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THOUGH there was a tolerably full programme of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday, there was nothing appointed to be done which was calculated to arouse any feeling of special interest or excitement, and the proceedings were carried out quietly and harmoniously, as usual. The Reports of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence were received, while the result of the various elections will be found in another column. A recommendation was read from M.W. the GRAND MASTER to the effect that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, having been established by and with the consent of 140 out of the 142 lodges in the Colony, should be recognised, and the recommendation having been acted upon immediately, it was further announced from the chair that his Royal Highness had been pleased to accept the office of Grand Patron of the newly-constituted Grand Lodge. We, therefore, congratulate our Victorian brethren on the admission of their United Grand Lodge into the congregation of lawful Grand Lodges, and express the hope that the career on which it has thus entered may be a long and prosperous one, and be the means of strengthening and extending still further the welfare of the whole Craft.

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THE Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys which was summoned to meet at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, at noon, for the purpose of considering the Report of the PHILBRICK Committee of Inquiry, and taking such steps as might be determined, was very numerously attended, very many of the most influential brethren in the Provinces and London being present, and among them R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BRACH, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, who was invited to preside as Chairman, and very ably and impartially fulfilled the duty with which he was entrusted. The proceedings, too, were conducted, if not altogether in a spirit of harmony, at all events, in a manner which reflects no discredit on that impartiality—that love of fair play—which is characteristic of Englishmen, and which, though it may be occasionally neutralised by a passing wave of anger, is sure, in the long run, to assert itself. There were, no doubt, some among those present who would like to have seen a clean sweep made of everything and everybody, and, indeed, such a proposition, as the Report we publish elsewhere will show, was made and seconded; but the Chairman made it clear to the meeting that he was desirous of affording to every one “a fair field and no favour,” and in the end, after a motion to the effect that the Report of the Committee of Inquiry be adopted had been carried without a dissentient voice, Bro. BEVIR, Prov. G. Secretary of Wiltshire, proposed, and Bro. SMITHSON, of West Yorkshire, seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that a Provisional Committee, consisting of Bros. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Reg.; Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., Sir R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P., Lieut.-Col. THRALE PERKINS, GERARD FORD, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Sussex; HENRY SMITH, Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire; EDWARD TERRY, G. Treas.; RICHARD EVE, Past G. Treas.; and others to the number of about 20 should be appointed to act as an *ad interim* Board or Committee for carrying on the administration of the School, and also as a Committee to consider and report to a Court of Governors as to the best means of giving effect to the several recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry. The result is that there will be no disturbance of the present position of affairs until this Provisional Committee has reported upon the measures which, in their opinion are necessary, in order to reorganise the administration on a sound basis; and in the meantime the government of the Institution will be in the hands of a body of brethren which is thoroughly representative, and in which the whole English Craft has the fullest and most entire confidence.

A NICE question has arisen out of the proceedings of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at its meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. By the rules of the Institution, the management of the School is vested in a body of Governors, which is known as “the House Committee,” and consists of “Twelve Life-Governors, being Freemasons,” “with the addition of the Treasurer and Trustees;” the said twelve Life-Governors being elected “from the General Committee.” The law further provides that “nominations of brethren to serve on this”—the House—“Committee” must be made “at the General Committee in May,” and that “the election from the brethren so nominated shall take place by ballot at the General Committee in June,” when “Scrutineers shall be appointed for the purpose of taking the Poll, which shall remain open until 5 o'clock p.m.” This year, 17 brethren were nominated to serve on the House Committee at the General Committee in May, and in the ordinary course of business, 12 of these 17 brethren should have been elected at the General Committee on Saturday. But the discussion over the appointment of Scrutineers was so protracted, that the hour of 5 p.m. arrived without any election taking place, and the meeting was adjourned till the first Saturday in July. The points which have now to be considered are—(1) Is there a House Committee in existence? (2) If not, how can one be elected without undue straining or infringement of the law? As regards the former of these queries, we are of opinion, after a most careful consideration of the circumstances, that the answer must be in the negative, and that there is no longer any such body as a House Committee in existence as part of the administrative machinery of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It has certainly been pointed out to us that the law which provides for the election of the House Committee does not, as in the case of the law concerning the election of the Finance and Audit Committee, lay it down absolutely, and in so many words, that the aforesaid “Twelve Life Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected” annually. But this omission of the word “annually” is clearly the result of accident, as is shown (a) by the provision for the nomination in May and election in June; and (b) by the fact of the election having been annual since the House Committee was instituted. Nor are we inclined to attach much importance to the opinion that a House Committee exists in the persons of the Treasurer and Trustees, who, by virtue of their respective offices, are permanent members of the same. It may savour a little of hypercriticism, but it strikes us there is a marked difference between electing a number of persons “to act as a House Committee with the addition of the Treasurer and Trustees,” and electing the same persons to act with the Treasurer and Trustees as a House Committee. In the former case, the House Committee is complete in itself, when the said persons have been elected, but the Treasurer and Trustees, being important functionaries, are allowed a voice in its deliberations. In the latter case, the Treasurer and Trustees would constitute an integral part of the House Committee, or in other words, a House Committee which did not include the Treasurer and Trustees would be, *ipso facto*, incomplete. For these reasons, that is to say, because (1) the essential portion of the House Committee must be elected annually, and that which was elected in June, 1888, has completed its term of service; and (2) the non-essential portion has no status whatever, until the essential has been elected—how is it possible to add to what does not exist?—we are of the opinion, that at this present moment, the Boys' School is without a House Committee and will so remain until the default of Saturday last is made good. Our second question therefore follows—How can this default be made good without undue straining or infringement of the law? and to this our answer is immediate and decided. The nominations of the 17 brethren, which were made, in accordance with the prescriptions of Law 37, “at the General Committee in May” remain valid; while as Law 36 provides that the General Committee, by which the House Committee is elected, “may adjourn from time to time,” and, as we understand the said General Committee, in the exercise of its discretion, did so adjourn to its next regular monthly meeting—that is, till the first Saturday in July—it follows that the business which was not dispatched as usual at the meeting on Saturday last, and which includes the election, by ballot, of 12 out of the 17 brethren nominated “to act as a House Committee,” must be carried forward, and disposed of at the General Committee in July; or if not then, at some subsequent meeting, to which the General Committee may think proper to direct a further adjournment. Of course the position has been altered by the result of the Special General Court of Thursday, and the Management of the Institution may be said, at the present moment, to be as it were “in Commission;” but we have not disturbed our argument as above, because we know this question, arising out of Saturday's proceedings, has been freely discussed, and that there are many of our readers who have not yet made up their minds as to the existence or non-existence of the House Committee after Saturday last, and until the appointment of a Provisional Committee of Management on Thursday.

The Mark
Grand
Lodge.

OUR Mark brethren must be highly gratified at the success of the proceedings at the half-yearly communication of their Grand Lodge on Tuesday. There was a full attendance of the Present and Past Grand Officers and brethren. Those members on whom Grand Office was conferred were received as they advanced to the dais for investiture with well-merited applause; the Report of the General Board, save in one particular, was all that could have been wished for; and the banquet, with which the meeting concluded, reflected credit on the brethren on whom, as Grand Stewards, the arrangements had devolved. The half-yearly Report shows that during the six months ending on the 31st March, 702 Mark certificates were issued, and nine new lodges were warranted, while 96 Royal Ark certificates were issued, and two Royal Ark Mariner lodges warranted. The accounts are in all respects satisfactory, the General Fund having £2600 invested and a balance in hand of £746, while the Benevolent Fund, taking its various branches together, has £8100 invested and balances amounting together to £636. The one particular in which the Report was a cause of grief instead of gratification was in the record of the death of its late President, Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, Past G. Master. Yet even here the brethren had the consolation of knowing that the Mark Master Mason whose death is universally lamented had laboured so successfully in behalf of Mark Masonry; that, though unhappily he is no longer with us in the flesh, the memory of his services will always be cherished by the whole Mark body with the sincerest affection and respect.

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SOME of our American contemporaries appear to regard our views as to the admission of candidates who have some bodily imperfection as heterodox, their own, of course, being the only orthodox views which can be warranted as pure and unadulterated. We admit that it is difficult to make a Mason—so far as the outward forms and ceremonies of making are concerned—out of a man who has neither arms nor legs, or who, having arms and legs, has been so unfortunate as to mislay his head, or be deprived of his body. We have said this in previous articles on this subject, and we have no desire to shirk the full responsibility which such an admission must entail. But seeing that Freemasonry is not a mechanical art, but a morality, we have some difficulty in understanding why it is that a man who has sense and feeling, but less than the usual number of legs and arms, or no legs or arms whatever, is not capable of being fashioned into a most excellent Mason. If he has wealth, he is not likely to dispense it less generously, or with less discrimination among his poor brethren or their families, because, having no arms, it is necessary that his cheques should be signed on his behalf by a legally appointed agent. Though blind, he will still be able to see the beauty of those moral precepts which it is the purpose of Freemasonry to inculcate; and, though as deaf as a post, he can still hear and understand what it is to practise and instruct others in the practice of virtue. In his progress through the various grades he will not be able to advance by the regular steps, if he happens to be unfurnished with a pair of legs, but he will have understanding to appreciate and apply to himself and his rule of life what is meant to be conveyed by our symbolism. Without wind and limbs he would be useless as an artificer, but he does not need to be a prize athlete in order to be upright and charitable in his dealings with his neighbours. It might as well be asserted that a bald-headed man, having no hair to stand on end, could not be properly horror-struck, as that a one-eyed, one-armed, or one-legged man is *ipso facto* incapacitated from being a good Mason. However, though our American contemporaries and many of the Grand Masters in the United States appear to think differently from us on these points, we occasionally get a glimpse of that sound common sense which characterises Americans in the transaction of business, as in the case of a one-eyed man, who was initiated and passed in a lodge in New Mexico, before it was discovered that its Grand Lodge had decided that the loss of an eye was an absolute disqualification for membership. In this supreme difficulty the Master applied to the Grand Master, Bro. Dr. W. S. HARROUN, to know whether or not he would be justified or not in raising the brother, who he declared was in all other respects "a bright and useful Mason." Bro. DR. HARROUN, being a sensible man, decided that the brethren of the lodge in question "would be doing the candidate a greater injustice in withholding the Third Degree than the injury to Masonry could possibly be from any ideal notion of unfit material." He, therefore, wisely allowed the Degree to be conferred, and at the same time took the opportunity of remarking that "we should look more to the mental than to the physical qualifications of those who knock at our doors." Good, very good; and the next time a one-eyed or a one-legged candidate presents himself for admission into an American lodge, we trust it will be a Bro. Dr. HARROUN to whom the question of his fitness will be referred.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. for Hants and Isle of Wight, presided. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. for Middx., acted as Dep. G.M.; and Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past Dist. G.M. of Bengal, as P.G.M.; and a large number of brethren attended.

Bro. BEACH, in commencing the proceedings, said: I am requested by the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, to state that it had been his full intention to attend Grand Lodge here this evening, but he has been unavoidably prevented from doing so.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March and of the Grand Festival of 24th April were then read and confirmed.

Scrutineers were afterwards appointed and obligated to make a true return of the election of members to serve on the Board of General Purposes; they then collected the balloting papers and retired.

Bro. BEACH next said: Brethren, Grand Lodge are aware that during the last two years the Freemasons of two of the Australian Colonies, viz., New South Wales and South Australia have formed themselves into, and established, independent Grand Lodges in each of those colonies, and that this Grand Lodge has recognised these lodges as being lawful and regular. I am now commanded by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to say that a report has been received from the Freemasons of another colony in Australia, viz., Victoria, stating that the lodges belonging to their various jurisdictions have regularly and constitutionally formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, and that the movement is practically unanimous, 140 out of 142 lodges having joined the new Grand Lodge; and that the new Grand Lodge has elected Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., who has hitherto held the appointment of District Grand Master of the three District Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, as the new Grand Master. As the action thus taken appears to be similar to that followed in the case of the other two Australian Grand Lodges the Grand Master now recommends that the request be recognised and granted, with the distinct understanding that should the two lodges which have not joined the new Grand Lodge still refuse to do so and wish still to belong to the Grand Lodge of England, their position should be acknowledged and recognised by the new body. (Hear, hear.) I have now, on the part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to move that this Grand Lodge be recognised—the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg.: Brethren,—Having had the honour on previous occasions of seconding similar motions in the cases of the Grand Lodges of South Australia and of New South Wales, it gives me much pleasure to second the motion which is now before Grand Lodge. We, as English Masons, and being assembled in the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, see these strong bodies forming themselves into distinct and independent Grand Lodges. It is true that by this action many of the lodges which were under our jurisdiction formed themselves under the new, leaving us for the new Grand Lodges; but it is in no grudging mood that we accord recognition to a movement made thus regularly. We wish the new Grand Lodge every Masonic success; we trust that the principles that they have derived from the parent Grand Lodge of England, while certain constituent members were associated with us, may be perpetuated and extended under the dominion of the new Grand Lodge. We think it right, and I am sure this Grand Lodge will agree, to guard the position of those lodges which still may remain under allegiance to us. As long as they continue to do so we cannot renounce them; and I feel quite sure that the Masonic feeling in the Colonies which has attended this movement, will recognise their position and will desire to recognise it so long as those lodges may be outside the movement, which, with the exception of those two lodges, is entirely unanimous. I trust, therefore, that this Grand Lodge will have no difficulty whatever in according to the new Grand Lodge of Victoria its recognition, wishing to this new Grand Lodge the same prosperity and success as they did in the cases of the other two Grand Lodges of Australia. (Applause.)

The motion that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria be recognised was then put to Grand Lodge and carried "nem. con."

Bro. BEACH: Brethren,—I am commanded by his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master to make an announcement to Grand Lodge, connected with the matter which has just been before you. Grand Lodge may possibly remember that his Royal Highness has already acceded to the request from the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and South Australia to become the Grand Patron of those Grand Lodges. He has received a similar request from the newly-recognised Grand Lodge of Victoria, and his Royal Highness desires me to state that subject to their recognition by this Grand Lodge this evening, it will afford him much pleasure to accede to their request to become their Grand Patron. (Applause.)

Bro. BEACH: Brethren,—I have now to announce that his Royal Highness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes. (Applause.)

Bro. THOMAS FENN then advanced to the pedestal and was re-invested, and was congratulated by the acting Grand Master on his appointment.

Bro. BEACH announced that there would be no election for the Colonial Board, as only the requisite number of members were nominated, but the M.W.G.M. nominated Lieut.-Col. Haldane, Chairman, Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker, as members, and Bro. Gadsden to be Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of Bro. BELTON, Bro. John Smith (Harding and Co., accountants) was appointed Auditor of Grand Lodge.

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bros. Col. Frederick Gadsden (Madras), P.M. 434; Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656; James Brett, P.M. 177; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537; Albert Escott, P.M. 1539; John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128; and Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256.

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, 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 Wm. Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625.

These brethren were declared duly elected.

Bro. BEACH announced that the Grand Master had appointed the following brethren on the same Committee:—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Jabez Hogg, Robert Turtle Pigott, D.C.L.; Dep.-Insp.-Gen. Thomas

Purchas, M.D., R.N.; Frederick Mead, Thomas George Bullen, James Brett, Henry Garrod, William Henry Perryman, and David Dixon Mercer.

The following grants by the Board of Benevolence were then confirmed :

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 1332, Crediton	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees	50	0	0
A brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 1193, Wymondham	50	0	0
A brother of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 213, Norwich	100	0	0
A brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. Martin's Le Grand Lodge, No. 1538, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool	50	0	0
A brother of the Amity Lodge, No. 137, Poole	50	0	0
A brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	50	0	0
A brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln	50	0	0
A brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	60	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes :

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

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

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
21st May, 1889.

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

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

(Signed) CHARLES BELTON,
Vice-President.

Bro. THOMAS FENN said there was no proposition arising out of this report.

Bro. BEACH : Brethren—Bro. Fenn has stated that there is no proposition arising out of the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, and I quite agree with him; but I think there is a circumstance stated in those minutes which, though no doubt it is before various members of Grand Lodge, ought not to pass without some statement, and that is the resolution which is at the end—"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be given to Very Worshipful Bro. 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." (Hear, hear.) There can be only one opinion as to the justness and appropriateness of the resolution of the Board of General Purposes. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, next moved, and Bro. H. GREENE seconded, the following resolution :

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.

The motion was carried, and

Bro. BEACH said he would take the report of the Scrutineers of votes in election of the Board of General Purposes in his own room, as it had not yet arrived.

Grand Lodge was closed in form.

The following is the result of the ballot for members of the Board of General Purposes : Bros. T. Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192; Lennox Browne, W.M. 2256; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167; Capt. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1656; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 179; Gordon Smith, W.M. 14; J. L. Alex. Monckton, M.A., W.M. 197; George Gardner, W.M. 2309; F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891; Joseph D. Langton, P.M. 2096; George Read, P.M. 511; Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584; William G. Lemon, P.M. 165; and Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held on the 20th ult., in the National Schools, at Newchurch, Rossendale. The Tranquillity Lodge, 274, under whose banner the assembly was held, celebrates its centenary in the present year, so that there was a special reason for the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the locality.

There was a large attendance of Provincial Officers, Present and Past, Masters and Wardens, and brethren of the Craft. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M., presided. In the absence of Bro. George Mellor, the chair of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was occupied by Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, and Bro. J. Heelis and Bro. J. J. Meakin were in their respective positions as Senior and Junior Prov. G. Wardens.

On the lodge roll being called it was found that 96 out of the 98 lodges in the province were represented.

In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Major Allison, his report was read by Bro. J. CHADWICK, Prov. Grand Secretary. The balance-sheet showed that the receipts for the year, including a balance of £279 11s. 9d. in the bank at its commencement, amounted to £911 15s., and that, after meeting the expenditure, a balance remained in the bank and the Prov. G. Secretary's hands of £285 6s. 8d.

On the motion of Bro. J. STUDD, 173, seconded by Bro. W. R. SOWTER, 815, the report was adopted.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a report as to the state of the province. He said there had been an addition during the year of one lodge (the Thornham,

2279), bringing up the total number of lodges to 98. The total number of members on the books was 4316, or an increase of 202 over the total of last year. But the figures as to resignations, exclusions, and members in arrear were such as to indicate the lodges had not been exercising that vigilance which ought to be exercised with the object of admitting only men of such character as the Masonic Order was meant to include. It was highly important that this point should be closely attended to.

On the motion of Bro. J. E. BARKER, seconded by Bro. SOWTER, Bro. J. W. Edwards, 317, was unanimously elected Treasurer, the nomination of Bro. George Hunt, 1009, made at the November meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, being withdrawn in his favour.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Charity Committee were read. They recorded that Bro. J. Heelis had been elected, in place of the late Bro. J. A. Birch, to be Chairman of the Committee.

Bro. E. C. HARWOOD, P.P.G.W., Treasurer of the Charity Committee, said that during the past year there had been elected to the London Institutions two boys, two girls, and three old men, and in the present year a boy, two girls, and two old men.

Bro. J. H. SILLITOE seconded the adoption of the report, and also moved a vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. J. A. Birch.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in seconding the vote of condolence, said that from the time he entered Masonry in this province up to the time of the decease of their late Bro. J. H. Birch, he had never found anyone so zealous, true, honest, and right-minded in striving for the benefit of Freemasonry and of the cause of Charity. Bro. Birch was a power of strength to the province, and he not only made his weight felt there, but in London he very greatly added to the prestige of their own large and influential branch of the Fraternity. To him, and to a few others who, like him, had now passed away, was due the institution of their present local systematic Institution for charitable purposes. That had become a great Institution, and for its future success it was to be hoped that the mantle of Bro. Birch would fall upon others who would be actuated by the example of his character and his deeds.

The vote of condolence was carried, as also was the resolution accepting the Committee's report.

On the motion of Bro. HEELIS, Prov. S.G.W., seconded by Bro. HARWOOD, the sum of £50 was voted in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Bro. W. NICHOLL, P.P.G. Treas., brought forward several motions of which he had given notice, relating to rules and to the work of the Secretary, but they lapsed for want of seconders, or were withdrawn.

The appointment and investiture of Provincial Grand Officers were then carried out in the following order :

Bro. J. O. S. Thursby, 1064	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" N. A. Earle, 62	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, 62	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. E. T. Wigg, 2279	...	...	...
" J. W. Edwards, 317	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. S. Boddington, 1253	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Chadwick	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Lees, 1868	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. Hardman, 274	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. T. Schofield, 1219	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Butterworth, 367	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. A. Huet, 1009	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Thomas Woodcock, 191	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. E. Collingwood, 298	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" S. D. Priestley, 219	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Charles Brierley, 42	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. O. Pettitt, 1055	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Newton, 37	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Bridgeford, 1077	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Cartwright, 633	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" H. Taylor, 286	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. W. Thompson, 1534	...	...	...
" K. M'Lean, 1030	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Capt. E. G. Lingard, 1030	...	...	...
" J. Cookson, 1030	...	...	...
" J. H. Edmondson, 274	...	...	...
" A. Law, 274	...	...	...
" J. Taylor, 274	...	...	...	...

After the closing of the Prov. Grand Lodge, a special service was held at the Parish Church, Bro. the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, Prov. G. Chap., being the preacher. In the evening there was a banquet at the Boar's Head Hotel.

CONSECRATION OF THE VIATOR LODGE, No. 2308.

