cape Town and the country round about in a very agreeable chatty style.

The presentation of the marble bust to the Right Hon, the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Whitehead, is postponed, the Prince of Wales having fixed the 1st of June, the day originally settled on, for Prince George to receive the freedom of the City.

The next annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex is, we believe, to be held at Teddington on Saturday, the 29th inst.

Bro. Samuel Smither, whose place of business is in Cross-street, Great Eastern-street, narrowly escaped being burned out in the fire which occurred on Friday morning last at Messis. Waterlow's paper stores next door. Although he has sustained considerable damage by water, the fire has not injured his machinery or stock.

Among those present in the Guildhall on Wednesday, when the freedom of the City was presented to the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava were Bros. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bros. Aldermen Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Davies, and Kenals, and Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk). At the banquet, which took place in the evening at the Mansion House, the guests included most of the above, as well as Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Earl of Abercorn, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Earl of Abercorn, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Earl of Chancellor of Ireland), the Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, M.P., Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Lord F. E. Hamilton, Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., sir E. J. Reed, M.P., Sir E. Hamiley, M.P., Sir E. Watkin, M.P., Sir E. Wood, and G. A. Sala.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland has accepted the post of Viceroy and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in succession to the Marquis of Londonderry, who has resigned the office after a tenure of three years.

The Daily Telegraph says: The mysterious death of Dr. Cronin, the Unicago physician, has suggested to a contemporary to disinter the story, some 60 years old, of a man named William Morgan, a Freemason, whose body was said to have been found floating on the Niagara river, and who was supposed to have been murdered in revenge for his having betrayed the secrets of the Cratt. A political party opposed to Masonry made much capital during a Presidential contest of the alleged assassination of Morgan. There is, however, another side to the story. It is stated that at the very height of the excitement Morgan himself turned up at the office of a New York newspaper and indignantly denied that he had been murdered. "You git," quoth the able editor; "you're quite dead Morgan enough for us till the election's over,"

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will be held under the presidency of Comp. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 6th July next.

Bro. William Trant has been commissioned by the Western Mail to write a series of articles entitled "A Journalist's Experiences in North-West Canada."

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of the members of the Royal Commission of the Great Exhibition of 1851, presented a service of plate to Sir Lyon Playfair, Secretary of the Commission, in recognition of his long and valuable services in that capacity. Prince Christian, and Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Earl Granville, Lord Herschell, Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., the Right Hon. D. Plunkett, Sir W. Hart-Dyke, and Sir F. Leighton were among those present at the ceremony.

By command of the Queen, a Drawing Room was held at Buckingham Palace by the Princess of Wales on Wednesday, the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, the Princesses of Wales, Prince George of Greece, and Prince Charles of Denmark were present.

Bro. the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, Prov. G. Chap, of East Lancashire, rector of Beswick, Manchester, has been appointed Honorary Secretary of the Christian Evidence Society (Manchester and district branch).

The ceremony of distributing the prizes to the London Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, which had been postponed in consequence of the death of Lord Archibald Campbell, will be performed to-morrow (Saturday) at the Guildhall by H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne.

By command of the Queen, a State Ball was given at Buckingham Palace on Monday evening. The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their sons and daughters, and attended by the Great Officers of State and the officers of the Royal Household, were present, as well as Prince George of Greece, Prince Charles of Denmark, the Ducness of Edinburgh, Prince and Princess Christian, and the Princess Frederica of Cumberland. Among those who received invitations and were present were the Duchesses of Abercorn, Athole, and St. Alban's, the Marchionesses of Breadaibane and Waterford, the Countesses of Lathom, Bective, Dunraven, Limerick, Cork, Londesborough, and others.

Lord Rothschild presided at the annual festival held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday in aid of the City of London Hospital, Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., being one of the principal guests. The subscriptions announced in the course of the evening amounted to £2413.

A State Concert will be held at Buckingham Palace this (Friday) evening, at which their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by the Great Officers of State and the Officers of the Royal Household, will preside.

Bro. Captain Hamilton Murrell, of the British s.s. Missouri, was present with his officers and crew in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Friday, the 24th uit., when Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, on behalf of a large number of merchants of the City of London, presented the gallant officer with a silver salver suitably inscribed, and a purse of £500, in recognition of his services in saving the 735 crew and passengers of the Danish emigrant ship Danmark in Mid-Atlantic, on the 6th April last, each of the officers and the steward receiving at the same time a gold watch and two months' pay, and each of the crew two months' pay.

Last week the City Corporation decided to contribute £5000, in five annual payments, towards the tund of £90,000 which Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead is endeavouring to raise for the complete equipment of the 31,000 Volunteers in the Metropolis.

Saturday last was the birthday of the Princess Christian, who was born on the 25th May, 1846, and thus completed her 43rd year. The Queen, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, paid a visit to Cumberland Lodge, in the course of the morning, for the purpose of congratulating her daughter on the event.

The toundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at West Bromwich, Staffordshire, on Tuesday last, by the Mayor, Bro. E. Heelis, W.M. of the Dartmouth Lodge, assisted by the P.G. Master, Bro. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D. Prior to the ceremony, a P.G. Lodge was opened in the Town Hall. Upwards of 140 brethren were present, and the proceedings passed off very successfully. We shall give a full report next week.

A meeting was held on Friday last at 33, Golden-square, when Sir Knight J. P. Fitzgerald succeeded Sir Knight Sir George Prescott, Bart., in the chair of the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory of Knights Templar, the installation ceremony being admirably performed by Sir Knight the Rev. J. Holden. The members of the preceptory afterwards banqueted at the Caté Royal.

To-morrow (Saturday) the freedom of the City of London will be conferred, in the Guildhall, on H.R.H. Prince George of Wales, second son of the Prince and Princess of Wales, while the Princess Christian will open the German Sailors' Home, 8, East India-road, Limehouse, at 3.30 p.m.

Her Majesty will visit Aldershot to-day (Friday) for the purpose of reviewing the troops stationed there under Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B. Orders have been issued that the various regiments shall parade at their full strength, and it is expected that about 17,000 men of all arms will take part in the inspection. The Commander-in-Chief, Bro. General Lord Wolesley and the other members of the head-quarters staff will be present, and also, it is believed, the Prince of Wales.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion,—How much thought has been bestowed, and what voluminous treatises have been written upon this universal and distressing disease, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse by a course of this purifying, soothing, and tonic medicine. It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels—then indirectly, though no less effectively, on the brain, nerves, vessels, and glands, introducing such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia need no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.—