An addition was made to the roll of London lodges by the consecration of the Viator Lodge, No. 2308, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 1st inst., in the presence of a large and distinguished body of Masons. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Chas. Belton, G.D.D.C., as S.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. G. W. Weldon, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and G. P. Britten, as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge are Bros. Harry Nelson Price, P.M. 177, W.M. designate; Ernest A. G. Smith, S.W. designate; Wm. Thos. Buxton, J.W. designate; Albert E. Kay, Frank Smith, James Stephens, P.M.; Thos. Morris, W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; J. L. Lowe, J. Higgs, H. Hobbs, Albert C. Stephens, A. Banks, Chas. Naylor, Wm. Drew, W.M. 733; and W. Chapple.

The visitors present included

Bros. J. C. Macglashan, D.G.M. Jamaica; A. P. Bennett, P.M. 1608; C. Bonelt, 1656; R. Harvey, W.M. 177; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; T. W. Morris, 97; Charles Plant; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; J. Simpson, 177; A. Cranch, P.M. 1216; E. Bowles; E. Horne, P.S.G.W. Oxon; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753; P. J. Ward, P.M. 1541; H. Ponking, S.D. 1887; G. K. Pugh, I.G. 1625; W. J. Mason, S.W. 2246; J. Hughes, S.D. 1897; J. Haxell, 177; G. P. Britton, P.M. 183; V. Turner, P.M. 72; J. Welford, P.M.; V. Straw; S. R. Walker, 733; J. Cumming, 733; C. J. Biorn, I.P.M. 733; G. W. Ruffe, S.W. 1581; C. F. Lewis, 2184; W. Shurmer, P.M.; W. D. Church, J.W. 1813; W. Holloway; T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; G. Gregory, P.J.G.D. Middx.; C. H. Hunt, P.M. 1425; J. E. Spurrell, J.W. 177; H. J. Dutton, 1706; Wakefield Reed, 2187; A. C. Weston, 1929; W. Jeffrey, 1307; G. Everett, P.M., Treas. 177; C. Naylor, P.P.G.R.; F. J. Laughlin, Org. 1365; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The large body of brethren present having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officers entered in procession and were appointed to their respective offices by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., who assumed the chair. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the hymn "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," heartily sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said: "We are assembled to-day on one of those occasions which sometimes takes place in the City of London—but not often—the consecration and formation of a new lodge. It is, I need hardly say, one of the most important ceremonies that can occur in Masonry, because from the proceedings may spring a body that may add lustre to the Order, or act in the contrary way. It is a ceremony which probably many of you have never had an opportunity of witnessing, and therefore evokes a great amount of interest. There are a large number of lodges in London, and therefore, unless good cause and reason is shown, there is a considerable difficulty in obtaining a new warrant. In this case a lodge springs from the fact that a large number of brethren, who are engaged in the commercial world, and whose special avocations call them away from London from Monday to Friday, have petitioned to meet on the only day in the week on which they are in London, viz., Saturday. The case is a peculiar one, and H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master gave it a friendly reception, and the result was they obtained the warrant they were seeking. Thus it comes that we are here to consecrate a new lodge to be called the Viator Lodge. The founders are brethren who have more or less experience in Masonry. The W. Master designate, Bro. Harry Price, has especially a good record of Masonic service, having gone through the chair of another lodge with considerable success, and, therefore, I am sure the lodge will be conducted in a proper manner. I feel it my duty on these occasions to say a word of warning. I usually point out the mistake that might be made in going on too fast, and in being fired with a desire to be a large lodge quickly, thus setting quantity before quality. I hope you will not think it is an excellent thing to have a large number of candidates, but that each application will be specially considered, antecedents gone into, and thought over, so that it will be decided whether a candidate is a person who will make a good Mason, and one whom they could be proud of. I have often said it is an easy thing to get a candidate into lodge, but it is a difficult matter to get rid of an undesirable member. I am sure these remarks are scarcely necessary on the present occasion, but there is no harm in giving a warning. I will commence the ceremony by asking the Chaplain to give us the benefit of prayer.

The brethren of the new lodge were arranged in order, and the D.C. having read the petition and warrant, they signified their approval of the officers named therein.

An excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Order was delivered by the acting Chaplain, Bro. Rev. G. W. WELDON, P.G.C., after which an anthem—"Behold how good and joyful a thing it is"—was sung.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the lodge dedicated and constituted in the usual manner, concluding with the anthem "From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same."

The impressiveness of the ceremony was considerably enhanced by the admirable rendering of the sacred music, which was performed under the able direction of Bro. Arthur Cranch, P.M. 1216, assisted by Bros. H. Dutton, Arthur Weston, Wakefield Reed, and Frank Laughlin.

The W.M. designate, Bro. Harry Nelson Price, P.M. 177, was presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.

The Treasurer having been elected, the following officers were invested: Bros. Ernest A. G. Smith, S.W.; W. T. Buxton, J.W.; W. G. Ferguson, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; T. H. Hobbs, S.D.; J. Stephens, P.M., J.D.; J. J. Higgs, I.G.; A. E. Kay, D.C.; and F. Smith, Steward. The addresses were subsequently delivered by the Installing Master.

The W.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to the Consecrating Officers for the very impressive and able manner in which they had consecrated the lodge, and also that they be asked to accept the honorary membership of the lodge.

The motion was seconded by Bro. FERGUSON, P.M., and carried "nem. con.," and the WORSHIPFUL MASTER in addressing the Consecrating Officers remarked that it was not offered simply as a formal compliment, but as a sincere mark of the appreciation of the brethren.

The GRAND SECRETARY said he would lose no time in rising to return thank, for the kind expressions which the W.M. had been good enough to use towards the Consecrating Officers. He thought he spoke the sentiments of his colleagues when he said it was a great pleasure to them to be present and give their services. They were gratified at the compliment offered in making them honorary members, which he need scarcely say they accepted with a great deal of pleasure, and hoped they would be able to make use of it to visit the lodge and see the way in which the work is carried on.

A Committee was elected to frame the by-laws, and seven gentlemen having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were heartily received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in submitting "The Queen and the Craft," said the toast he had risen to propose was one that for a period of over 50 years had filled the foremost place, and had never failed to awaken in the heart of every Englishman the most tender and spontaneous feelings of loyalty and devotion. The toast was "Long life and health to her Most Gracious Majesty," who was the Patroness of their Order, and the mention of it was sufficient to ensure the same hearty and enthusiastic reception it had always received in every assembly, and especially amongst Masons. Amongst her Majesty's relatives were many who took a prominent position in the Craft. During her reign there had been great advancement in science and art, and great development in trade and commerce; and whether in the position of Queen, wife, or mother, she shone out as a brilliant example to their vast and mighty Empire.

The W. MASTER said the next toast he had to propose was bound up and inseparable from the former, as in the health and happiness of her children must rest the happiness of their Queen. Among the Royal Family connected with Freemasonry they owed their first allegiance and looked up to "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," under whose direction Freemasonry had flourished and had advanced and now stands on a firm and substantial basis. When they looked at the marvellous manner in which H.R.H. performed all duties, and considered his many and important engagements, they must be surprised to find that he had a moment to

spare to devote to Masonry, but he nevertheless performed his work as M.W.G.M. thoroughly and well. H.R.H. brought his son into Masonry, showing he had the Craft at heart, and no doubt in time H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor would fill a high position. Long might H.R.H. the Prince of Wales live to remain in the position of M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons!

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said those brethren who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge had had the pleasure of seeing how thoroughly and ably their assemblies were conducted when presided over by either the Earl of Carnarvon or the Earl of Lathom. When he spoke of the rest of the Grand Officers he found it was somewhat difficult to find words to express the appreciation he felt of the services they had rendered to Freemasonry. They had with them that night, fortunately, several Grand Officers. They had all seen how ably and how well the Grand Secretary had worked the ceremony of consecration, and he could assure them, from his own experience, and he felt certain they had experienced what he said, they would always find him at his post ready to give good advice, which his greater knowledge enabled him to do, and they were certain to receive a hearty and kindly welcome. Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon had given them a very powerful address, which he (the W.M.) asked all the younger Masons to take seriously to heart, for if they followed that advice they would be better Masons. He had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Frank Richardson act as D.C. on many occasions, and to those brethren who had not seen him before he would say that Bro. Richardson was the D.C. They also had Bro. Belton, who had taken his position in Grand Lodge, acting as S.W., and also Bro. Matier, who had ably assisted as J.W., and without the assistance the Grand Secretary had received from these brethren, he would have found it difficult to carry out his duties so smoothly. There was also present a very distinguished brother from a far country (Bro. Macglashan, D.G.M. of Jamaica), to whom, in the name of the Viator Lodge, he offered the warmest welcome it was possible for one Mason to offer another, and trusted it was not the last time they would welcome him. He asked the brethren to be upstanding and drink the toast, coupling with it the name of Bro. Macglashan.

Bro. J. MACGLASHAN, District G. Master Jamaica, said he had much pleasure in discharging the duty devolving upon him of returning thanks for the cordial welcome accorded the toast. Coming, as he did, from a far distant clime, he had had but few opportunities of seeing such a ceremony as they had witnessed that day, and he should carry back a lively recollection of the extremely able manner in which that ceremony was performed by those brethren in whose behalf he had the honour to return thanks. They did not often have the pleasure in the Colony of Jamaica of welcoming brethren from this country, but they would be pleased to see them. In the case of brethren hailing from this country—the home of their mother lodges—they would at all times be heartily welcomed. He thanked the W.M. very much for the kindly offer made of welcoming him on future occasions, but feared they would not be frequent. He should, however, avail himself of the opportunity of spending such another pleasant evening as he had that day if possible. He thanked them on his own behalf, and on behalf of those for whom he had to respond.

The GRAND SECRETARY said that, as the Consecrating Master on that occasion, it became his privilege, and certainly was also his very great satisfaction to be able to give the important toast which stood next on the list—that of the very worthy, able, and energetic brother who had that night been installed into the chair of the Viator Lodge. He had on many occasions had the privilege of giving the health of the first W. Master of a new lodge, and he had frequently on those occasions pointed out, and he had no hesitation in doing so again, the fact that whilst an ordinary W.M. arrived at his position practically by seniority, the W. Master of a new lodge was placed in a much higher position, because he was selected by the founders as the best man for the post. He therefore thought a special compliment was paid to a brother who was W.M. for the first year. As a rule he had found that compliment well placed, and the brother fully justifying the position to which he had been brought. That night he was quite certain there was no exception to that rule. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Price, the W.M., for some years as the W.M. of a very distinguished and old London lodge—the Domatic—and he was aware of the energetic manner in which that brother had carried out the duties of that lodge, and therefore when Bro. Price came to him in a very insinuating manner and suggested there might be a lodge of this kind, he thought they had picked out a good man to represent them. The petition which was sent in certainly lost nothing by having the name of Bro. Price down on it as the first W.M. He was very glad the Grand Master thought fit to grant the petition, because he thought the case put before H.R.H. was an exceptional one. They did not like granting new lodges, as there were about 400 in London, but cases occurred which were exceptions. The founders of the Viator Lodge had had their lodge consecrated that night, and they had a good brother in the chair. He thought Bro. Price was to be congratulated on the proud position he had arrived at, and he also congratulated the brethren on being presided over by him. He was sure the W.M. would carry on the traditions of the Domatic Lodge, for he saw several present from that lodge, particularly their Secretary, and indeed there seemed to be a strong tie between the two lodges. The Masonic traditions would be faithfully handed down under the gavel of their W. Master. He was sure all the brethren would join in congratulating Bro. Price on his appointment, wishing him and his lodge every possible success, and drinking in commemoration of the very successful and interesting occasion of that night.

Bro. HARRY NELSON PRICE, W.M., in reply, said he could not find words to express all he felt, or in which to thank the Grand Secretary for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast. The G. Secretary had performed that task in most flattering terms, and if even half was true, he should consider himself a better man and a better Mason. If all the G. Secretary had said was not correct at the present time, he should do his best in the future to make them true to the letter. As far as this lodge was concerned, it would always be his greatest hope to make it one of the first in the Craft, for he was surrounded by founders who would assist him in every particular in carrying out his earnest wishes. In the preliminary meetings he had been materially assisted by Bros. Ferguson and E. Smith, for when, unfortunately, he was obliged to be away for a week, those brethren took the whole of the responsibilities, and the result was to be seen that night. He was obliged to the brethren for drinking his health, particularly on such a day when they celebrated a very celebrated event, that being the anniversary of the victory of Lord Howe, the glorious First of June, which would always be a red letter day in the Viator Lodge. They would remember it and the coincidence. He

thanked the brethren again for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast.

Bro. W. G. FERGUSON, P.M. 177, Treas., said on other occasions the W.M.'s toast might be considered the toast of the evening, but on this occasion the W.M. had to earn his spurs, having just been placed in the chair. Their thanks were due to the Consecrating Officer, by whose influence and assistance their W.M. had been placed in that dignified position. He therefore thought they should express their thanks to the Consecrating Officer and those worthy brethren who had so ably assisted him in discharging that important and interesting duty. The remarks made by the Grand Secretary and by the Grand Chaplain he commended to their very serious consideration, being worthy of their deepest thought, for if they thought them over and acted upon them they would be better men, and while those principles actuated this lodge it would stand in a proud position. They were particularly grateful to their Consecrating Officer for having left a function in the City that might be more interesting, for the purpose of assisting in the important ceremony, and they could only express their gratitude and warmest thanks, wishing him sound health and expressing the hope that he would discharge his duties for many years to come, and always be as ably supported as on the present occasion. The brethren assisting the Consecrating Officer left nothing possible to expect, everything being performed ably, and the members might congratulate themselves on being launched into existence under the most satisfactory auspices. The brethren would rise and heartily drink to "The Health of the Consecrating Officers."

The GRAND SECRETARY, in response, said the worthy Treasurer had spoken in far too flattering terms of the services that himself and his colleagues had had the opportunity of giving that night. As he had already had the pleasure of saying in lodge, those services were works of love, and performed with the greatest pleasure, and they were only too delighted to find their work had given satisfaction to the brethren present. There were brethren present who had assisted him, and with whom he had had the pleasure of working on many occasions. He should be very ungrateful indeed, did he not acknowledge the great assistance he had received from those distinguished brethren. As had been remarked, it would be quite impossible for any one brother to carry on such a ceremony unless he was supported by brethren in whose hands were the various details. Fortunately he was most efficiently supported by various Grand Officers, and therefore it was that their little show had been a success. They had heard his voice "ad nauseum." So that he would only assure them in his own name, and on behalf of his colleagues, how thoroughly they appreciated the fraternal reception and recognition, and how much they hoped that that lodge, which they had started, might be the success they all believed it would be in the future. They thanked the brethren very much, and he again assured them it had been a great pleasure to attend to do what little they could to start the lodge.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked it was always a good thing to encourage and welcome visitors, as visiting was conducive to cementing and forming that friendship and brotherly love which should at all times distinguish Freemasons, and added considerably to efficient working as it created a friendly rivalry. There were present that evening many distinguished Masons, including the District Grand Master of Jamaica, many Past Masters and Worshipful Masters, and one brother from Massachusetts, whom he trusted had been satisfied with the ceremonies and happy amongst them. There was Bro. George Everett, well known to almost every brother present for his genial, kindly, and hearty manner in welcoming brethren into his own lodge, and for the manner in which he would give assistance and advice. Bro. Everett was an old friend of his and installed him into the chair of the Domestic Lodge, and was his sponsor there. There were also present Bros. Horne, P.G.W. Oxon; Harvey, W.M. 177, and Spurrell, J.W. 177, the lodge which was kind enough to recommend the petition for the Viator Lodge, and to which they owed a debt of gratitude. He should not trouble them to read all the names, but would call upon Bros. G. Everett, G. Britten, R. Harvey, and Dr. Horne to respond.

Bro. GEO. EVERETT, P.M., Treas. 177, in reply, said the proceedings of that evening recalled many pleasant reminiscences of some years ago, when their good brother, the Grand Secretary, performed a similar function in a lodge of which he (Bro. Everett) was the first W. Master, and he had a lively recollection of many acts of kindness received at his hands. On that occasion he contracted a large debt of gratitude to the Grand Secretary, which would take many years to wipe off. With regard to the W. Master—Bro. Price—he and that brother had been firm friends in private life for many years, and had worked shoulder to shoulder in Masonry, and none knew better than himself the sterling qualities with which the W.M. was endowed. He felt interested in being present in consequence of all the officers, with one exception—Bro. Buxton, who was a child of the Kennington Lodge, with which he also was connected—being members of the old Domestic Lodge. He had been very pleased and proud at being present to hear the ceremonies worked so beautifully, and he sincerely hoped the Viator Lodge would have a prosperous and successful career.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN, P.M., said he appreciated the honour of having been elected an honorary member, and therefore thought he should not have been called upon to reply to this toast. He had been associated with the Worshipful Travellers as long as he could recollect, and knew no more estimable, honourable, or capable body of men in the country. This lodge being founded for their convenience, he took it for granted that the success was ensured, for their name was legion.

Bro. DR. HORNE, P.G.W. Oxon, also replied. He said the lodge was called the Viator, and he himself was a traveller, having travelled up from the provinces to attend, and he did not know whether that was the reason he had been coupled with the toast. He returned hearty thanks for the reception accorded the visitors.

Bro. RICHARD HARVEY, W.M. 177, responded, and, having returned thanks, expressed his belief that the W.M., like the great sailor—Nelson—after whom he was named, would do his duty well.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was given by the W.M., who paid a high tribute to the qualities of Bros. Ferguson, P.M., Treas., and Morris, Sec. Bro. Ferguson had done valuable work in the Domestic Lodge, and he hoped successive W. Masters for many years to come would be enabled to re-invest him in the position. Bro. Morris, Sec., was of proved ability, and had been Secretary of No. 177 for 10 or 11 years, doing his duty in a very efficient manner.

Bro. FERGUSON, P.M., Treas., in response, said he had to return thanks in rather more than the usually sincere manner on that occasion, because to some of the founders of the lodge he was unknown, and, therefore, to entrust the financial affairs to him was a strong proof of faith, and a strong proof of the opinion they had formed of him. He felt very gratified at the mark of their confidence and should endeavour to discharge his duties in a manner worthy of that confidence.

Bro. MORRIS, Sec., having replied,

"The Officers" was given, and replied to by Bros. ERNEST SMITH, S.W., Buxton, J.W., and others.

"Success to the Viator Lodge" was given in cordial terms by Bro. R. HARVEY, W.M. 177.

The W. MASTER proposed a special toast to the brethren who had performed the musical programme in the lodge and banquet rooms with such marked ability, and which had given such complete satisfaction and enjoyment to the brethren present, and paid a high compliment to Bro. Cranch, P.M., the musical director, and his assistants, Bros. H. Dutton, Arthur Weston, Wakefield Reed, and F. Laughlin.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The lodge has started under favourable auspices, each officer having presented the collar and jewel of his office: bible, cushion, square, and compasses by the W.M., Bro. H. N. Price; working tools by the S.W., Bro. Ernest A. E. Smith; ashlar and tripod by the I.G., Bro. J. J. Higgs; tracing boards by the W.S., Bro. F. Smith; columns by Bros. Buxton, J.W., and Hobbs, S.D.; gavel blocks by Bro. Stephens, J.D.

CONSECRATION OF THE BLAGDON CHAPTER, No. 659, AT NEWCASTLE.

The consecration of the Blagdon Chapter, No. 659, of the Province of Northumberland, took place at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle, on the 27th ult. The Consecrating Officers were as follows: Comps. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., G. Supt., as Z.; George Spain, P.G.H., as H.; G. F. Charlton, P.G.J., as J.; Joseph H. Bentham, P.P.G.H., as S.E.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.H., D.C.; and John Nicholson, P.P.G.O., Musical Director.

The Principals installed were Comps. James Eadington, Z.; Edward Forster, H.; James Carmichael, J.

The incidental music was rendered by Comps. John Nicholson, Walker, Whitehead, and Nutton.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening last at the Holborn Restaurant. In the unavoidable absence of the M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and the Pro Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, the chair was occupied by the Right Worshipful the Deputy G. Master, the Marquess of Hertford. The post of Deputy Grand Master was filled by Right Worshipful Bro. William Kelly, Prov. G. Master of Leicestershire, and the chair of Senior Grand Warden by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston. Bro. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., filled the chair of Junior Grand Warden. Among the other brethren present were

Bros. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, P.G.M. of the Mediterranean; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx. and Surrey; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M. Gloucester and Herefordshire; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., A.G. Sec.; C. H. Driver, G.M.O.; Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C.; Col. Addison Potter, C.B., P.G.M.O., as S.G.O.; George Cooper, P.J.G.O., as J.G.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O.; C. Belton, P.G.M.O.; Alfred Williams, P.G.M.O.; Col. H. S. Burney, P.G.M.O.; Major A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O.; Thomas Cubitt, P.S.G.O.; O. H. Pearson, P.S.G.O.; James Stevens, P.J.G.O.; G. King Patten, P.J.G.O.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, D.P.G.M. Cheshire, P.G. Chap.; Frank Richardson, Vice-Pres. G.B., G. Reg.; R. L. Loveland, D.P.G.M. Hants and I. of Wight; Col. A. T. Perkins, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; P. A. Scratchley, S.G.D.; Horatio Ward, P.G.D.; Dr. Geo. Mickley, P.G.D.; G. J. McKay, P.G.D.; D. P. Cama, P.G.D.; E. X. Leon, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W.; J. Ramsey, A.G.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. G. J. Haldane, G.S.B.; Controller S. G. Bake, P.G.S.B.; Henry Stone, P.G.S.B.; J. T. Briggs, G. Std. Br.; F. Graves, G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Stevenson Hoyte, F.C.O., G. Org.; R. J. Voisey, G.I.G.; C. Coupland, G. Allen, L. G. Gordon Robbins, W. H. Stanger, Algernon C. Bauke, Gordon Miller, W. H. Kempster, F. Levick, and W. Kent, G. Stwds.; J. Manwaring, Henry Faija, Henry Massey, Major Henry Stephens, W. Lake, Jabez Church, and J. Unwin, jun., P.G. Stewards.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master was saluted in ancient form, and the minutes of Grand Mark Lodge of 6th December, 1888, and of the Special Grand Lodge of 25th February, 1889, were read and confirmed.

The following Report of the General Board was then received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, on the motion of Bro. F. RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar, seconded by Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE, Grand Dir. of Cer.

The Board have to record, with the most sincere regret, the death of their President, the M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Past Grand Master, intelligence of which melancholy event was formally communicated to them at a special meeting on the 12th April, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. Portal, which was sent in the following terms:—

"Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, &c., &c.

"Sa Red Lion-square, 17th April, 1889.

"Dear Madam,—The melancholy intelligence of the sudden death of our distinguished brother, the late Rev. Canon Portal, was officially communicated to a specially convened meeting of the General Board of the Grand Lodge on Friday last, and received with expressions of most extreme regret. Our late brother had guided the deliberations of this Board—over which he presided for many years—with eminent ability, and by none of the numerous administrative bodies with which he was associated will his loss be more severely felt than by the General Board of the Mark Grand Lodge. By an unanimous vote at the meeting on Friday, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Grand Senior Warden, in the chair, it was resolved to convey to you and the members of your family the assurance of the deepest sympathy in the terribly distressing bereavement with which you and they have been visited. On behalf of the General Board, regarded as representative of the members of the Order generally, we pray that the Great Overseer of the Universe may inspire you with fortitude in this hour of trial and affliction, waiting the mitigating effects of time to alleviate the pangs of so sudden a separation.

"Painfully aware of the loss, whether considered in his private or public capacity, of one so universally regarded and esteemed as your late and lamented husband, we recognise the inadequacy of words to describe the appreciation of his lengthened and valuable services, which we are confident will not only not be forgotten, but gratefully remembered by all whose good fortune it was to be associated with him in the various spheres of labour in which he played so conspicuous a part.

"Accept at our hands this imperfect tribute of respect and affectionate remembrance, with our warmest regards, and every good wish for your family and yourself.

"Signed on behalf of the General Board,

"FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

"EUSTON, Chairman of the day.

"FREDERICK BINCKES, Grand Secretary."

To which the following reply has been received:—

"Burghclere Rectory, Newbury, May 1, 1889.

"My dear Sir,

"I am exceedingly grateful for the kindness shown to me and to my poor children by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Illness has prevented my saying this sooner.

"May I ask you to be so good as to express for me to Lord Euston, Mr. Frank Richardson, and the other Members of the Board, how touched we are by their kindly remembrance of us in a time of trial so great, that only God who saw fit to send it, knows the sorrow and weight of it.

"Please to say how deeply grateful we are, not only for the sympathy now given us, but for the kindly appreciation so generously expressed of any work done by Canon Portal in the service of Masonry. It was always a pleasure to him to be so employed, and he felt very vividly the great value and blessing of the bond of brotherhood, and I never remember his coming home from any Masonic Meeting in Town, without his expressing in his own energetic, hearty way, his sense of the great kindness invariably shown him by all the brethren whom he met or worked with.

"I value the kind letter you sent me, and my children will do so as strongly after me.

"I like them to know how their dear, good father was thought of by a body of friends he esteemed so highly.—I am, my dear Sir, Yours very sincerely,

"HELEN PORTAL."

By command of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. all brethren of the Mark Degree under this jurisdiction were enjoined to wear Masonic mourning for three months in accordance with instructions contained in a circular letter.

During the six months ending 31st March last, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 702; total number registered, 25,339. Warrants for new lodges, seven, viz.

- No. 395, Combermere, Albany, N.S.W.
- " 396, De Tabley, Frodsham, Cheshire.
- " 397, Cumberland County, Paramatta, N.S.W.
- " 398, Danum, Doncaster.
- " 399, Euston, London.
- " 400, Egerton of Tatton, London.
- " 401, Swindon Keystone, Swindon.

Royal Ark Mariners certificates, 96; total number registered, 2733.

Two warrants for new Ark Mariner lodges, viz.:—

- Henniker, attached to the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 70, Ipswich.
- Ararat, attached to the Eothen Lodge, No. 261, Hong Kong.

The following re-appointments as Provincial Grand Masters have been made for a further term of three years: Col. G. Singleton Tudor, Staffordshire; Rev. Canon Tristram, Northumberland and Durham; Capt. S. G. Homfray, Monmouthshire; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Lancashire; and Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, Dorset.

The Board recommend 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.

The Adelaide Lodge, No. 41, Adelaide, South Australia, have informed the Board that the M.W. Bro. Chief Justice Way, the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, has become a member of the lodge, and the Board recommend that, as a compliment to this distinguished brother, the rank of Past Master should be conferred on him, and that the Adelaide Lodge should be authorised to take the necessary steps to carry this resolution into effect.

The Board have been informed of the death of Bro. John Watson, R.W. Prov. G.M. Notts, and desire to express their sorrow and regret.

A Special Grand Lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 5th March last, for the purpose of authorising a lease of Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen-street, for a term of 49 years being taken up, and making such alterations as might be necessary to adapt the premises for the purposes of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The resolutions were unanimously carried, and at the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, held on the 6th March, the lease was authorised to be granted, and a peppercorn rent for six months was conceded.

The plans for the alterations have been prepared by Bros. Berridge and Driver, and approved and signed by M.W. Pro G.M. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, and by W. Bro. Robert W. Edis (G. Supt. of Works), on behalf of United Grand Lodge of England.

The work of alteration is now in progress, and the Board confidently hope that the December Meeting of Grand Lodge will be held in the permanent home of the Mark Degree.

Bro. George Clark, jun., F.C.A., has been appointed the Auditor of Grand Lodge, in succession to Bro. C. E. Soppet, to whom the thanks of Grand Lodge are due for his gratuitous services.

The invested capital of the General Fund is £2600.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The twenty-first Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 21st July, 1889, and Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., has most kindly consented to preside. It is confidently hoped that the untiring exertions of the Board of Stewards, and the generous liberality of the members of the Mark Degree, will enable the General Board, not only to maintain the efficiency of this useful and most deserving Charity, but to still further increase its benefits by the admission of those accepted Candidates whom, at present, the Board do not feel justified in placing on the Fund.

Over 100 Brethren have already volunteered their services as Stewards, and it is sincerely hoped that this number may be largely increased before the day of the Festival.

ANNUITY BRANCH.

A brother, aged 72, who had been a subscribing member of Fortitude Lodge, No. 78, for over 21 years, has been added to the number of Annuitants, making a total of Five Brethren now enjoying the advantages of this Branch, the Annual Income of which is only £99 12s. 1d., while the Expenditure is £155.

EDUCATIONAL BRANCH.

There are now 14 Boys and 13 Girls being educated and clothed, which entails an annual outlay of £400 4s. 8d., the income being £89 12s. 2d.

Arthur P. Morris, aged eight years; Edith Taylor, aged nine years; Annie L. M. White, aged 11 years seven months; Harold Miller, aged 10 years three months; Edward G. Jarman, aged eight years; and Stephen Wellington, aged 10 years, have been accepted as candidates, subject to the declaration of vacancies, the number of which must in a large measure depend on the success of the coming Festival.

The sum of £1750 9s. 9d. was received on account of the Benevolent Festival of 1888, and after payment of the necessary expenditure.

£546 has been paid to Benevolent Branch, £546 to Educational Branch, and £545 4s. 6d. to Annuity Branch.

The total invested funds are—

Renevolent Branch	...	...	...	...	£2500
Educational "	...	...	...	...	2400
Annuity "	...	...	...	...	3200

The Board have relieved the following cases:

Mrs. E. Y. ...	...	...	...	...	£10 0 0
Bro. M. E. S. ...	...	...	...	...	20 0 0
Mrs. J. J. ...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0
" C. A. J. ...	...	...	...	...	15 0 0
" H. C. ...	...	...	...	...	15 0 0
Bro. M. B.	20 0 0
" B. W.	20 0 0
" E. M.	10 0 0

And recommended to Grand Lodge—

M. A. G., widow of Bro. L. G.	20 0 0
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(Signed) FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar,
Vice-President.

The Marquis of HERTFORD then rose and said: Before we pass to the

next business, I think that as this is the first regular Grand Lodge that has been held since the very great loss that Mark Masonry has sustained, it would be hardly decent if I did not say a word with respect to that loss. Of course, I refer to the death of Canon Portal. I am sure you all agree with me—that by the death of Canon Portal Mark Masonry has lost a brother whom we could ill afford to lose. I believe that there was no brother in Mark Masonry who took more trouble for the good of Mark Masonry, and all Masonry I may say, than Canon Portal did. (Hear, hear.) Many of you brethren, Mark Masons of much older standing than myself, know better than I do all that Canon Portal has done, and the way he worked as President of the General Board, and in every way he possibly could for the good of Mark Masonry. I think when you heard the minutes of the 25th February read, you must have noticed that he was then working hard to try to get our Mark Grand Lodge settled in the new building—Bacon's Hotel—and put in proper form, and was doing all he could to arrange that Mark Masonry should have a proper home there; and when we go, as I hope we shall before no very long period, into the new Grand Lodge room at what was Bacon's Hotel, I am sure we shall all feel that it is owing in a great measure to Canon Portal that we go in to what, I hope, will be a proper abode for Grand Mark Lodge. I have no resolution to move, but you will agree with me that we could not pass over the death of Canon Portal in absolute silence on this occasion. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. W. KELLY, Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire: Perhaps a few words from me will not be inappropriate on this occasion, as I represent the second province on the roll of Mark Grand Lodge which was constituted after the formation of Grand Lodge, the first province being Devonshire. I had the honour and pleasure of knowing Canon Portal for many years. He was in our Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, and during the whole time I have been Grand Master of that province, which is 31 years, I have been in correspondence with him. With the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair I think that no one could have Mark Masonry more at heart than had Canon Portal.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., next moved the adoption of the following recommendation arising out of the Report of the General Board:

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.

He said this matter had been taken into consideration by the General Board in consequence of various applications from the Colonies, and it had been considered by the Board a fit matter to submit to Grand Lodge so as to bring the Constitutions of Mark Masonry into accord with the Constitutions of the Craft. Years ago the Craft changed the title of Provincial to District. It made no difference in the rank or status, because Provincial and District Grand Masters took rank from the date of their appointment; but in the Colonies they seemed to think it was a higher title, and that being the case, the General Board thought it would be a very nice thing to cede to the Colonies this point. They also felt that the brethren generally would fall in with the views of the Colonial brethren that they should regulate their own fees. In some cases they wanted to raise their fees a little more than they were in this country. In other cases—in New South Wales, for instance—they wanted to raise their fees, so as to form a Fund of Benevolence. The General Board thought that was a very desirable object, and that brethren so far away from us, and so difficult for us to get at, should have a voice in their own affairs. That being the advice of the General Board, he begged to move the adoption of the recommendation.

Bro. Deputy Controller BAKE, in seconding the motion, wished to say that the Colonies were rising in importance, and, though they were members of this great country, still they were an independent race. Although they acknowledged that they owed everything in Masonry to this great country, yet there were many things which they considered could be best managed by themselves. If Grand Lodge gave them a separate Board to manage matters, so that their funds might be appropriated to any purpose for which they wished to use them it could not matter to Grand Lodge. They would be distributing them according to their own intelligence, to the best of their knowledge and belief. Having passed a large portion of his life in the Colonies, he had much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON next moved—

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.

He (Bro. F. Richardson) had the honour of knowing Bro. Way personally. When he went out to Australia three years ago, he had heard of him, and he could say his reputation extended far and wide. At the installation a few weeks ago of Sir Wm. Clarke as Grand Master of the Province of Victoria, Chief Justice Way made the most beautiful speech he (Bro. Richardson) ever read. He had the newspapers from the Colonies, in which the speech was reported, sent to him, and he must say it was a treat to read it. From the position Chief Justice Way held in South Australia, the General Board thought it would be a pleasant thing to confer the rank of Past Master upon Chief Justice Way, because, having only lately taken this Degree of Mark Mason, it would be some years before he would take that rank. He (Bro. Richardson) could speak personally of Chief Justice Way's Masonic qualifications. Three years ago, when he was in Australia he had hardly been in Adelaide three hours when he received a visit from the Grand Secretary with a message from the Chief Justice that he hoped he would pay him a visit. Chief Justice Way had heard from some one in Melbourne that he (Bro. Richardson) was going to Adelaide, and he said when he found there was a member of Grand Lodge of England going to

Adelaide, he must invite him. His (Bro. Richardson's) visit there was made by Chief Justice Way most enjoyable. He had the greatest pleasure in moving this resolution.

The Earl of EUSTON seconded the motion. He had served under the Chief Justice in the colony, and received the greatest kindness and consideration from him. From his knowledge of the Chief Justice, and the kindness he had experienced from him himself, he could say that Bro. Richardson's visit must have been most enjoyable.

The motion was carried.

Moved by Bro. F. RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS—a grant of £20 to the widow of a late brother was confirmed.

On the motion of Bro. F. RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. R. BERRIDGE the report of the Board was adopted.

The Marquess of HERTFORD then said he had to announce that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been unanimously elected again as M.W.G.M., and he congratulated the Order on the fact that the Prince of Wales would again be the G.M. of Mark Masons.

The Prince of Wales was then proclaimed by Bro. BERRIDGE as again duly installed G.M. of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

The following brethren were appointed Grand Officers for the year :

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton ...	...	...	Pro G.M.
" Marquess of Hertford ...	...	...	D.G.M.
" Lord Cremorne ...	...	...	S.G.W.
" Sir Lionel Darell, Bart. ...	...	...	J.G.W.
" Richard Vassar Vassar-Smith ...	...	...	G.M.O.
" W. G. Lemon ...	...	...	S.G.O.
" Butler Wilkins ...	...	...	J.G.O.
" Rev. Dr. Herbert Kynaston ...	...	...	G. Chaps.
" Rev. Trevor Parkins ...	...	...
" Henry Faija ...	...	...	G. Treas.
" Frank Richardson ...	...	...	G. Reg.
" Earl of Euston ...	...	...	Pres. Gen. Bd.
" F. Binckes ...	...	...	G. Sec.
" Felix Sumner Knyvett ...	...	...	S.G.D.
" W. Goodacre ...	...	...
" Henry Stocker ...	...	...	J.G.D.
" H. E. Cousans ...	...	...
" Rowland Plumbe ...	...	...	G.S. of W.
" Robert Berridge ...	...	...	G.D. of C.
" J. H. Matthews ...	...	...	A.G.D. of C.
" J. B. Bridgman ...	...	...
" Dr. T. B. Purchas ...	...	...	G.S.B.
" W. T. Christian ...	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" A. R. Carter ...	...	...
" Thomas Troman ...	...	...	G. Org.
" C. F. Matier ...	...	...	A.G. Sec.
" Joseph Manwaring ...	...	...	G.I.G.
" J. Unwin ...	...	...	A.G.I.G.
" A. Walkley ...	...	...	G. Tyler.

The following are the Grand Stewards for the year : Bros. J. M. Collins, Bon Accord Lodge ; E. M. Money, Old Kent Lodge ; Philip Saillard, 144 ; Edwin Storr, 234 ; T. E. Biddlecombe, 244 ; G. H. Newington Bridges, 333 ; J. W. Howard Thompson, 144 ; Henry Fisher, Warwickshire ; William Denne, 378 ; G. J. Brady, Dorsetshire ; W. R. Felton, Gloster and Hereford ; S. Knight, Berks and Oxon ; K. McEwen, North Wales ; and G. P. Airey, 247.

The following are the members of the General Board :—(Nominated by the Grand Master) Bros. F. Davison, Alfred Williams, James Moon, C. H. Driver, Thomas Cubitt, and George Cooper. (Nominated by the brethren) —Bros. Dr. George Mickley, P.M. 97, P.G.D. ; John E. Dawson, D.P.G.M. Herts ; R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G.M. Hants and I. of W. ; A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire ; and Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Kent.

Letters of apology were announced by Bro. Binckes as having been received from a large number of distinguished brethren for absence, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

A choice banquet was subsequently partaken of in the Venetian Room, presided over by Bro. W. Kelly, when the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

In proposing "The Queen and Mark Masonry," Bro. KELLY mentioned the fact that he had been a Mason 50 years, and a Provincial Grand Master for 31 years, and in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," he stated that in the early days of the Mark Grand Lodge Mark Masonry was in very low water. The late Earl of Zetland's cold shoulder had been turned to it, but when Bros. Canon Portal, Beach, Lord Leigh, Lord Holmesdale, and others, together with the Apollo Lodge at Oxford, worked for it it succeeded.

If it had not been for this it would not have lasted very long. When he attended to be installed as Provincial Grand Master the attendance of brethren was not more than would occupy one of the tables at which they were now sitting. But when the Prince of Wales became Grand Master Mark Masonry was flourishing, and it was now a very strong body, and would continue to be so.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Mark Grand Lodge had been very fortunate for many years in having its ranks recruited from some of the best and most excellent Masons under the Masonic ægis of England. The Marquis of Hertford is one of these ; he had presided in Grand Lodge that evening with dignity and grace and in the most efficient manner, and they were all proud of him. They had had other good Masons appointed to preside over the affairs of the Craft, gentlemen who honoured the Craft. Many years past

there had been a long array of excellent Masons to fill the Grand Offices of this Degree.

The Rev. Dr. H. KYNASTON, G.C., replied, and said that having received Grand Office the Grand Officers would do their best for the Order and would faithfully and worthily bear their collars. When they spoke of Grand Officers they ought not to forget those who had gone to the Grand Lodge above, and it was on their behalf as well as for living past officers he returned thanks.

Baron DE FERRIERES proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," of which he said they might well be proud. Comparisons were odious, and, therefore, without comparing the Mark Benevolent Fund with other Charities, in these days of criticism, when it was the fashion to find fault with everything, he might say that no one had found fault with this Charity, which was laid on good lines. It gave assistance in their own homes to brethren who had met with reverses, and to their widows ; but above all it paid for the education of children in their own neighbourhoods, and this was also a right line, for the children after school hours had the benefit of parental care. He hoped the brethren would all support the Mark Benevolent Fund. They might be proud of the fact that there were not the calls on this Fund that there were on other branches of Masonry, which he thought was due to the fact that a man who became a Mark Mason had his brains in the right place, and it was only when he died, and his children were left on the support of others, this Fund stepped in and assisted them. He felt assured that the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival would be well supported.

The Earl of EUSTON replied, and said that last year they had 166 Stewards, but at the present time there were only 142 ; but he hoped before the Festival came on, in another month and a half, the brethren would work their lodges up to subscribe. The great object was not to touch the invested funds, but rather to add to them, so that they might amount to such a sum that it would not be necessary to ask the brethren annually to subscribe. This Mark Fund was entirely separate from others, and the brethren ought to support it without thinking about the other Charities of the Craft. It had been started with a good will and intention to keep it up. What was the good of looking back when you had put your hand to the plough ? Undoubtedly they would keep up the other Charities as well as their own. The Stewards of the coming Festival would do their best to make the meeting a success.

"The Visitors," proposed by Col. RAMSAY, was responded to by Bro. LEON, of Jamaica.

Bro. KELLY responded to the toast of his health, and other toasts followed before the meeting broke up.

A beautiful selection of vocal music was performed under the direction of Bro. W. Stevenson Hoyte, F.C.O., P.G. Org., assisted by Bros. H. J. Dutton, L. Fryer, T. W. Hanson, and Mr. R. E. Miles.

DEGREES.—This word, which properly means "steps," from the Latin "gradus," refers to those distinctions in Masonry which are called grades, which term is in fact synonymous. The question of Masonic Degrees, is not an easy one to settle—not so easy as some writers, at any rate, seem to think. The evidence on the subject is not to our mind conclusive, for many reasons, and it must still be left somewhat in suspense. The theory that our present degrees are the product of the 1717 Revival we cannot accept, though we are quite willing to admit that, owing to careless or incorrect nomenclature, it is not very easy for the Masonic student to-day to speak dogmatically on the subject. It appears to us that the degrees as we have them now existed practically the same, though with a little difference of ritual accessories and arrangement ; and that there always was a distinction between the Master, the Fellow, and the Apprentice. The Scotch Lodge minutes, or the acknowledged statutes of the Craft Lodges (1598), show two steps (or degrees) to have then existed. Apprentices got "the Mason Word ;" then, in the admission of "Fellow or Master," there was some sort of ceremony, at which Entered Apprentices should (nay, *must*) be present. Subsequently, Apprentices were excluded on the admission of Fellows and Masters. The Apprentices were turned out in 1759. Bro. Mackey seems quite to have misread Anderson. Anderson, in the Constitution of 1723 and 1738, under the 4th charge, uses the same words—Master, Wardens, Fellows, and Prentices—and makes precisely the same statement. We do not, we confess, understand Mackey's argument, as founded on some alteration in the two editions, because there is essentially none. The alterations are those of convenience alone. It is quite clear that in 1720 the three distinguishing names of Master, Fellows, and Prentices were known to the Craft. In the old and new regulations, in the edition of 1738, there is no doubt a variation in the context, as where, in Regulation xiii. Master Mason in 1738 is submitted for Fellow Craft in 1723 ; and in Regulation xxv., where in 1738 "Brother" is substituted again for Fellow Craft in 1723. But in Regulation xiii., in 1723, the Apprentices were to be made in the private lodge, the Fellows and Masters in Grand Lodge. We may, therefore, take it for granted that in 1717 the same nomenclature prevailed—indeed, Dermott distinctly states that there was a separate Master's Degree in 1717, though his words require to be taken "cum grano." Whether in those days the grade of Master was confined to those who were Masters of lodges we are not quite prepared yet to say, but there is a good deal to be advanced in favour of such a view. In our humble opinion, the grades of Apprentice and Fellow, and Actual Master, if you like, were distinct grades, and it is incorrect to say that previous to 1717 only one grade, that of Entered Apprentice was known. Mackey's argument, as based on Anderson, is, as we have ventured to say, untenable, and we cannot, therefore, accept the conclusion to which he seems to have come. According to our esteemed Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Ancient Craft Masonry in Scotland, till shortly before institution of Grand Lodge, was composed of two Degrees—"Entered Apprentice" and "Fellow or Master." A Third Degree was, he informs us, unknown in Scotland "pro tanto" prior to Désaguliers's visit in Edinburgh in 1721 ; he might then tell the Edinburgh brethren of it, but it is several years after his visit that the first trace of it appears. We fancy that after all it is only a question of arrangement and terminology.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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Several Reports, Letters, &c., unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"A straw will show the way the wind blows," and
indications have already been given in your columns of the
reception an enquiring member of the Craft may expect if
he presumes to criticise the Committees of the Boys'
School. We should have over again the scene in Little
Dorrit when at the wedding, Barnacle Junior of the
Department of how not to do it at the Circumlocution
Office did, "with indignation, communicate to two rapid
young gentlemen, his relatives, that there was a feller here,
look here, who had come to our Department without an
appointment, and said he wanted to know, you know; and
that, look here, if he was to break out now, as he might
you know (for you never could tell what an ungentelemanly

Radical of that sort would be up to next) and was to say,
look here, that he wanted to know, this moment, you know,
that would be jolly; would'n't it?"

By way of deprecating wrath at my observations on the
responsibilities of the Committees, I desire to say in start-
ing, that with the exception of the two names already
mentioned in your columns, I do not know even the names
of the members, and have carefully abstained from enquir-
ing. I beg, therefore, that it may be understood that I
am not in any way referring to individuals, some of whom for
aught I know may be among my personal friends. It is
the system which is open to the gravest censure. Writing
as I do on the eve of the Special General Court, and un-
certain as to whether or not the Institution may have any
Committee at all when these lines are read, I desire to
make my criticisms general rather than particular.

And the first thing I have to say is that no brother
ought to accept a seat on a Committee of any public insti-
tution such as a Masonic Charity, unless he has time to
devote to its duties. It is no doubt an honour; but it is
more, it is a responsibility. I know that the same man will
accept a seat at several boards of public companies and give a
"pro forma" attendance of a few minutes on the
board day, rushing from one Company's Office to another
during the luncheon hour. But he is paid for that, and his
attendance is worth as much, or as little, as he gets. On
the other hand, when he works for love, he ought to satisfy
himself before he accepts office that he has time to dis-
charge its duties.

But further, he ought to have independence. I am told
that Committees are often packed, that there is no chance
for an outsider getting on, and that independent men are
neither wanted nor welcomed. Well, that is not my own
experience of Committees of charitable societies. The man
"who wants to know, you know," sometimes makes
himself more unpleasant than useful, but none who really
desire the good of an institution resent proper enquiry or
criticism; and I think that, secretly, Chairman and Secre-
taries despise men who are mere dummies at the Board,
who only do what they are told and then walk away. Such
men remind me of the cartoon in which, years ago,
Punch represented Lord John Russell, as a page boy,
seeking a situation, whom Mrs. Britannia looked over, in
his buttons, and pronounced "not strong enough for the
place." At the beginning of my Masonic life, I well re-
member a brother, a member of my own profession, and
whose name is now held in the highest honour, saying,
when asked to undertake some duty—"I have made it a
rule of my life never to undertake a post for which I felt I had
neither time nor strength." If this has not always been
the rule of the members of the House and Audit Com-
mittees of the Boys' School in the past, I sincerely trust
that it may be adopted by them for the future.

The duties of the House Committee are referred to in
the Report (p. 7), and include superintending the regula-
tions of the establishment, and the appointment of the
officers. The examination of the building and premises,
with power to refer to the General Committee, is a special
feature. It is clear, therefore, that when we read (p. 12)
that the accommodation provided is "deficient and un-
satisfactory, neither is the best possible use made of the
structure;" and when, further on, we hear that "more
intelligent supervision is required in regulating the ventila-
tion and warming of the ground-floor;" that "the appliances
provided do not work satisfactorily, and in some cases are
hardly usable;" that "the class-rooms are dark and
cheerless, and only adapted to two-thirds of the numbers
taught in them;" while the library and laundry are
practically unused, and other apartments (including
the room of considerable size in which the House Steward
keeps his dogs) require to be set free; then it seems im-
possible to avoid the conclusion that the Committee is to
blame. I do not include other matters as to which
deficiency of funds might be pleaded as an ex-
cuse, such as the want of a common room for
the masters, an indoor playroom, and a larger servants'
living room; though I believe the requisite funds for these
objects would easily have been raised had the wants
been made known. But the ordinary funds are ample to
have provided that the gaslights should be fixed at a suit-
able height, and that, when half the bathroom accommoda-
tion was removed, a substitute should have been formed
so as not to leave the bathing accommodation four times
too small according to the original design (p. 14). And
lack of funds cannot be pleaded to excuse the dirty state
of the floors of the dining and large halls, with a staff of
29 female servants; nor for the fact that the appliances
for extinguishing fire encumber the passages, and from
neglect are in a perfectly unworkable condition (p. 15).
They ought, of course, to be constantly attended to, and
here should be a regular fire drill among the boys (as on
board ship) if the risk of a terrible calamity is to be
avoided.

A lack of common sense, more than of funds, seems to
have distinguished a former Committee in its attempts at
domestic discipline and economy. The Report (p. 17)
speaks of the severe strain caused by dismissing all the
assistant masters at once in June, 1887, and it showed as
little wisdom as kindness when the boys could not eat the
fish provided to stop their pudding. Was it thought that
that would recommend the fish to the average boyish in-
telligence? It is to be hoped the cocoa was never "bad"
on the fish days, or the lads may have had to go through
their day's work (we won't speak of play) on the strength
of a piece of bread for breakfast and another at dinner.
We are told (p. 24) that the mugs are so broken that the
boys don't get their nominal allowance of cocoa. You
say it is a little matter to make a fuss about—would that
it was a solitary case. The Report says it is typical—it is
more, it is ominous.

The conclusion of the Report as respects the House
Committee is that it "should be able and willing to take
and keep the control in its own hands, be in touch with the
general life of the School, give more personal attention,
and exercise an intelligent authority in the Institution."
With this no one can reasonably grumble.

Coming now to the Finance and Audit Committee, its
great duty besides checking the tradesmen's accounts seems
to be, under Law 49, to see that the receipts and pay-
ments are correctly entered, subscriptions posted up, and
the annual accounts properly prepared. Bro. Philbrick's
Committee found on enquiry for the books that no cash
book was kept (p. 33), that the receipt of moneys was
recorded solely by the counterfoils of the receipt books;
that there was nothing to identify any particular payment
with the letter or advice covering the remittance, and

that the letters were not preserved. So that if acciden-
tally or otherwise a receipt is omitted to be given, all trace
of the transaction would be lost. The bankers virtually
kept the cash account of the Institution, but there was no
check on them except by comparing the counterfoils with
the paying in slips, and the cheque book with the pass
book. This system (or rather want of system) is emphati-
cally condemned by the Report, which says (p. 34), "the
facility given for irregularity and mistake is obvious. The
books kept are not arranged on any systematic plan, nor
are they such as would be permitted in any business
establishment."

Yet the Finance Committee has never accompanied
their certificate of the correctness of the annual account
by any report or observations, or expressed dissatisfaction,
or suggested any alteration or modification in the way the
accounts are either kept or published. (p. 40.) Further
on the Report says (p. 41), "The Audit Committee exer-
cises no independent authority in matters of finance, and
does little, if anything, more than vouch for the accuracy
of such matters as are put before it. It does not in any
way control, check, or regulate the expenditure, and in no
way attempts to see, as we think it ought, that the pub-
lished accounts are properly framed, and exactly corres-
pond to the figures they have audited."

It is not wonderful, after all that has gone before, to learn
towards the close of the Report that the average annual
expenditure is £51 for every one of the 258 boys main-
tained by the Institution, or that this is double the cost
per child in the Yorkshire Society's School. And though
the Boys' School may be compared more favourably with
the other Institutions mentioned in the Table on p. 42, the
result is that our expenditure is 33 per cent. over the
highest of all the other Institutions.

In the conclusion of the Report, as respects the accounts,
there can be no difference of opinion, viz., that the
Finance Committee should in future regulate the expendi-
ture, under the House Committee, the accounts being
kept by a qualified public accountant.

I would add as a matter of general interest to those con-
nected with Charitable Institutions that a useful little paper
—"On the Auditing of Charity Accounts," by G. Van de
Linde—has been recently published by the Charity Organi-
sation Society. It shows what books of account ought, from
a professional point of view, to be kept by these societies.
It will well repay a careful perusal.

In bringing these observations to a close I would desire
earnestly to endorse what has been already suggested—
that nothing which has been written or said should lead to
a slackening of interest in the School, much less to a falling
off of pecuniary support. Such a result, particularly at
the forthcoming annual festival, would be disastrous. We
may be sure that no money given this year will be wasted.
Bearing in mind the shock which has been given by the
Report, and its possible effect on some minds, and also the
necessity which is apparent for at once spending a con-
siderable sum on the building, there was probably never a
year when money was more urgently required than this.
To stop the supplies is, as you say, madness. It is not a
question of this or that brother's failings or feelings, but of
the boys' bread and butter. "Men may come and men
may go," but the needs of the Institution "go on for
ever." A brother who is acting as a Steward for the Boys'
this year, and who told me, after a careful study of the
Report, that he considered its criticisms were amply justi-
fied, added, that he should work harder than ever to make
this Festival a success. His list already exceeds £100. If
all the brethren who have volunteered will take the same
view, a grave source of anxiety will be removed, and the
Craft will meet the crisis as Masons should.—I am, yours
fraternally,

F. H. ROOKE.

June 31d.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your leading column for to-day you enter, I
see, a protest against the course that has been adopted by
certain members of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, in
confirming the action of the W.M. in withdrawing from
his Stewardship, and resolving that under present circum-
stances of the School no subscriptions should be paid to it.
But I think you have not done full justice to the brethren
in question, for you have omitted to mention that they also
resolved "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." More-
over, the circular from the Carnarvon Lodge dated 21st
April, and printed in full on page 325 of to-day's *Free-
mason*, plainly shows, I think, the humane desire of its
authors to cure, not kill, their patients, for they suggest
not the stoppage of supplies until a cure has been effected,
as you infer, but only the suspension of the payment of the
subscriptions to the present managing authorities until the
remedies they recommend are adopted, viz.: (1) The
resignation of the House and Audit Committees; (2) The
removal of all the officers implicated in the Report of the
Investigation Committee; and (3) the carrying out of all
the reforms named in that Report.

These are certainly drastic remedies, but not, in my
opinion, more than the "present circumstances" of the
case seem to demand. "A wise man does not (as you
very truly say) set about repairing his house by pulling it
about his ears, but he takes counsel with himself, and
probably with some experienced architect, to ascertain
and remedy the defects." But what if architect and work-
men alike insist on overlooking the owner's responsibilities,
and disregarding his wishes, and on plunging him into further
expenditure and inconvenience? The specific remedy in
such a case is, surely, just the one prescribed by these
worthy brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge—"Employ
another architect and different workmen!"

It is, indeed, much to be deplored that it has so happened
that the nominations for the new House and Audit Com-
mittees occurred only seven days after the Investigation
Committee's Report was presented, and that the election
for those Committees had followed only five days before the
Special Quarterly Court, to be held on Thursday next, for
the very purpose of considering the charges of mismanage-
ment against those two Committees. I know, of course,
that the dates for both the nominations and the elections are
fixed by rule, but that is not my present point. Who (it is
being asked on all sides) is responsible for the delay of
nearly six weeks between the submission and the considera-
tion of the Investigation Committee's Report? And why
has its discussion by the Special Court been postponed till

after the opportunity has been afforded for the re-election of the incriminated persons on the Managing Committees of the School? These are, I think, two questions which deserve a clear and prompt answer.

I have been twitted by a much esteemed brother as to the probable terrible consequences to the Boys' School of my "final judgment" on this question of such an unimportant being as myself. But may I say, in reply to this, and such like remarks, that we owe the present "scandal" almost, if not entirely, to the foolish fear which so many individuals have of openly expressing their own independent opinion—a fear which is created and kept alive by the domineering spirit exercised by wire-pullers, "ring" makers, and "close borough" promoters. I have just heard, for instance, of the case of a recently-elected member on a very important Committee, who candidly admits that he was aware of many of the gross irregularities which were being complained of, but that he had not the courage so soon after his election to oppose the permanent officials and his comrades on the Committee of longer standing than himself.

As a member of the Craft, however—though a very humble one—I have, I conceive, an equal right with my more distinguished and exalted brethren to express an opinion, and to form a judgment on affairs Masonic, and I mean, therefore, *pace* those who think it impertinent for some other's dog to bark in their presence, to prosecute my humble endeavours to form a right judgment on this Boys' School question, and any others that may come within my view. But of this I feel quite sure already, whatever may be the fortunate, or unfortunate, result to individuals of this investigation into the affairs of the Boys' School, that to this Institution itself the greatest possible benefits will follow in every respect.

And, lastly, if this be the consequence of "a Committee of Investigation," I should strongly recommend similar Committees on the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, in both of which, I have little doubt, there are some cobwebs to sweep away. I will mention one *exempli gratia*: What becomes of the balance over expenditure of the receipts from "Stewards' Fees, &c.," at each of the recurring Annual Festivals, and why is no detailed account of receipt and payments in connection with these Festivals annually published?—Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR,
P.M. 2069.

June 1st.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

I am a Lewis, and my respected father constituted me a Life-Governor of one, if not two, of the Masonic Charities, and, I feel assured, looked forward with great pleasure to the time when, as he said, he might initiate me (three months hence, by the way) into the mysteries of the Order.

On Saturday last (the 1st of June) I agreed to meet a friend at the Freemasons' Hall, he having occasion to attend a meeting there of Life-Governors. The time appointed was between half-past four and five o'clock, with the view of our proceeding afterwards for a ramble in the country. When I arrived, I was told to proceed along a dark corridor, where I proposed to await my friend. I had no sooner entered than I was made painfully aware of loud howling and shrieking emanating from a room at the extreme end of the corridor, which, by the way, seemed to have the effect of inducing several gentlemen who were in advance of me to retrace their steps and retire. The noise was so great and the violence so extreme that it brought to my mind most vividly what I had read of the scenes in Paris during the Reign of Terror, only that there were no women. After a little time I ventured to push open the door, which was not latched, and the scene which I then beheld baffles my powers of description. Many were standing on tables and chairs, vociferating and gesticulating violently, and all speaking at the same time. I need not say I quickly beat a retreat, and regained the street, where I awaited my friend, who arrived overpowered with emotion. I thought it prudent to make no remark as to what I had seen, but I made up my mind from that moment that, if such was the conduct of Masons at their meetings, I should think "once, twice, aye thrice," before I became a Freemason, leastways I casually mentioned what I had seen and heard to another friend, who was kind enough to say that I was a "Novice," and that it was all quite right. He, however, suggested that it would be wise to send an account of what I saw to the Masonic Journal. Hence my sending this in the hope that it may reach the eye of the better class of Masons. I can, however, aver that the Freemasons whom I have occasionally met at my father's table were a very different class of men to those whom I saw on Saturday, otherwise I should never have thought of becoming a Freemason.—Yours faithfully,

A NOVICE.

June 5th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think it right that the Craft should be made aware of what occurred at the meeting held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, which was supposed to consist of Life Governors of the Masonic Boys' School only, but from what I saw I hope they were not all Freemasons, otherwise we have descended in the scale since I was initiated.

It was much to be regretted that the Secretary, with his large experience, had not secured the larger hall, as the room in which we met was much too small for the assembly, but perhaps he was unable to secure it. The room in which we met quickly filled, to the exclusion of many whose presence there would have been most desirable, and in a short space of time they were packed literally like herrings in a barrel; the heat was most oppressive, and the atmosphere became almost pestiferous, so as to render it scarcely endurable. I have, as a Member of Parliament and a magistrate of many years' standing, had some experience of political and other public meetings, where bitterness and rancour had full swing, but I never saw a body of men behave more disgracefully than those who disturbed the meeting on Saturday last. Order and brotherly regard were out of the question. They stormed, howled, and shrieked, at the top of their voices, like raving maniacs let loose from a lunatic asylum, in fact, I doubt if the maniacal patients would not have paled into mildness itself by their side. Unfortunately, the Chairman was unable to con-

trol the assembly, and very soon lost any semblance of authority; in truth, one of the "shouters," whose views were ruled out of order, took upon himself the right to call for a show of hands, and virtually declared the Chairman himself to be out of order.

Now, I should have thought that the Chairman would then, when he found that his authority was not supported, have dissolved the meeting. The more especially as previously (notwithstanding a motion was proposed to the contrary) the minutes and other dicta, giving full power to the existing Committees and other officers had been confirmed by the meeting. Furthermore, in opposition to a motion for adjournment, the Chairman ruled that the election of the Committees must proceed, and be completed that day. Then came the *deluge*. The Chairman and the gentlemanly element, being soon overpowered by the ravings of the malcontents, who eventually appeared to carry the adjournment, but not until after the hour when, by the rules, further business was inadmissible.—Believe me, very truly yours,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF FORTY YEARS' STANDING.

June 4.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I and doubtless other provincial Masons went up to London on Saturday last to attend the meeting called to elect the House Committee.

No voting took place, and the meeting adjourned for a month.

Now as I and possibly others cannot afford either the time or the money to go up again, cannot some resolution be proposed so that the opinion of provincial brethren can be taken without putting them to the expense of going up to London again?

Can we on the crucial question be allowed to vote by proxy?—Yours fraternally,

M.M. 236.

June 4th.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS AND THE CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1572.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I can't make you out.

Shameful! is the word passed round the Carnarvon Lodge when the Boys' School is mentioned.

Don't you agree with this, don't you think the case against those connected with the management of the School is shameful?

What is to be done? We say, call on the Committees to resign; dismiss all implicated in the present state of things, and reform the School entirely. Make it a happy place for the children, and a place to which we can look with pride and pleasure. By this time you will have found we are not by any means alone in this desire. It is reasonable, and the men of the Carnarvon Lodge are determined to strive for it.

Your jeering at our earnestness is in bad taste; weak jokes about such an uncertainty as Midsummer weather in the midst of May are ill-timed in this crisis. You were in grim earnest when you were fighting for the brethren to have the right of electing the Grand Treasurer. This is a greater and deeper question, and one which, please God, the brethren will see righted.

When the brethren of the Carnarvon passed the resolution to stop supplies till they had evidence of reform, they saw little or no hope; the men in power were jeering at the Report, denying its truth, stubbornly holding to office, and exhausting every form to continue in power. It was time, high time, to show these men that, if their tactics succeeded, they would bring about the ruin of the School.

It is idle for you to accuse the brethren of the Carnarvon of seeking to injure the School. Nothing is dearer to their hearts than its prosperity and welfare.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN PAIGE,
W.M. Carnarvon, 1572.

June 5.

[If Bro. Paige cannot make us out we are sorry for him. We have no desire to back up the old Committee, or to defend abuses and mismanagement that have been clearly shown by the Commission to exist, but could not the Carnarvon Lodge have waited until the Report was received and discussed before taking the extreme step of stopping supplies, and by causing the failure of the coming Festival virtually starving the Institution for the next twelve months? It will be quite time to do this if the Life-Governors, in whose hands the power rests, fail in their duty. We are sorry too that Bro. Paige considers our remarks in bad taste, taking especial exception to the term "Midsummer Madness." Surely he ought to know that it is a phrase often used to express absurd or unreasonable action, and not a joke, weak or otherwise, about the weather.—Ed. F.M.]

CURIOUS CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see in the *Freemason* of the 25th ult. an article by Bro. Hughan, headed "Curious Certificate," relating principally to the Red Cross Degrees.

Bro. Hughan stated that these Degrees are conferred in the U.S.A. and Canada as *preparatory* or *introductory* to K.T.

This is not so in Ireland, however, where they are given *after* K.T. and K.M. I copy the following from minute book of Lodge 834: "Dundalk, March 23rd, 1831. Lodge met on Emergency, visited by seven Red Cross Knights, when the following High Knight Templars and Knights of Malta became Knights of the Red Cross, Mark, Link and Chain, and Patmos; here follow the names of the Aspirants."

I also received my Red Cross Degrees *after* the Temple or Malta in 1862, but in the certificate the Red Cross Degrees are named first.

A few years ago, when our Temple Order joined that of England (who does not recognise the Red Cross Degrees) they were added to the Prince Mason Degree, thus showing their position to be between the Temple and Higher Degrees. Fraternally yours,

Dundalk, May 31st.

JAMES HESSE.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL FOR THE CURE OF CONSUMPTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

An effort is being made to open a Cottage Hospital at Shanklin for the cure of poor consumptive patients by the system I advocated at Manchester, and I shall be much obliged if you will afford me an opportunity of calling attention to it.

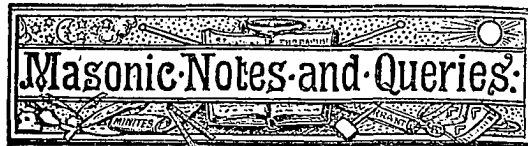
This new method of treatment has been followed by complete cure in half the cases and by very satisfactory results in the others. Contrast this with the invariably ultimate fatal results of the other modes of treatment, and the urgent necessity for a place where the system can be thoroughly carried out is clearly established. It will be the means of saving many lives, of preventing much suffering and misery, and must lead to the general adoption of this system of treatment; and I feel sure that, were this good work known to our brethren, we should have their co-operation in carrying it out.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

GODFREY W. HAMBLETON,

Physician,

(formerly No. 859).

Dorchester-place,
Blandford-square.



OLD CERTIFICATES.

Dr. Crossle, of Newry, has kindly sent me copies of two clearance certificates in the possession of St. John's Lodge, No. 697, Warrenpoint, Ireland. The first of A.D. 1782, is of parchment, and was issued by authority of the Grand Secretary of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, No. 6, therein referred to, is the present "Enoch" Lodge, No. 11, of London, originally warranted as for the 17th July, 1751.

[Copy of No. 6 Certificate, A.D. 1782.]

UNIVERSIS quorum interest attestæur
Fratrem Gulielmum Major fuisse Societate
dictæ Masoniæ secundum regulas Initiatum
in Cœtu Numero 6 et in Regno Angliæ. Et
sicut Decet unum ex nostris ut mihi ex
Testimonis Cœtus ad quem pertinebat probatum
est cum omni morum honestate se gessit.
Datum Londini sigillo Cœtus nostri
Majoris et superscriptione nostra munitum
die 22 Januarii Anno Domini 1782 et a
primitus Societatis 5782.

CAROLUS BEARBLOCK,

a secretis majoris Cœtus.

To all whom it may concern. I do hereby certify that Brother William Major is a regular registered Freemason in the Lodge No. 6 in the Kingdom of England and has during his stay amongst them behaved himself as became an honest and worthy brother as appears by the Lodge certificate to me. Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge in London the twenty-second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred eighty and two and in the year of Masonry five thousand seven hundred eighty and two.

CHARS. BEARBLOCK,

Gd. Secy.

The second was granted by another "Atholl" Lodge, originally No. 47, London, 24 Feb. 1756. According to Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," it was issued to Macclesfield in 1764, and got to Hinckley in 1803. It is now the "Knights of Malta" Lodge, No. 50, familiar to the readers of the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly's "History of the Province of Leicestershire."

[Copy of Certificate, No. 66, A.D. 1818.]

To all whom it may concern.

We the Master and Wardens of Lodge 47 but on the Union Registry of England 66 do hereby declare certify and attest that the bearer hereof our worthy Brother Henry Crawford lawfully Entered Apprentice in Lodge 66 in Hinckley Pass as a fellow craft and Raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason and such we do recommend.

Given under our hands and seal this 28th day of October 1818 and of Masonry 5818.

To all the true and faithful wherever dispersed thro the globe.

WM. LEE Mastr.
WM. LEES Secy. JESSE KING S.W.
MICO MACERNAVEY.

It is also of parchment, but in English only. I consider all such articles are well worth copying for the "Notes and Queries" department, and hope that other brethren will aid this portion of the *Freemason* in like manner, as opportunities arise.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, will visit Maidstone on Friday, the 28th inst., for the purpose of opening the Hollingworth Memorial Building of the West Kent General Hospital.

The 26th Anniversary Festival of the Newspaper Press Fund was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Chancellor of the Exchequer; Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., the Hon. E. Hubbard, M.P., Sir E. A. Inglefield, Tomlinson, M.P., Louis Desanges, and others being among the principal guests. The subscriptions announced by Bro. Hyde Clarke, Treasurer of the Fund, amounted to £1350. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Past Grand Organist.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI, 1889. Jackson, Miss., Clarion-Ledger Steam Printing Establishment. 1889.

The 71st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held at the Masonic Hall, Meridian, on the 14th and 15th February, under the presidency of Bro. M. McEvans, M.W. Grand Master, and the volume before us contains the usual detailed report of the proceedings, as well as the regular annual reports of the executive in respect of matters statistical and financial, and the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which, though more concise than many we are accustomed to receive, nevertheless contains a large amount of useful information. The Grand Master, in his address, reviewed the events of the past year and gave full explanations of the decisions he had rendered and the work he had been able to accomplish, but the matters dealt with are mostly of local interest. The proceedings on the second day of the session attracted more than the usual amount of interest, as they included the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new City Hall and Market House, Meridian, the ceremony being performed by Grand Master Evans, and the oration delivered by Past G. Master Speed. The following brethren were afterwards elected and installed as the principal Grand Officers for the year now current, namely: Bros. William G. Paxton, M.W.G.M.; John M. Stone, Dep. G. Master; C. C. Ross, S.G. Warden; John Riley, J.G. Warden; A. P. Barry, G. Treas.; and J. T. Power, G. Sec. There appears to be 265 lodges on the roll, and the total number of subscribing members is set down at 7423, being an increase of 164 over the return for the year 1887. The receipts during the year just exceeded 7463 dollars.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO, 1889. Santa Fe, N.M., New Mexican Printing Company. 1889.

These Proceedings contain a full review of the doings of the Craft in the Territory of New Mexico as presented at the 11th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at Santa Fe, on the 14th and 15th January last, when the brethren assembled under the presidency of their then Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dr. W. S. Harroun. The material points in the address delivered by the Grand Master were of local rather than of general interest, but it is satisfactory to learn that Freemasonry has been making steady progress in the jurisdiction, and that during the year two new lodges have received charters, while dispensations were issued for the constitution of two others. There are now 15 lodges in full working order, and the total membership is 602. The principal Grand Officers for the current year who were elected and installed on the second day of the meeting are Bros. A. N. Morehead, M.W.G.M.; F. H. Kent, D.G.M.; A. B. Laird, S.G.W.; Rev. J. D. Bush, J.G.W.; C. A. Fox, G. Treas.; and A. A. Keen, G. Sec. The statistical details are ample, and there is the usual Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for which Bro. Max Frost, who has done his work very satisfactorily, appears to be chiefly responsible.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF UNITY (No. 183).—This lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Monday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. H. Hooper, W.M.; S. Richardson, P.M.; G. P. Britten, P.M.; G. W. Speth, P.M.; A. Hirsch, P.M.; G. R. Langley, P.M.; J. W. Oliver, F. W. Zimer, J. D. E. Tarr, E. Wareham, W. J. Godwin, W. Newbold, J. A. Goudge, F. W. McIlwraith, A. O. Side, W. E. Watson, and J. H. Clemens. Visitors: Bros. J. P. Castle and G. W. Castle, of 1050; J. E. Harling, P.M. 30; and A. Norris, W.M. 1997. Mr. Joshua Henry Clemens was initiated. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Britten for his services at the election to the Girls' School of the two daughters of deceased members who were candidates—one was successful and the other almost so. Bro. Langley was appointed lodge Steward for the Boys' School for 1890.

TEMPERANCE - IN - THE - EAST LODGE (No. 898).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge, which has rendered such valuable service to the Charitable Institutions in past years, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Poplar, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The members present included Bros. I. J. Carter, W.M.; Jno. Gordon, S.W.; G. Shearman, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M.; Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; J. Armstrong, S.D.; W. H. Sherwin, Org.; H. Nunn, I.G.; Wm. Bigg, Stwd.; J. Byford, P.M.; Pulsford, P.M.; Hy. Rogers, P.M.; B. Carter, P.M.; G. Sidders, P.M.; J. Duncan, P.M.; Chas. Chapman, P.M.; W. J. C. Butcher, P.M.; W. Dorrell, P.M.; and a large number of lay members. Visitors: Bros. T. Williams, 1356; H. Sinclair, 1816; J. Bruce, 1421; J. Barnett, 1421; C. H. Canning, W.M. 1472; J. Bright, 149; G. H. Seage, 781; W. Platt, 1076; J. Green, 347; W. H. England, 1623; G. Harpom, 1816; Jno. Nixon, P.M., Sec. 217; F. G. Webster, 1803; W. Watkins, P.M. 1076; E. McGeorge, 499; J. W. Boyd, 871; A. T. Ives, W.M. 1472; S. G. Bonner, 1382; Ozanne, P.M.; Kinnipple, W.M. 1816; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, ballot was successfully taken for Mr. John Russell, and being in attendance he was impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. John Gordon was next presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, he was regularly installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. I. J. Carter. The W. Master displayed considerable ability, and gave ample proof of his

efficiency by his investiture of the following officers: Bros. G. Shearman, S.W.; J. Armstrong, J.W.; J. Waller, P.M.; Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Duck, S.D.; H. Nunn, J.D.; W. Bigg, I.G.; M. H. W. Sherwin, Org.; H. Rogers, P.M., D.C.; E. F. Williams, T. S. Craze, and R. F. Richardson, Stwds.; and J. Saunders, Tyler. The customary addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Carter, I.P.M., who was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the members, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the faithful, zealous, and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the past year, and the excellent example he had set to the junior officers. The I.P.M. having appropriately returned thanks, the audit report was received and adopted. The balance sheet for the past year included a donation of £105 to the R.M.I. for Girls, which was increased by the exertions of the four Stewards who represented the lodge to over £300.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the I.P.M. and the W.M. for the excellent manner in which they had respectively performed the installation ceremony and investiture of officers, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren, to the number of 100, then proceeded to the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, where Mr. J. Bolton, ably assisted by Bro. Salter, carried out the arrangements of the banquet in a very praiseworthy manner, the catering giving ample satisfaction to all present. Bro. Salter, of the Metropolitan Lodge, who was for a considerable time connected with a noted hostelry on Holborn Viaduct, was well to the fore on this occasion, and thoroughly deserved the encomiums passed on his efforts by the brethren.

After dessert the usual toasts received due notice. Bro. Carter, I.P.M., said that for the first time he had the pleasure of using the gavel to ask them to drink to "The Health of the W.M." It was not necessary for him to comment upon what Bro. Gordon, W.M., had done, for he had served his various offices, and done his work faithfully and well, which was in itself a guarantee that he would carry out the duties of the chair with the ability he had shown in the past.

Bro. J. Gordon, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the cordiality evinced in the proposition and reception of the toast. He also thanked them for their kind wishes, and hoped they would have a successful year. In conjunction with the officers, he would try to do his best, and with the kindness of the brethren and the assistance of the Past Masters he hoped the result would be a success.

The W.M. next gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said the brethren had heard the admirable manner in which Bro. Carter had performed the installation ceremony. They were also conversant with the excellent style in which the I.P.M. had carried out his duties during the past. The W.M. who performed those duties with success deserved great credit.

Bro. I. J. Carter, I.P.M., after returning thanks and expressing his appreciation of the flattering remarks made by the W.M., said that during his year he had reason to believe he had given satisfaction, and that repaid him for his efforts. Whatever Masons could do for each other it was their duty to do, and he hoped that feeling would always prevail in their lodge.

Bro. Shearman, S.W., said the W.M. had given him the honour of proposing a most important toast—that of "The Past Masters." They could boast of a strong staff of P.M.'s, and knew what those brethren had done and were doing for their lodge.

The toast having been heartily received and duly responded to, "The Initiate" was given, and replied to by Bro. J. Russell.

Bro. Pulsford, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," remarking that this was the third time he had been called upon to introduce that toast, and that he could not add much to what he had previously said. As regarded their lodge, none of the Masonic Institutions could complain of the assistance received from them thus far, but he must impress upon them to go on and do as much in the future as they had in the past, and more if possible. He was sorry to find they were not in a position to send up any Stewards this year. At their last installation meeting they had four Stewards. Theirs was a powerful lodge as regarded the Charities, but he hoped in time they would be Patrons of all the Institutions. They were not far behind that result, for he believed £75 was required to complete the sum needed to make the lodge a Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and about £120 for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He was pleased to think their lodge had been the cause of starting a unity amongst lodges in the East-end of London, for they now united for the cases coming under their notice. The provinces in England united in that way, and they in the East-end were bound to do the same, for as the provinces would not lend votes to London cases, having a binding rule to that effect, it was necessary they should do so. If all the lodges east of Aldgate would unite they could carry their cases. They had at present five lodges in the East London Masonic Charitable Association. In conclusion, he coupled the name of Bro. Ozanne, who had worked hard for the Charitable Associations in the East-end.

Bro. Ozanne responded, and thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast.

Bro. Butcher, P.M., gave "The Visitors," and said it was by interchanging visits with other lodges that they were enabled to know one another and see the working.

Bro. Kinnipple, W.M. 1816, having returned thanks, said he believed that lodge to be second to none, either in the East or West, for it always came forward in the cause of Charity, and did its best to set an example to other lodges.

Bro. Watkins, P.M. 1076, also responded, and "The Officers" having been given, and responded to by Bro. Shearman, S.W., and others, the Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting.

Bro. M. H. W. Sherwin, Org., presided with ability at the pianoforte, and the following brethren assisted in an excellent programme of music: Bros. Butcher, Sidder, Tuck, and Wheeler.

The dinner and general arrangements were carried out under the superintendence of Bro. J. Salter in a manner most satisfactory to the W.M. and brethren. Bro. Salter was favourably known for some time to the Craft at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, and we wish him all success at the Great Eastern.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This very prosperous lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. G. Herbert, W.M.; E. Shultz, S.W., W.M. elect; Suskind, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.A.G.D.C. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; R. Webber, S.D.; Sherer, J.D.; Nelson Prower, M.A., I.G.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.W. Middx., P.M., D.C.; N. P. Lardner, Stwd.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. (Hon. Org.); J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; and Mallet, P.M., Tyler. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. Sharpe, W.M. 869; W. Porter, W.M. 1793; B. Turner, C.C., P.M. 1328; Cull, P.M. 1446; Phillips, P.M. 1986; Fowler, 68 (S.C.); Bennelli, 704; Paul and Ross, 901; McFarlane, 1929; Cloake, 1986; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken, as joining members, for Bros. George Manners, C.C., F.S.A., P.M. 1589, and W. H. Woodhill, and for Mr. Bachoffner, as an initiate. The W.M. having requested Bro. Walls to assume the chair, the latter initiated Mr. Bachoffner, and installed Bro. Shultz, as W.M. In the last mentioned ceremony he was assisted by Bros. J. Young, as S.W.; T. Thompson, as J.W.; H. J. Lardner, as D.C.; and J. Herbert, as I.G. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. S. Suskind, S.W.; R. Webber, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, Sec.; H. Sherer, S.D.; N. Prower, J.D.; F. Kent, I.G.; Capt. T. C. Walls, D.C.; N. P. Lardner, A.D.C.; Dr. Lott, Org.; H. R. Bennett and H. Herbert, Stwds.; and E. Mallett, Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. G. Herbert for his valuable services as W.M. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Among the apologies for non-attendance were letters from Bros. W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P., P.G. Treas.; J. Lister, P.M.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; F. Kent, P.M.; and J. Mills.

The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was ably presided over by the W.M. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Dr. Lott, Signor Bennelli, Louis Paul, J. Young, and H. J. Macfarlane.

REGENT'S PARK LODGE (No. 2202).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester-gate, Regent's-park, when there were present Bros. J. K. R. Cama, W.M.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., Prov. S.G.W. Surrey, I.P.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; N. J. Goodchild, J.W., W.M. elect; N. Goodchild, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; J. Powdrell, S.D.; W. H. Hosegood, J.D.; J. Passingham, acting I.G.; Jas. Kew, Stwd.; J. P. Poynter, Org.; W. J. Hall, F. Palmer, Chas. W. Rex, G. Lane, H. F. Bangs, Jos. Bangs, F. J. Holden, G. Clappitt, W. H. Ellen, A. J. Ward, H. Jordan, and W. J. Holden.

Visitors: Bros. Henry Slyman, P.M. 704, Prov. G.D.C. Middx.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.S.G.W. Middx.; W. W. Styles, P.M. 1507; A. Morcome, P.M. 1470; H. E. Coffin, P.M. 167; Hy. Rose, P.M. 1470; T. Elwood, P.M. 179; F. E. Pocock, P.M. 1891; J. Thom, W.M. 2206; Thos. Casely, W.M. 1693; Boulton, W.M. 2291; J. Gladwell, W.M. 1470; Kershaw, 1185; J. Thornley, 704; J. F. Monson, 2206; A. A. Nottingham, J.D. 2206; W. Blunt, 959; J. W. Bincliffe, 2206; and J. H. Kew, J.W. 179.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A petition, asking recommendation of the lodge to Grand Lodge for a new lodge to be called "The Scots," was signed. The Audit Reports were received, adopted, and ordered to be printed. Bro. N. J. Goodchild, W.M. elect, was presented and obligated, and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, was placed in the chair of K.S. Bros. N. Goodchild and J. K. R. Cama were the Installing Masters. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. K. R. Cama, I.P.M.; J. Powdrell, S.W.; W. H. Hosegood, J.W.; Goodchild, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; Hall, S.D.; Passingham, J.D.; Jas. Kew, P.M., D.C.; Lane, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., H. F. Bangs, and Palmer, Stewards; Poynter, A.D.C.; Walker and J. Bangs, Organists; Rex, M.D.; and Clappitt, A.M.D. Bro. J. K. R. Cama, I.P.M., in an admirable manner gave the addresses. Messrs. Alfred John Ward and William Norton Ellen were initiated into Freemasonry. The I.P.M., Bro. J. K. R. Cama, was presented with a handsome jewel for the very able manner in which he had conducted the lodge. A jewel was also presented to Bro. Mulvey for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 3rd inst., when there were present with others Bros. W. A. Hill, W.M.; R. L. Mugford, I.P.M.; Rev. Elphinstone, Chap.; J. Grant, P.M., as S.W.; J. Taylor, J.D., as J.W.; A. W. Searley, S.D.; C. Clarke, D.C., as J.D.; J. Bear, I.G.; W. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; Blackler, Steward; and Conroy Couch.

The lodge being opened by the W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. On behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of Eng., Bro. John Taylor presented to the lodge a framed photo-type picture of the "Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, Philadelphia." The hall was originally purchased in 1802, and torn down in 1880, and upon the site a new and magnificent structure is built. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hughan for his gift, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. J. Taylor intimated that as soon as published he would present to the lodge a copy of Bro. Metham's Masonic Orations, now being edited by Bro. J. Chapman.

There being no other business, apologies were tendered for non-attendance of several of the brethren, and lodge was closed.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual celebration of the Festival of St. John in connection with the above lodge took place on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when, at the commencement of the proceedings, the chair was occupied by Bro. S. L. Fraser, the retiring W.M., who was supported by Bros. P. B. Gee, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Fothergill, P.M.; J. Pemberton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. S. Warden, P.M.; J. Ashworth, P.M.; A. Cotter, P.M., Treas., and others. The visitors included Bros. F. A. Rainbow,

W.M. 1094; J. Maddox, W.M. 823; R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; J. C. Robinson, P.G.S.; R. W. Gow, P.M. 823; G. Willings, P.M. 667; H. Ellis, P.M. 721; J. Kelly, P.M. 1313; J. Hughes, P.M. 1675; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; and E. R. Latham, W.M. elect 594.

After the ceremony of initiation, Bro. William Jones, unanimously chosen to the position, was presented for installation as W.M. by Bros. Pemberton and Gee, and the important ceremony was performed with much impressiveness by Bro. S. L. Fraser, who thus effectively concluded a memorable year's occupancy of the chair. The following appointments and investitures were then made: Bros. S. L. Fraser, I.P.M.; William Kohn, S.W.; J. J. Harley, J.W.; Alexander Cotter, Treas.; E. B. Ironside, Sec.; William Fish, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Linaker, S.D.; W. F. Pemberton, J.D.; Edwin Berry, I.G.; T. S. Tickle, T. Clarke, W. Cantle, and J. H. Ordish, Stwds.; and Wm. Hudson, Org.

A choice musical programme was given after dinner, served by Bro. Casey, House Steward, the vocalists being Bros. Sweetman, Batty, Ironside, Nicholls, Camidge, and Humphreys, with Bro. Hudson as accompanist. In the course of the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Fraser, I.P.M., along with a valuable necklet for Mrs. Fraser.

HALLIFORD.—Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—Presentation to the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.G.D.—A meeting was held at the Ship Hotel, on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. H. Showler, W.M.; Horace Stewart, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; W. C. Crick, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Rev. H. Crawford, J.D.; G. Henry Kenning, I.G.; W. Baird, Tyler; Col. Jas. Peters, P.M., P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W.; Rev. Dr. E. Brette, P.M., P.G.D., P.P.G. Chap.; J. Llewellyn Jones, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Sweetland, P.M., P.G. Reg.; Chas. E. Wright, P.M.; G. Whitaker, P.M.; E. R. B. Denniss, and J. H. Davies. Visitors: Bros. C. J. Wade, P.M. 180; H. Webster, P.M. 231; W. Webster, P.M. 231; J. Hardy, 1395; and W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. Horace Frederick Stewart, W.M. elect, was impressively installed by Bro. L. Jones, P.M. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers, and presented Bro. H. Showler with the P.M.'s gold jewel in recognition of his able services to the lodge during the past 12 months. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette a handsome two-handled chased silver cup (in the Queen Anne style), which was subscribed for unanimously by the brethren, as a token of the affectionate regard which they entertained for Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette, and to mark their sense of the many important services he has rendered to the lodge during the 10 years in which he has acted as Treasurer—which office his health had now made it necessary for him to resign.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining room, where a substantial repast had been prepared under the care of Mrs. Stone, and spent a most enjoyable evening on the banks of Old Father Thames.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Harry Round, W.M., and he was loyally and officially supported by Bros. Josef Cantor, C. W. Sanderson, W. Savage, W. W. Sandbrook, J. Fineberg, J. S. Shrapnell, J. H. Light, A. Mein, Eaton Batty, Barry Stuart, Richard C. Pulford, A. E. Workman, James Heginbotham, and William H. Ball. The members were Bros. J. W. Leech, D. Kennedy Rutherford, D. Adamson, J. Cooper Bland, Thomas L. Duncan, Samuel King, G. Douglas Clarence, Edward Graham, James Farrell, John Holker, Peter F. Buck, Henry Perry, Wm. Calder, E. Baxter, T. J. Irvine, John E. Holmes, W. H. Hildyard, F. A. Clayton, R. Bolas, Albert Smith, T. Mawdesley, J. C. Williams, Dan Kiernan, and Thomas Shaw. Included amongst the visitors were Bros. George Whewell, George Wild, James Clark, W. Sweetman, J. F. Cottier, R. J. Clement, Harry Allen, Wm. Booth, John C. Robinson, E. A. G. Dow, W. J. Gilchrist, George Brebner, W. A. Napier, J. Archdeacon, John Stowell, W. Price, J. Wiatt, Thomas C. Fargher, R. J. Lloyd, John W. Turcan, Thomas Bush, Peter Ball, Frederick Evans, W. Warburton, and John R. Bromley. The special business of the afternoon was the Third Degree, the members raised being Bros. Bland, Baxter, and Holmes.

At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned for dinner, after which an excellent programme, largely musical, was provided by Bros. Batty, Heginbotham, Sweetman, Fargher, Barry Stuart, Savage, Kirkham, Cantor, and B. T. Shaw (violin).

CHEPSTOW.—Striguil Lodge (No. 2186).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Nelson-street, when Bro. A. Miller was duly installed as W.M., the Installing Officer being Bro. G. Yockney, I.P.M. There were present a large company of distinguished brethren from other lodges. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. C. W. Whalley, S.W.; C. J. Lindham, J.W.; Rev. Watkin Davies, Chap.; A. Price, Treas.; W. T. Garrett, Sec.; J. A. Miller, S.D.; T. S. Davis, J.D.; S. Callaghan, D.C.; J. F. Evans, I.G.; A. E. Kingsford, Org.; and F. Coombs, Tyler.

After the installation ceremony about 50 of the brethren were present at a splendid banquet, provided in her usual first-class manner by Mrs. Garrett, of the Beaufort Arms Hotel, the W.M. presiding.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, on the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Munday, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; J. R. Harnell, J.W.; Cobham, S.D.; Cottebrune, P.G.P., S.D.; G. Deaton, I.G.; James Hemmings, Preceptor; Richard J. Harnell, Sec.; and other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. R. J. Harnell, having offered himself as a candidate for initiation. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Harvey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed until Tuesday evening, the 18th inst. Brethren will please notice change in place and day of meeting.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Park-street, Camden Town, on Monday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. S. Lichtenfeld, W.M.; Strech, S.W.; Shutt, J.W.; Mulvey, Preceptor; H. Lichtenfeld, Sec.; Bartlett, S.D.; H. Halliday, J.D.; Harnell, sen., I.G.; Gittens, Harnell, jun., Higgs, Casely, Ram, Rex, Rightan, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Rightan and Casely acting as candidates respectively. Both ceremonies, which were given with musical accompaniment, were rendered most impressive, Bro. Rex acting as Organist. Bro. Higgs was elected an honorary member, and Bro. Ram a joining member. Bro. Strech was elected W.M., and, having appointed officers in rotation, the proceedings terminated.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W. Present: Bros. V. Shaw, W.M.; A. E. Carter, S.W.; J. R. Hill, J.W.; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; L. H. Nerwich, J.D.; F. A. Tagliaferro, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; R. Dillon, P.M. 1567; J. H. Taylor, Wehrle, and A. Pozatti.

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. Dillon candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Taylor 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. Taylor candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Carter 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 31st ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. J. Coplestone, S.D.; J. C. J. Walker, J.D.; W. G. Coat, I.G.; and J. D. Aslett.

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. Walker being the candidate, the W.M. rendering the ancient charge in a very able manner. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, and the 4th by the W.M.—under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the 14th inst., the next meeting being the W.M. and officers of the mother lodge's night. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; E. Coleman, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; Major Ferris, S.D.; N. Spyer, J.D.; A. B. Northcroft, I.G.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; and H. Guntrip. Bro. W. J. Millington, 2246, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millington being candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Millington was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for the 17th inst.—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of condolence with Bro. and Mrs. Smith on the lamentable death of Mr. Miller was passed. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; F. Buxton, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; Wright Barringer, S.D.; J. Rowe, J.D.; J. Bullen, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Balchin, S. Moss, F. Jackson, W. Higgins, C. Mitchell, E. Nice, W. Lincoln, C. Lambert, W. Hancock, W. Sage, A. Clark, and G. H. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Balchin having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. E. Nice, with the assistance of Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Mitchell offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bros. W. Balchin, 1604, and W. B. Sage, 1614. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. Buxton was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that a vote of condolence—the same to be entered on the minutes—be sent to Mrs. Rayner from the lodge of instruction, expressing the deep grief of the brethren at the sad news of the death of Bro. J. Rayner, a very old supporter of the lodge of instruction, and praying that T.G.A.O. T.U. would support her and her family in their affliction—seconded by Bro. F. Buxton, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—A meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. Fruen, W.M.; Vickers, P.M., S.W.; W. H. Vickers, J.W.; Morgan, Treas.; Stuart Barker, Sec.; Bannister, S.D.; W. Bale, I.G.; Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Baldwin, P.M.; Bowler, J. Bolding, E. M. Bessel, Linsey, C. Morrish, and others.

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. Morrish being the candidate. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections were worked by the Preceptor. The lodge was then closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. A. F. Scholding, W.M.; C. J. Bye, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; E. Rogers, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); W. J. Mason, Sec.; W. R. Hatton, S.D.; H. D. Smith, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; F. Chandler, P.M.; J. R. Allman, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; G. Gardner, E. F. Ferris, J. C. Conway, M. J. R. Dundas, and D. Maurice.

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 in the Second Degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. R. Allman. Bro. A. F. Scholding was presented and obligated as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, the addresses being given by Bro. J. R. Allman. The lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees respectively. Bro. Gardner answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. G. Gardner being candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. C. J. Bye was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren with him in his present illness. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. H. Chalfont, P.M., W.M.; F. Woodard, S.W.; L. Cox, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); G. E. Higginson, S.D.; J. Arnott, J.D.; P. Bick, I.G.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; T. J. Head, H. Cotton, and F. West.

The lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Austin offered himself as a candidate, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very perfect manner. Bro. Cotton offered himself as a candidate for raising, and being found proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very clear and impressive manner. Bro. Higginson 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 3rd inst. Present: Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; J. Davies, S.W.; C. E. Everett, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Sims, P.M., S.D.; P. Skar, J.D.; Barth, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very creditable manner. Several Sections were worked. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Jobson for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time. Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting, on the 17th inst., and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1912).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. F. Dusterwald, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; Aslett, J.W.; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; Wilcocks, J.D.; E. Fox, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. H. Wood, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. Craggs, and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a most admirable manner. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be given, and recorded on the minutes, to the W.M., on his occupying the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. W. Hillier was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. A. Harvey, W.M.; J. Wright, S.W.; Ellison, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Wells, I.G.; Cochran, F. Hill, King, Langdon, Smith, Colman, Mitchell, Windsor, Winny, Beaven, Poole, Folkard, Donaldson, Stubbs, Coe, Dawson, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Beaven as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. Wright was elected W.M. for the 17th instant. Bro. Wright returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

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ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—This civic chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. W. H. Clemow, I.P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; W. E. Farrington, H.; Farthing, J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; Benningfield, P.S.; Gaze, 1st A.S.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z.; R. Skelton, and Reinardt, acting Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The election of officers then took place, as follows: Comps. W. E. Farrington, Z.; Farthing, H.; T. A. Woodbridge, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; F. Farrington, Treas.; Benningfield, S.N.; Gaze, P.S.; C. Moore, 1st A.S.; F. H. Clemow, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the outgoing M.E.Z.

The chapter was then closed, and adjourned till the fourth Tuesday in June.

The companions subsequently dined under the pleasant presidency of the I.P.Z.

In the course of the evening Comp. W. H. Clemow was presented with a Past Principal's jewel (manufactured by Comp. G. Kenning), by the S.E., in the name of the chapter.

INSTRUCTION.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. James Sims, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H.; J. Davies, J.; H. Purdue, P.S.; and F. Craggs, S.E.

The chapter was declared open, and the ceremony rehearsed in a complete and careful manner. Comp. Davies was elected M.E.Z.; Comp. Williams, H.; and Comp. Purdue, J., for the next two convocations, and the chapter was adjourned until Wednesday, June 12th, at 8 o'clock p.m.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. G. March, J. 733, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H. 733, H.; J. Davies, S.N. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; and M. Spiegel, 834.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Chalfont being candidate. A letter was read from Comp. W. H. Dean, thanking the companions for their letter sympathising with him in his illness, and stating he hoped to be present at the next convocation. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. J. Davies as M.E.Z. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. T. Grumman, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. 169, H.; Jackson, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, A.S. 1275, S.N.; Wingham, P.S.; Towers, 1275, A.S.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275; Neeld, P.Z. 169; and Geo. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1185.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington 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. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, on the first Friday in September. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time. The Preceptor answered several questions on points of ritual in his usual urbane and able manner. Other matters having been fully discussed, Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, received the heartiest congratulations of the whole of the members, on the proposition of Comps. Neeld, P.Z., C. Woods, and Wingham, for the proud position into which he had brought the chapter by his earnest work. The name of Comp. Stone, S.E., was coupled with these congratulations. The companions heard with deep regret of the serious illness of Comp. Cowley, P.Z. 1275, one of the founders of this chapter, and unanimously passed a vote of sympathy with him in his sufferings, and expressed earnest wishes that he might soon be fully restored to health, so that they might again have the pleasure of his cheery presence among them. The chapter was then closed.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

SPECIAL COURT OF SUBSCRIBERS.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

A Special Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the consideration of the Report of the Special Committee of Inquiry into the discipline, expenditure, and management of this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Tavern, when there was a large attendance of brethren from London and the Provinces. On the dais were Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., G. Plucknett, Treasurer of the Institution; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Dr. F. W. Ramsay, Raynham W. Stewart, John Wordsworth (West Yorkshire), Brackstone Baker, Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. Roebuck, P.G. S.B.; W. F. Smithson (West Yorkshire); C. F. Hogard, Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.; G. P. Gillard, W. Shurmur, Chadwick, Provincial Grand Secretary East Lancashire; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Col. T. Perkins, J. S. Cumberland, W. McKay (Cumberland and Westmorland), Joyce Murray, W. A. Scurrah, T. B. Fox (Dewsbury), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

Bro. PLUCKNETT proposed, and Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART seconded, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, as Chairman of the day.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, said that however desirous to further the interests of the Institution he might be, it was very desirable they should have a brother very high in the Craft, and one who took precedence in Grand Lodge to preside on the occasion. He felt that the office would be better filled by the brother who represented Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and he had much pleasure in proposing that he should take the chair. (Applause.)

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, said as it seemed to be the general wish that he should take the chair on this occasion, he gladly acceded to the request, and he trusted he should have general support in trying to the best of his ability to maintain order.

Bro. F. BINCKES, Sec., having read the requisition in compliance with which the meeting had been convened, was proceeding to read communications which had been received from various provinces, when

Bro. W. SMITH, S.W. 933, asked whether the notice calling the meeting had been sent to every Life Subscriber and Life Governor of the Institution.

Bro. BINCKES: It has not.

Bro. SMITH said that in respect that certain brethren had not received notice of the meeting he would move that it be adjourned, and that every Life Governor and every Life Subscriber should receive notice of the adjourned meeting. (Applause.) Every brother who subscribed to the Institution should be cognisant of what was going on, as they wished the Boys' Institution and the other Institutions to stand in good repute with the brethren.

The motion was seconded by a BROTHER who exhibited great excitement, declaring that it was an iniquity to call the meeting without giving notice to all brethren.

Bro. BINCKES, at the call of the Chairman, read the law applicable to convening a meeting in response to a requisition, which showed that the notice should be given in three, at least, of the daily newspapers, and sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary. He explained that although that was all that the law required him to do, he had sent the notice to six or seven daily newspapers, to several weekly newspapers, including Masonic journals, and, in addition to every Provincial Grand Secretary, to every Provincial Grand Master, to every member serving as Steward, to every member of the various Committees, to every Patron, Vice-Patron, and every president—many hundreds in number—without any kind of selection.

The CHAIRMAN said the law applicable to the subject had been complied with, but it was still quite competent to move the adjournment.

Bro. JOHN BODENHAM, Provincial Grand Treasurer Staffordshire, pointed out that some present had travelled 150 miles to attend the meeting, and the provincial brethren could not be dragged to London to attend meetings, although it might be convenient for London brethren to adjourn the meeting.

Bro. FRED MEAD, P.G. Sword Bearer, supported the motion for adjournment on the ground that the report being in the hands of the brethren the other side would thereby have an opportunity of putting their explanations in writing, and it would be then possible to form a proper opinion. (Hear, hear, and no, no.)

After some further discussion, the motion was put to the meeting for adjournment, but only received the support of a small minority of those present, and it was accordingly decided to proceed to the business of the meeting.

Bro. COHEN (P.M. 205), said he wished to move as an amendment that the evidence taken before the Committee of Investigation should be printed and circulated amongst the Life-Governors and others interested in the management of the Institution. The Report of the Committee was one-sided, and it was impossible to form a correct judgment unless they had the printed evidence before them. ("Question," and cries of "Oh.")

Bro. SAUNDERS said a number of brethren had come three and four hundred miles to attend the meeting, and it would not be right to adjourn the meeting simply for the purpose of causing delay. (Cries of "Justice.") He begged to move that the business of the meeting be proceeded with. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. T. B. FOX, Dewsbury, was in favour of the meeting proceeding to consider the Report. The brethren from the North had received an independent circular asking them to attend the meeting. There was no doubt that the meeting was properly qualified to proceed with the business. (Hear, hear, and "no, no.")

The CHAIRMAN said it was simply necessary to put the question as to whether they should adjourn or not. There was no need to put the amendment.

The motion for the adjournment was then put and rejected almost unanimously.

Bro. BINCKES then read a number of resolutions which had been passed by provincial lodges. The Province of West Yorkshire sent the following communication:—

"At a special meeting of the representatives of the Provinces of East and of West Lancashire, Cheshire, and West Yorkshire, held at Manchester, on Thursday, the 30th May, 1889, it was unanimously decided that the following resolution should be proposed at the Special General Court to be held for the purpose of considering the above Report of the Committee of Investigation of the Boys' School, at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Thursday next, the 6th June, 1889, at 12 o'clock at noon precisely—'That this Special Quarterly Court, having considered the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the management of the Boys' School, desires to express its most complete confidence in the ability and absolute impartiality of the members of such Committee; its opinion that the recommendations of such Committee should be supported to the utmost; and that an entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice, must take place.' And it was further resolved that, in order to carry the above resolution, a notice be sent to every subscriber to the Boys' School in the several provinces, urging their attendance at the above meeting in London, on the 6th inst. I, therefore, earnestly hope that you will make an effort to be present and support the resolution."

"I am, dear Sir and Brother,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"HERBERT GREEN,

"Prov. G. Sec."

"June 1st."

The Charity Committee in connection with the Staffordshire Masons had forwarded a resolution expressing regret at the result of the inquiry, and supplementing the proposals for a complete reformation of the Institution. A meeting of Charity representatives of the Provinces of West Yorkshire, East and West Lancashire, and Cheshire had sent a copy of a resolution which they had passed unanimously. The resolution was as follows:—

"That, having considered the Report of the Investigation Committee, this Special General Court is of opinion that an entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice must take place."

At a lodge of emergency of the Nottinghamshire Lodge a resolution was passed expressing shame and indignation at the condition of the Institution as revealed in the Report of the Committee of Investigation, calling upon the House and Finance Committees to resign, and condemning the Secretary as unworthy of the confidence of the Governors. (Cheers.) The resolution also urged the appointment of qualified auditors, or chartered accountants to examine the accounts of all the Charities. (Hear, hear.)

Resolves were also read from various parts of the country in favour of a complete reform of the Institution; a change of members of the House and Audit Committees; and the removal of the present paid officials connected with the Institution.

A BROTHER asked whether any resignations had been read from any of the members of the Committees. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. BINCKES said he had read a communication from Bros. Chas. Belton and Dudley Rolls, members of the House Committee, who declined to be re-nominated. (Cheers.) He had also received a communication from the following members of the House Committee who tendered their resignations, Bros. J. L. Mather and T. Hastings Miller—(Cheers)—and the members of the Audit Committee who had resigned were Bros. Thos. Cubitt, C. F. Hogard, Stephen Richardson, Thos. Griffiths, Maple, and G. P. Gillard. (Loud Cheers.)

Bro. W. SMITH said he would like to ask if any of the servants of the Institution had been discharged, or whether they were under notice to quit their respective offices.

Bro. BINCKES said the Steward and Matron had not been discharged, but that morning they had sent in their resignations.

Bro. BINCKES also read the following communications:

"21, Great George-street,
"June 5, 1889,

"My dear Brother Binckes,

"I meant to have come to Grand Lodge to-night to mention the spending of capital for benevolence, and to have come to the Special Court to-morrow. But I am laid up by gout. I wish the General Court to-morrow would refer it to a small strong Special Committee to confer with the officers and recommend."

"Yours most fraternally,

"(Signed) JOHN M. CLABON.

"Bro. Binckes,"

"23, Cornwall-gardens, Queen's-gate,
"June 6th,

"Dear Sir,

"I am desired to inform you that my father will not be able to attend the meeting to-day. On his return home yesterday, some particles of dust entered into his right eye, and have caused him great pain, accompanied with inflammation. Some relief was given to him by the oculist last night, but the eye still remains so painful and inflamed that he can only bear subdued light to it. He very much regrets that he cannot be present to probe by incontestable facts that the conclusions arrived at by the Committee of Inquiry are, so far as the House Committee is concerned, in several of the most important particulars entirely erroneous, and unsupported by the evidence. (Cries of "Oh," and groans.) My father wishes this letter to be read, and his apologies to be presented to the meeting."

"I remain,

"Yours truly,
"RUTH GODSON."

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER then rose, and said it might be a very good thing to adopt the recommendation of the

Committee of Investigation, and it might be a very bad thing to do so. ("No, no.") The worst thing of all would be if the meeting in an undecided and unsettled way as on Saturday last at the meeting of the General Committee came to no decision. He begged to pay the highest compliment to the admirable and well considered Report of the Committee of Investigation. It was a State paper. It was worthy of the clever Grand Registrar who drew it, and the investigation members who advised and acted with him. (Hear, hear, and applause.) But let them not accept it exactly as it stood without hearing what the other side had to say. (Hear, hear.) Let them remember that they were, as Masons, bound to protect a brother's character in his absence as well as in his presence. (Hear, hear.) Let them not condemn unheard and unknown what the brethren who had recommended a wholesale discharge and avoidance of all the officers of the Institution, as well as of the Committee. (Applause.) It reminded him very much of an American anecdote—"Oh, oh," "No, no," "Question," and interruption)—when a man went out to shoot—"Oh, oh," and "Question"; he went to shoot a coot—"Oh, oh"—and when he found the man was going to shoot, he said, "Well, I'll come down." ("Question," and disturbance.) He would remind the brethren that they were Englishmen, as well as Masons, and let them not condemn their brethren unheard. ("Time, time.") Don't let the Report go forth in the very pungent and stringent words of the Committee of Investigation that Bro. Binckes had ever said or understood it to be meant that he was not subordinate to the House Committee.—"Oh, oh," and hear, hear)—that he was not in accord with the Head Master of the School; that none of the masters or anyone else in the School were to take any orders except from him (Bro. Binckes). That might be misunderstood or exaggerated; let them hear the other side. (Hear, hear.) He admitted that there was a *prima facie* and excellent case made out against Bro. Binckes, but there must be a great deal to be said on the other side. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Let them not condemn without hearing a reply—an interim reply—that they might act upon. The matter did look rather grave. (Oh, oh, and hear, hear.) It did look so, but it might be subject to some modification; but at the same time justice ought to be done to those implicated by the Report. He did not call them charges that were made by the Committee; they were allegations. If they were founded on fact, there was nothing else to be done that what had been recommended by the provincial reports that had been read. (Interruption, and cries of "Time, time.")

A BROTHER rose to a point of order. (Order, order.) He wanted to know what question was before the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: The question before the meeting is to consider the Report.

The BROTHER: Do we take it? (Interruption.) I want to ask a question. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN: No question can be asked when a brother is in possession of the meeting. On the point of order, I rule that Bro. Baker is in order. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER said he was dealing with the Report, and he asserted that although the charges were very grave against the Secretary, he would ask whether they had not to consider that the Secretary had not been the victim. (Cries of "Oh, oh.") He spoke knowingly. The last Secretary was as late as 1861, the year before Bro. Binckes became Secretary. Bro. Thistleton, the late Secretary, was as poor and feeble a Secretary as there ever was for a Secretary of a School. He (Bro. Brackstone Baker) was at that time Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards. They collected the large sum of £1200, and they thought that it was a very large contribution to the Boys' School. What had been the result? Look at what it had been since then. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Binckes had been a tower of strength. (Hear, hear, Oh, oh, Yes, and applause.) The Institution owed its rise and success, and so had the Preparatory School, to Bro. Binckes. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) What happened? Bro. Binckes, like Napoleon, himself—(Oh, oh, Question)—like Cromwell—(Oh, oh)—at a time when Great Britain was torn by factions—(Oh, oh)—managed the business when the House Committee was supine (Laughter). The business had been conducted in a feeble way. For six or seven years he (Bro. Baker) was on the Committee of the Girls' School—(Oh, oh)—it was several years ago, and he knew what the functions were. (Interruption and cries of Time, time.) Well, if the brethren would not hear any but one side—(renewed cries of Time, time.) Well, he had not always been the best friends with Bro. Binckes—he was no apologist for him—but he did ask for him fair play in answering the charges made. It would be almost a criminal Masonic act not to give him fair play.

A BROTHER rose and asked whether it was not a fact that before the Commission of Investigation both sides were heard. Bro. Philbrick and other distinguished brethren upon the Committee had produced that Report as the result of their labours. Did they not hear both sides? was not everything brought forward that could be brought forward? and was it not for the meeting now to accept or reject their Report?

Bro. OCTAVIUS HANSARD said in order to get to the business in a strict and formal manner, he would suggest that they commence on page 46 of the Report, and go through the seven clauses of the Committee's Report. From those who spoke to them they would elicit all they wished to know, and could come to a final conclusion. He suggested that they should commence with Clause 1. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. J. H. HAWKINS said it had been asked whether the brethren the officers of the Institution were not practically on their trial, and he thought they should be heard. They knew there was an English custom not to condemn people until they were heard. They knew that the Committee of investigation were gentlemen, in the highest degree of honour and justice, and they also knew those gentlemen would not report in contradistinction to the Auditors without appending their names; they would not have made the charges unless they were justified in taking that course. The Committee were gentlemen of high and important positions; they were gentlemen of standing; held highly in the opinion of their fellow countrymen; some of them gentlemen who had received favour at the hands of their Sovereign. Therefore, the brethren should treat their Report in an ordinary business-like manner. Let the meeting receive their report. It would be inconvenient to many of the brethren present who had come from

long distances to attend this meeting—it was impossible to discuss all these clauses before they went back. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Therefore, he begged to propose that this Report be received and entered on the minutes—and if they liked he would add to it that it be adopted. (Applause.) One or two of the paragraphs were of a very comprehensive and salient character, advising the carrying out of the instructions which this Investigation Committee recommended. He moved that the report be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. (Applause.)

Bro. R. C. ELSE, Dep. Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire, seconded the motion.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL said that if reference was made to the minutes, it would be found that the report had been received at the last meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said the reception of the report was on the minutes, but not that it should be entered.

The motion that the report should be received and entered on the minutes was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. H. HAWKINS said that every one of these clauses was most important. They had all seen the Report. (A voice; "No!") Then he was sorry for them, as it was a great treat. It was absolutely impossible for them to discuss every one of these clauses, but the salient points were, to begin with, that they had a House Committee who had grossly neglected and badly managed this Institution. (Applause and cries of question.) He was giving reasons why this Report should be adopted as a whole. (Hear, hear.) Then they had a Secretary about whom he was sorry to say he would have to use some severe language. (Cries of "not here," and interruption.) The Report said he had considered his position as paramount, that he had controlled the School and controlled the House Committee. He had said he was a permanent official, while the House Committee was elected for one year, and that therefore he was superior to them. The Secretary was the servant of the Committee in his view. (Hear, hear.) He had received a high salary (a voice, much too high)—for doing duties which he was bound to say had been seriously neglected. They were told that some accounts had not been kept properly, that no cash book was kept, and that but for letters which had been written, money which had been given for this important Charity, might have drifted into a wrong channel. He thought it was a crying shame that this should occur, especially in connection with Masonry in England, which was composed of a very large number of gentlemen in an important social position, and who were supposed thoroughly to understand business. Was it that the Auditors and the names of the members of Committees were attached to a report to which they had given no attention. If any of these things had been done by clerks at 30s. or £2 a week they would have distinguished themselves at the Central Criminal Court—"oh, oh," hear, hear, and interruption)—charged with forgery, and he was bound to say that the action of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, in the matter in putting the names of these brethren to this document was nothing more nor less than forgery. ("Oh, oh," hear, hear, and applause.) He was prepared to stand the consequence of the statement. Therefore, he said that Bro. Binckes was not entitled to their confidence, and should be removed from the position he held. (Applause.) He hoped, for his own sake and for the reputation he had for such a long time in the Craft as a tower of strength, as he had been called, he would follow the example of some others who had been mentioned, and would resign. The fact that those whose names were on the document did, after it was issued, assent to it was no excuse. Those of the House Committee who did not retire they would remove. ("Oh, oh," and applause.) It was no use going into the question of the management of the Institution. They had learned that the matron and the house steward had resigned, so the matter was at an end, and they need not discuss the forcing house, and so on. (Laughter.) He begged to move that the Report be now adopted. (Cheers.)

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN said, in common with most persons who had spoken, he had the utmost confidence in the Committee of Investigation, and he was sure that their Report ought to be adopted. There was a grievous state of mismanagement which they were all very much astonished and sorry to find, and the Committee suggested that changes be made, one being that Bro. Binckes should be—*they did not say removed*—but removed from the supreme management of the Institution and relegated to the management of the office—(hear, hear, "no, no," and interruption)—undoubtedly that was the recommendation of the Committee. (Hear, hear.) That that change was requisite he was very confident, and that no good could be done until the duties of the Head Master and the Secretary were clearly distinct and separate. (Applause.) But, while making such a change, and while they were all anxious to do that which was necessary for the welfare of the Institution, they ought not to do it without regard to justice to individuals. (Hear, hear.) They ought not to forget that Bro. Binckes had for many years rendered valuable services—(applause)—and they ought not to relegate him to a back seat by carrying out in its entirety the resolution of the Committee, or, still further, deprive him of his means of livelihood by compelling him to resign without giving him some sort of pension. ("No, no," hear, hear, applause, and interruption.) He would therefore move that Bro. Binckes be asked to resign, and that he be granted an allowance of £500 a year. ("No, no," and applause.)

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS, amid a good deal of confusion, seconded the motion, pointing out that Bro. Binckes had given the Institution 30 years' service.

Bro. T. BATEMAN FOX asked whether the proposition now proposed was an amendment to the motion before the Court. He submitted for the Chairman's ruling that as the Report entertained no recommendation that Bro. Binckes should resign, the amendment was entirely out of order.

A BROTHER in the hall urged that as the proposal to give Bro. Binckes a pension was not on the agenda paper, the amendment was out of order.

The CHAIRMAN said that there was nothing in the Report to call on the Secretary to resign, and therefore the adoption of the Report did not call upon him to carry out that step. He thought the amendment which had been proposed and which had been seconded, was not strictly in order. The Report might be carried, and this matter was one which could be subsequently taken into consideration.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER said that one of the recommendations of the Committee was an entire change in the administration.

The CHAIRMAN then put the motion for the adoption of the Report to the meeting, and it was carried.

The result was received with loud cheers.

A BROTHER in the body of the hall asked whether that resolution having been adopted the business, according to the agenda paper, was not at an end.

The CHAIRMAN replied that it was quite competent to transact other business.

A BROTHER, amidst some confusion, rose and proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the gentlemen who had devoted their time and attention to the investigation.

Bro. W. SMITH drew attention to the first recommendation of the Committee of Investigation to the effect that "An entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice, must take place before the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution will be satisfactory." The Report having been adopted the meeting would, he contended, strictly act upon the report. (Hear, hear.) What he understood by the recommendation of the Committee was that the whole administrative power of the Boys' Institution should be changed from the Secretary downwards. It had been said that at one time only £1200 was collected and that it was by the hard work of Bro. Binckes that the amount had been so largely increased, but they were not told what was the difference in the number of the Craft in 1889 from what it was in those days. (Hear, hear.) If they wanted their Charitable Institutions placed on a sure foundation they must act upon this Report. (Applause.) They must make a clean sweep of the whole administrative body. (Renewed applause.) They must have men to go into the Institution as the Managing Committee and Finance Committee, who would take it as an honour to be elected by their fellow men—not men who were elected through cliques—(applause)—cliques composed of certain bodies of Freemasons, who made up their minds who were to act on these Committees. This applied not only to the Boys' Institution, but also to the other Institutions. He had always taken a very active part in Freemasonry. (Cries of "Question.") He had constituted himself a Vice-President of the Old People's Institution, and had intended to do the same this year with regard to the Boys', that was until the Report was put into his hands. (Renewed cries of "Question," and interruption.)

He would at once move that the whole administrative power of the Institution be entirely changed; that the Court request Bro. Binckes and the whole of the House Committee and the Finance Committee—with the exception of Dr. Morris—(cries of "Oh, oh")—to tender to this General Court their resignation this morning. (Applause.) Bro. STIEBEL, P. Prov. J.G.W. Notts, seconded the motion. He said he hoped no brother would be led away by a false sentimentality for past rendered services. What they had to do with was in regard to the present. He asked them whether, if the boys in the Institution who had been ill-used had been their own boys, they would be inclined to condone the action of the officers! Why, if they did, their wives would not allow them. (Laughter.) He had thought so much on this matter that he had not been able to sleep for ten days. (Laughter.) These boys had a right to protection; they could not help themselves. No one was more anxious than he to render honour to whom honour was due. He was a Steward for three years—(interruption, and cries of "Question")—but he would not serve again, and he said to his province, "Don't let us give one penny to the Boys' School, but let us have our own benevolent fund." They did not think all that money should be spent—£51 a head was too much. (Renewed cries of "Question.") Therefore, he hoped the Court would assent to the unanimous voice of Freemasonry, and would sweep away the whole administration. (Applause.)

Controller BAKE urged the brethren to go to the fountain-head and see where the mischief arose. Do not let them condemn the men who had done the work and borne the heat of the day. They must blame themselves for not having sufficient foresight. ("Oh, oh.") Let them look to the large increase which had taken place in their Benevolent Institutions, and not visit their own sins on those who, although they were not wanting in good intention, had an incapacity to grasp the changed conditions. ("Oh" and hear, hear.) The whole system of the Benevolent Institutions should be considered now. Instead of sending all the children to London, they ought to be provided for in the districts in which they resided. (Cries of "Question.") He concluded, amid interruption, by moving that a Committee be formed to consider the whole matter of administration.

Bro. BATEMAN FOX said that if the same policy were pursued as they had been going on the meeting would last all the afternoon. He asked whether it would not be better to carry a general resolution? (A VOICE: Sweep them all away.) He should like the brethren to discuss this matter in a business-like spirit. He thought it most outrageous that they should be compelled to listen to terms such as "forgery," or anything of that kind being urged against any officer. (Applause.) They would not benefit the Institution by using language such as had been used. (Hear, hear.) Their object was to purify the management of the Institution, and what they had to decide was as to the best way of doing that. They must ultimately appoint a strong Provisional Committee who would have to carry out the feeling of the meeting that an entire change should take place in the administration.

He asked them not to bandy words and exchange insults from one end of the room to the other. There were brethren on the platform who had done good work for the Institution, and he implored them not to drive away any supporter of the Institution—whether a member of the House Committee or not. The House Committee would require all the support they could give them, and in order that the administration should be put on a proper footing, he would move—"That this Special Quarterly Court, having adopted the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the management of the Boys' School, desires to express its most complete confidence in the ability and absolute impartiality of the members of such Committee; its opinion that the recommendations of such Committee should be supported to the utmost; and that an entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice, must take place." (A VOICE: That is the same thing as the motion.) If they adopted that amendment, they would have recorded their opinion of the work of the Committee of Investigation, and of their determination that the recommendations of the Report

should be carried out, and he hoped in a few minutes they would appoint a strong Provisional Committee to carry on the work.

Several Brethren rose to a point of order, declaring that the motion and this amendment were practically the same.

The CHAIRMAN: "I think this is scarcely an amendment to the proposition that the spirit of the recommendation of the Committee should be carried out. (Hear, hear.) As to the question of the course to be proposed—whether it is possible to appoint a Committee to carry out the Report in the spirit and intention of the meeting and of the subscribers in general—I think it is scarcely possible for us at the present meeting, and without due time to consider the exact spirit of the proposition, to carry it out in its integrity. I think it is rather a reasonable proposition that a Committee should be appointed. (Hear, hear, and No, no.)"

Bro. W. SMITH said he had moved that Clause I. should be acted upon. An amendment had been moved that a Committee should be appointed. If this meant a General Committee representing the whole Craft, he had no objection, but he decidedly objected to any packed Committee. He proposed the removal of all the paid officers of the Institution, with the exception of the teaching department. (Disorder, and cries of "All of them.") Then, to suit the meeting, he would include the whole of the paid staff of the Institution. (Cheers, and cries—"and the Committee.") Yes, he intended to include the Committee, the Managing and the Finance Committee. ("They have already gone.") They wanted a clean sweep.

Bro. STIEBEL (Nottingham) seconded the amendment.

Bro. F. W. IMBERT TERRY suggested that the brethren who had prepared the Report should be asked to take up the question of reorganising the Institution. (Loud Cheers.)

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. ABNER TORKINGTON understood that it was now proposed that Bro. Philbrick and the gentlemen who had sat with him on the Special Committee should be asked to carry out their own recommendations. (Cries of "No!") Those gentlemen now knew all about the Institution; they also knew what was wanted, and they were the most likely persons to carry out rightly and justly the wishes of the majority of the members of the Order. (Cheers.)

Bro. DIXON wanted to know whether the resolution had been carried?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. He thought that any of those who were involved in the resolution should have an opportunity of making a statement. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER then rose, and was received with loud cries of "Oh," and "Sit down."

The CHAIRMAN appealed to the brethren to give Bro. Baker a fair hearing.

There was continued uproar, but ultimately Bro. BAKER's voice was allowed to be heard, and he was understood to say that the whole question should be referred to a Committee of six.

This suggestion was received with loud cries of "No," but Bro. BAKER thought that the proposal was a very reasonable one.

Bro. BEVIR, Wiltshire, said as the Report had been adopted in its entirety there was no necessity of putting individual clauses to the meeting. The meeting was faced with the fact that a large number of the members of the Committees connected with the Institution had resigned, and practically at that moment there was no effective House Committee, and no effective Audit Committee, or Finance Committee. (Hear, hear.) The other members might resign, but whether they did or not it had been practically decided that day that the members of the Committees had forfeited the confidence of the Order. Strong feeling had been shown that day with regard to the past management of the Institution; but they must not allow the School to lapse into a state of disorder. (Hear, hear.) It was absolutely necessary that the working of the School should be carried on from day to day. Was that meeting the best tribunal—off-hand—to deal with the questions raised in the Report? (Cries of "No" and "Yes.") He said it was not. He did not think the Committee of Investigation would like to be the executors of their own recommendations. (Hear, hear.) He intended therefore to propose a strong, powerful, and influential Committee to look after the interests of the Institution. He then proposed that Bros. Philbrick, Sir R. Hanson, Alcroft, Richard Eve, P.G.T.; Sir R. Fowler, G. Corble, Essex; G. Glass, Essex; G. Lambert, London; Lord Euston, Captain S. G. Homfray, R. V. Smith, Gloucestershire; W. F. Smithson, West Yorkshire; Col. Perkins, Somerset; Alderman Harwood, East Lancashire; J. S. Eastes, Kent; Gerard Ford, Sussex; Le Feuvre, Hants; A. C. Spaul, Salop; Brodenham, Staffordshire; Wylie, W. Lancashire; and Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer, be invited to act as a Provisional Committee to manage the affairs of the Institution, and be requested to report to a future Court the best and most effective mode of carrying out the recommendations in the Report which the brethren had unanimously adopted. (Cheers.)

Bro. PHILBRICK, who was received with loud and prolonged cheers, said they would best consult the interests of the Institution and the feelings of the Committee of Investigation if they would kindly not ask them to discharge any further duty of an official nature. They would be very glad to give any assistance that was needed in the way of explanation of the recommendations, and so forth.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

Bro. PHILBRICK said if it was the wish of the meeting he would of course put aside his own personal feelings. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said he thought the matter might very well be left in the hands of the gentlemen whose names were embodied in the resolution. (Cheers.)

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, P.G.D., rose to speak in favour, as he said, of the House Committee, but was immediately met with a storm of interruptions, and the CHAIRMAN declared the meeting closed.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their three daughters, with Prince George of Greece and Prince Charles of Denmark, visited Sheen on the 30th ult. for the purpose of being present at a garden party given by the Count and Countess of Paris in celebration of their silver wedding. In the evening their Royal Highnesses visited the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

CONSECRATION OF THE DAMON AND
PYTHIAS CONCLAVE, No. 14, AT
MADRAS.

The brethren having petitioned the G.S.R. of the Order for a warrant authorising them to hold a conclave of the Order in Madras, and having pointed out that Bros. Malden, Gray, and Barton, of that city, had already received the first Degree in the American manner, the G.S.R. constituted them the principal officers of a conclave, and authorised them to receive and act upon the warrant.

Accordingly, on Friday, the 3rd ult., the brethren, to whom the warrant was granted—Bros. Rev. C. H. Malden, 18°, S.R. designate; J. Gray, C. designate; and J. B. Barton, G. designate, summoned a meeting of the founders of the conclave, and having entered the lodge room, these then knelt around the E. and recited the obligation.

Bro. Gabriel was then admitted and obligated as Sentinel. The three Rulers designate then opened the conclave in regular form, and proceeded to admit into the Order—Bros. W. T. Hewitt, 18°, Past D.G. Pres. B.G.P.; C. Campbell, D. Calder, D.G.A.D.C.; H. Love, Sec. 1198; C. Bonell, and B. C. Dumphy.

After the induction of the candidates, Bro. MALDEN informed the brethren that having been appointed to the rank of Past Grand Councillor, he was empowered to consecrate the conclave and take his seat as 1st Supreme Ruler.

Bro. MALDEN then called upon the acting Sec., Bro. C. Campbell, to read the petition and warrant, and asked the brethren if they approved of the officers named in the warrant. He then, assisted by Bros. Gray and Barton, consecrated, dedicated, and constituted the conclave, Bro. Barton delivering the oration.

Bro. Malden then installed himself as S.R., Bro. J. Gray as Councillor, and Bro. J. B. Barton as Guide. Bro. W. T. Hewitt was elected Treasurer. The remaining officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Colin Campbell, Sec.; J. H. Love, V.D.; D. Calder, V.D.; and C. Bonell, Gdr.

A Committee, consisting of the S.R., Sec., and Treas., was then appointed to frame by-laws to be submitted to the next meeting.

The conclave was then closed.

Scotland.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF PROV.
GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

This special communication was called for the 29th ult., and the business on the circular was installation of Provincial Grand Lodge Commissioned Office Bearers, presentation to Bro. Thomas Halket, &c.

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. John Graham, occupied the throne, and the Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. Andrew McNair, R.W.M. 4, acting P.S.G.W., and B. M. Gunn, R.W.M. 73, acting P.J.G.W. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, when the PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was glad to say the list of Prov. Grand Office Bearers was now complete. He had great pleasure in asking Bro. Thomas Halket to administer the usual ceremony to the office bearers elect then present, these being

Bro. Richard Barnwell ... Prov. Grand Depute Master.
" James Boyd ... Prov. Grand Sub. Master.
" J. M. Oliver ... Prov. Grand S.W.
" David Reid ... Prov. Grand Sec.

Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D. Prov. Grand Joint Chaplain. Letters of apology were read from Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, P.J.G.W., and Rev. John Watt, B.D., P.G. Joint Chap., who were unavoidably absent.

After the installation ceremony, the PROV. GRAND MASTER, in the name of Prov. Grand Lodge and daughter lodges, presented a very handsome timepiece and ornaments to Bro. Thomas Halket, Prov. Grand Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren in the province, and to commemorate his golden wedding.

Bro. THOMAS HALKET thanked the Prov. Grand Master and brethren for their highly valued token of appreciation.

The lodge then went into harmony, and after a short time spent in song and sentiment, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

THE WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY
SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening, the 29th ult., the members of this Society assembled in strong force at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield. The Society, which is quite recently founded, was originated by Bro. J. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, Prov. A.G. Sec. for West Yorkshire, and now numbers upwards of 60 subscribers. All the brethren of the three Wakefield lodges have the privilege of membership, if they wish it, but they do not confine it to themselves, but invite the brethren of the immediate neighbourhood to co-operate with them. The Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., is the President of the Society, and there are four Vice-Presidents and a strong working Committee. The Secretaries are Bro. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, and Bro. H. S. Childe, Sec. 154. The objects of the Society are declared to be the diffusion of Masonic information, historical or archaeological, and the solution of Masonic difficulties. It is proposed to carry out the first purpose by means of papers, addresses, &c., by the best authorities, conveying the latest results of the Masonic research which is now being so actively engaged in; and to achieve the second, so far as it is practicable by a judicious discretion, prohibitory or otherwise, on the part of the Committee, in relation to the questions or difficulties submitted for discussion.

In the absence of the President on the Continent, the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. H. Smith, kindly consented to take the chair.

There were also present Bros. W. F. Smithson and T. Bateman Fox, Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee; Bros. Major Williamson, P.M.; Major G. Bolton, W.M. 154; T.

Hargreaves, W.M. 495; W. Ash, W.M. 1019; H. France, P.M.; J. A. Thornton, P.M.; J. Gerrard, P.M.; W. A. Staten, P.M.; H. Oxley, P.M.; B. F. Glover, P.M.; W. Garforth, P.M.; W. Glover, P.M.; F. Simpson, P.M.; Geo. Newton, P.M.; H. G. E. Green, P.M.; W. Sanderson, P.M.; H. Smith, P.M.; H. S. Goodyear, P.M.; and numerous other brethren, including visitors from Leeds, Pontefract, Dewsbury, &c.

The Secretary, Bro. MATTHEWMAN, P.M., having obtained the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Society, announced letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. Rev. J. Senior, LL.D.; Rev. Cartwright Smythe, LL.D., P.G.C.; Watson, W.M. 2069; Atherton, P.M. 439; and Monckman, P.M. 600.

The Chairman, Bro. H. SMITH, then rose and announced to the brethren that, in accordance with the notice they had all received, they were come together to hear a paper read by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, and P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks. The subject selected by the lecturer was one in which they could not fail to be interested, and he had the greatest pleasure in introducing Bro. Whytehead, to whose zeal in Freemasonry, both as a student and an exponent, he offered his hearty tribute. Bro. Whytehead, he continued, has filled very high offices in the Craft as well as in the other Orders of Masonry, is a writer of considerable and well-known eminence, and what is, perhaps, better, is not only able, but willing, to give us, in a pleasant and interesting form, valuable information, which is the result, no doubt, of long and considerable research. The chairman also explained that it had been the intention of the Executive of the Society that the President should give the first address, but finding that impracticable, Bro. Whytehead had consented to come, and he now called upon the lecturer to read his paper. It was entitled, "The Origin and Objects of Speculative Freemasonry."

Bro. WHYTEHEAD, who on rising was greeted with hearty applause, congratulated the Masons of Wakefield upon the step which, at the suggestion of Bro. Matthewman, they had taken in the formation of a Literary Society, and felt flattered by their invitation to himself to read them a paper. The spirit of inquiry, he said, was abroad, and Freemasonry must submit, like everything else, to minute research into its history and purpose. Unfortunately, so far as documentary evidence was concerned, that history did not go very far back, and whilst he would not say that the traditions of the Craft were mythical, yet he was bound to admit that the foundations upon which they were based were somewhat unsubstantial. Bro. Whytehead then traced, so far as it is at present practicable, the history of Speculative Masonry, showing that to what, he maintained, were originally societies of Operative Masons, there were added from time to time members of other trades and professions, who were probably the first Speculative Masons, instancing the case of Elias Ashmole and others as examples. He pointed out how there were no minutes of English lodges earlier than the beginning of the 18th century, and none of Scotch Masons before the last few years of the 16th. Like Bro. Gould and many other writers on Masonic subjects, Bro. Whytehead appears to accept nothing for which he is unable to obtain some documentary proof, and argued that the story of Sir Robert Sackville's visit to York by command of Queen Elizabeth for the purpose of suppressing the Masons in that ancient city must necessarily be a myth, as there is no record, Masonic, municipal, or ecclesiastical, in support of it. Bro. Whytehead, moreover, gave the *quintus* to the so-called "Old York Working," showing that if anyone was entitled to know anything about it, surely it must be the Masons of York, and that there was not a vestige of it amongst them! The lecturer next gave particulars about the "Ancients" and the "Moderns," and described the history of the present Grand Lodge of England and the decadence of the Grand Lodge of York, lamenting *par parenthesis* the dispersion of the furniture and appointments of that august body, which, he explained, were scattered throughout the land, incidentally reminding his audience that the loving cup which once belonged to them is at the present moment in the possession of the Prov. G. Master of W. Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew. Bro. Whytehead then took up what he deemed were the objects of Speculative Freemasonry, enlarging upon its duties and its obligations, eloquently expatiating upon its noble principles, and showing how the genuine practice of Masonic virtues brightens the life of man, and lessens the aggregate of human misery. In conclusion, he impressed upon the brethren the duty of making a "daily advancement in Masonic knowledge," pointed out how frequently these words of the ancient charge were forgotten or disregarded, and ended a very excellent address by judicious and well-considered counsel and advice.

A cordial and enthusiastic vote of thanks was given to Bro. Whytehead, on the motion of Bro. G. BOLTON, W.M. 154, seconded by Bro. W. ASH, W.M. 1019, and supported by other influential brethren.

Bro. WHYTEHEAD, in reply, acknowledged the hearty appreciation evinced by the Masons of Wakefield, and was flattered by the close and careful attention with which they had followed him. He also expressed the very great sympathy he felt with them in their new venture, and hoped their Secretary would not hesitate to make use of him, if necessary, as he would be delighted to render them any assistance in his power.

The rules of the society were then read by the SECRETARY, and sanctioned by the members, and the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman ended a very interesting and successful evening.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF
A NEW MASONIC HALL AT
WEST BROMWICH.

The foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall, which is being erected in Edward-street, West Bromwich, by the brethren of the Dartmouth Lodge, was laid on Tuesday afternoon, the 28th ult., by the Mayor, Bro. E. Heelis, W.M. of the Dartmouth Lodge, assisted by the P.G.M., Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., and a large number of brethren from the Province of Staffordshire.

Prior to the ceremony a Prov. G. Lodge meeting was held in the Town Hall. Among the brethren present were Bros. Col. Gough, P.G.M.; E. Heelis, W.M.; J. A. Bindley, D.P.G.M.; Rev. W. Randall, D.D., P.G.W.;

Rev. H. Abud, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Bodenham, P.G. Treas.; E. H. Thorne, P.G.S.; W. Copeland, P.G.R.; H. J. Classon, P.J.G.D.; J. Portit, P.G.S. of W.; E. Hurst Stanger, P.G.D.C.; J. Eayrs, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Stevenson, P.G.S.B.; Charles Gee, P.G. Std. Br.; E. W. Taylor, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; and others.

After the lodge meeting the brethren assembled in the vestibule of the Town Hall, and formed into procession. Thence they proceeded, headed by the Provincial Officers, the Gold's Hill Band, and a number of boys in surplices, bearing a bible on a cushion. The P.G.M. and the brethren having taken their places, the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was sung, after which an address was delivered by the Mayor, Bro. E. HEELIS. He said it was with extreme pleasure that, as Mayor of the borough and W.M. of the Dartmouth Lodge, he welcomed the P.G.M. and brethren of the province to assist at that imposing and important ceremony, pleasure which was enhanced by the fact that that was one of the first public duties in connection with the Order which the P.G.M. had been called upon to perform, since his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, did him the honour of appointing him over the Province of Staffordshire, an honour which had been ratified by the brethren of the province in a most enthusiastic and unanimous manner a few weeks ago. It was not for him (the Mayor) to state publicly the reasons which induced the brethren of West Bromwich to provide a hall for their lodge. The brethren of the Dartmouth Lodge had responded right royally to the appeal made to them to provide the necessary funds, and all the money required to complete the hall had been subscribed.

The vessel containing the coins, and that containing the documents to be placed in the stone, were then handed to Bro. Heelis by the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the Provincial Grand Registrar, and the engraved copper plate was also handed to him by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. E. H. Thorne, after he had read the inscription. The several records were then placed in the receptacle by Bro. Heelis and covered with the plate, after which the stone was placed in position by him, he using for that purpose a silver trowel with Masonic engravings, presented to him by the architects, Messrs. Wood and Kendrick.

The MAYOR then requested the Provincial Grand Master to prove the stone in accordance with Masonic formalities and customs.

In responding to the request of Bro. Heelis, Bro. Col. GOUGH said: Men and brethren, here assembled to behold this ceremony, know ye that we be the rightful Masons, ever true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to work and assist in the erection of handsome buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren and to mankind, and to serve God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man hath discovered, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and are not repugnant to the laws of God or of man. They were entrusted in peace and in honour to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us it is our duty to convey them unimpaired even to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have had amongst us so many illustrious brothers ever ready to obey our laws and to promote our interests. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to try and to prove this foundation stone, and as the first duty of Freemasons in every undertaking is to invoke the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe upon their work, I will now ask you to unite with our Senior Provincial Grand Chaplain in addressing the Throne of Grace.

The PROV. G. CHAPLAIN then offered prayer, after which

The PROV. G.M. proceeded to prove the stone in the accustomed manner, and having received the mallet, he said: "In the name, and by the authority of, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, I declare this foundation stone of the Masonic building of West Bromwich, having been first tried and proved according to the ancient Freemasons' Craft, by the square, level, and plumb rule, &c., to be well and truly laid in every particular." The P.G.M. then proceeded to sprinkle corn, wine, and oil on the stone, using at the same time the several prescribed declarations as to the meaning of those emblems. This part of the ceremony having been concluded, he handed to the architect a sum of money in new coins to procure refreshments for the workmen who had assisted at the laying of the stone, and afterwards addressed the brethren in these terms: I cannot finally close this Masonic ceremonial without, on behalf of myself and the Masons of Staffordshire, tendering our hearty congratulations to yourself, Worshipful Master, and to your colleagues in this work, upon the auspicious commencement which has been made to-day. And as loyalty and obedience to constituted authority are amongst the primary characteristics of our Order, so we thank you for the opportunity which has been afforded us to take our part in this work. I therefore offer to you our services on all proper occasions for the aiding and assisting of our fellow citizens in the performance of all good work of dignity and public importance, and also for the support of that authority with which the law has invested its executive ministers. It only remains for me, Mr. Mayor, to wish to yourself and your colleagues in the municipal government and rule of this town health, strength, and happiness, and to the members of this assembly a safe and peaceful return to their respective homes.

The ode, "Great Architect of Earth and Heaven," was then sung, and the proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

A large number of ladies witnessed the ceremony, and at the close the brethren were photographed in two groups, and in the insignia of the Order. They afterwards took luncheon together at the Town Hall.

The new buildings are in the renaissance style of architecture, and will be faced with pressed bricks and stone dressings. The interior contains a large assembly room, banqueting rooms, caretaker's residence, store rooms, lavatories, and cooking kitchens. All the apartments are lofty and well lighted, and supply every requisite for Masonic purposes and public assemblies.

The foundation stone bears the following inscription:—"This stone was laid by his Worship the Mayor of West Bromwich, E. W. W. Heelis, Esq., J.P., and by the Right Worshipful the P.G.M., Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., and the Masons of Staffordshire. May 29th, 1889."

Inside the cavity of the stone were placed two bottles, the one containing copies of *The Times* and a local paper, and in the other coins of the realm. The cavity is covered with a copper plate bearing an inscription similar to that on the stone.

Messrs. Wood and Kendrick are the architects, and Mr. R. Heelis has been entrusted with the building contract. It is expected that the Hall will be complete by the autumn of this year.

Mark Masonry.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).

—This lodge met at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. N. Frye, W.M.; French, acting S.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, J.W.; Smout, M.O.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., &c., Sec.; Monson, S.D.; and Wadham, I.G. Bro. Day was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. announced that as he was representing the lodge as Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund he trusted that those brethren who had not already subscribed to his list would kindly do so at once. The Secretary having reported the severe indisposition of Bro. John Mason, P.M. and Treas., a resolution of sympathy was unanimously passed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. F. C. Frye, L.C.C., S.W.; Goodall, P.M.; Lawson, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; Rickwood, P.M.; C. Stevens, Org.; and others.

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

A few toasts were given.

The W.M.'s remarks were pertinent but brief. He also, with the assistance of Bros. Day and Smout, musically entertained the brethren.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult., when Bro. Rev. James Anderson, W.M., P.G. Chap., occupied the chair, supported by the following: Bros. W. D. P. Field, S.W.; W. J. Tyson, J.W.; H. Burn, M.O.; D. Atkinson, S.O.; J. Casson, J.O.; G. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., Treas.; Dr. J. F. Muir, R. of M.; W. H. Bewlay, Sec.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.J.G.D., S.D.; G. W. Roll, J.D.; T. Mitchell, I.G.; and Thos. Richardson, Tyler. The following were also present: Bros. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 129, D.P.G.M.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of Eng.; J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of Eng.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, G. Steward of Eng.; R. Leach, 151; L. Taylor, A. D. Metcalf, J. W. Clarke, D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org.; E. Pattinson, Robt. Shepherd, T. Blinkinsop, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Two candidates were upon the agenda for advancement, and Bro. Spencer Broadbent, being in attendance, was advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the W. Master, and Bro. J. Casson gave the lecture in an able manner. A vote of thanks was passed to him for his services.

The other business being routine, the lodge was closed and the brethren subsequently spent a pleasant hour in the banquet hall.

A REVIEW OF THE TRUE LINES OF ROSICRUCIANISM.

By R.W. Frater T. H. PATTINSON, Hon. VIII^o Soc. Ros. in Ang.

A Lecture read at Ilkley, before the York College, May 22nd, 1889.

Right W. Chief Adept, W. Celebrant, and fratres: The paper I shall read to you is an attempt to prove that the Rosicrucians had a positive existence centuries ago, and not, as is generally supposed, entirely a mythical one.

At the present time, when the age is in a sense dissatisfied with the religious influence of the day, mainly because dogma and creed do not satisfy the aspirations of the higher self, the general tendency is to turn to philosophy, hoping there to find the Key to the Great Mystery.

History shows that in all such crises, when doubt and dissatisfaction have produced a state of anarchy in religious thought, mysticism and philosophy have generally come to the front; and under that influence the writings of ancient authors are severely criticised. To the thoughtful and observant it is obvious that such a crisis is at the present time influencing the minds of men.

As an example of the interest taken in the matter, books of ancient philosophy are being reproduced, old ones are being readily bought up, especially those writings of the mystic and occult philosophers; it is almost impossible to buy old books treating of alchemy or occultism, and if found big prices are usually demanded (30 or 40 shillings each is a common price to ask for a book that could be bought five or six years ago for two or three shillings), and even at such prices they are all disappearing, and are to be found only in the libraries of students of philosophy, and are notably absent from those of ordinary literary men, whose training does not fit them for the reviewing of such books.

This is the main reason why the public have not heard much of this class of literature, and when they have, it has generally been of an adverse character. To revile that which they do not understand is the usual method adopted by literary critics of this day, and in this they have been ably aided by the public at large.

Yet even in the face of this adverse influence, the study of the ancient wisdom still goes on and a few bold authors venture to publish from time to time the cream of the ancient writers. Such men as Frater MacGregor Mathers and Dr. Wynn Westcott, of our Metropolitan College, Hartman, Waite, and others have provided some of the best books.

But Waite published the "Real History of the Rosicrucians" and adversely criticised the Society, doubting its actual existence, and putting the so-called Rosicrucian writings down as myths.

The two oldest manifestoes of the Ancient Rosicrucians are called the "Fama et Confessio Fraternitatis R.C.," and the "Chemical Marriage of Christian Rosenkreutz," the former was published to the world in five languages.

For the benefit of those fratres who have not seen or heard of it, I will give a brief outline, as it is a very important link in our real history, whatever those not connected with the Order may say.

About the year 1387 Christian Rosenkreutz, a knight of noble family, having a sincere longing for mystical knowledge, became acquainted with some Arabian philosophers, and ultimately went to Arabia itself and was there initiated into their mysteries. After studying for the space of one year with them, he translated the Book M. (probably a book of magic) into Latin. He afterwards travelled in Chaldea, there gathering more knowledge, and was further initiated into the mysteries. After completing his studies he sailed to Spain, went amongst the learned men there, and desired to instruct them, pointing out the mistakes of their Church and morals. They repelled him, saying it would look ill of them to admit they had been so long in a state of ignorance, and feared their names and reputation would suffer if they now began to learn. He then left Spain, visited other countries, and was received in the same manner. He became disheartened, and returned to his native place, probably in South Germany, and for some years lived a retired life.

After a time he there initiated four worthy men into the mysteries of the East.

Thus began this trace of what is known as the Rosicrucian Society, first by four, and afterwards four others were initiated, making the Society eight in number. These men lived with Rosenkreutz in his house called "Collegium Sancti Spiritus." He there communicated to them the knowledge he had acquired under a pledge of secrecy, authorising them to write down his information so that none should be afterwards deceived by word or letter.

These MSS. constituted the Books of the Order, and from hints given in the "Fama," were evidently written in magical writing; they consisted of the Book M, the Rota, the Book T., and others. Some of these have come to light since, and have the date beginning with 1400.

The rules were as follows: The members were to heal the sick without charge. No distinct uniform was to be worn, each member was to dress and conform to the rules of the country he resided in as circumstances directed. At a certain time or day in every year all the brethren were to meet in the building "Sancti Spiritus" or give good reason for their absence, also each one was to choose a suitable person to be his successor, and the Brotherhood was to remain a secret for 120 years.

Rosenkreutz is said to have died at the age of 106. The members heard of his death, but did not know the place of his burial; it being understood amongst them that for the space of 120 years it was to remain a secret from the members. (For 120 years, therefore, no new members were made beyond the eight named, except the successors as deaths occurred.)

After the expiration of the 120 years, one of the new successors being an architect, undertook to alter the building "Sancti Spiritus," and make it more suitable for their requirements. During the alteration they discovered a secret door in the vault, and upon examination they found it was the entrance to a vault or burial-place. This vault had seven sides, each side five feet broad and eight feet high. It was lighted in the centre of the ceiling by an artificial sun; the roof and floor were formed in triangles towards the seven sides, and each side was divided into ten squares; each side contained a door opening into a recess or chest, containing the books and MSS. of the Order.

In the centre of the vault was a round altar, and on its surface was a sheet of brass bearing this inscription in Latin, "While alive I made this my sepulchre, the compendium of the Universe"; also other inscriptions in four circles within the centre one.

Upon removing the brass plate the body of Rosenkreutz was discovered uninjured and undecayed; in his hand he held a parchment written in golden letters and the letter T upon the cover.

This is the pith of what is called the Fama of Johann Andreas, and is the most complete account of the origin of the Rosicrucian order ever published.

Yet you will see no secrets are disclosed, not even the name of a single member (there is no doubt the name Christian Rosenkreutz was the *nom de plume* of the chief); no reference to the peculiar knowledge they possessed that could be understood by the uninitiated; and no hints given on the nature of their philosophy. Thus the first Rosicrucian manifesto referring to the origin of the Order is of no historic value, and it is only by looking into the peculiarity of their symbolism that any light can be obtained.

This, however, is certain—Rosenkreutz received his knowledge from the Arabians and Chaldeans. He translated the Book M out of Arabic into Latin, and left along with it the Book T, and the Rota behind him in the vault. Now the question is—What is the Rota; what is the Book T; and the Book M? If these questions could be answered then the history of the Rosicrucians need be no longer so great a mystery. There is every reason to suppose the name Rosicrucian originated with the person known as Christian Rosenkreutz. But the knowledge and secrets he taught were acquired in the East, and were no doubt very ancient mysteries.

We have other legends of the discovery of lost secrets similar to this one in detail.

I will read you another (having a close parallel to the above) from an ancient Clavicula of King Solomon, and I may here say that every system of Western occult learning (as well as some of the Eastern ones) contains many references to the knowledge of King Solomon; and in some of the Kabbalistic books in the Hebrew languages, a minutely-detailed system of philosophy is to be found, and they cover so much ground that not one single branch of the subject is left untouched; they also embrace the most difficult of the Eastern systems of metaphysical thought and learning, and are so full of wonderful and abstruse knowledge that it takes years of study to comprehend them. Most of the books are carefully guarded by their owners; many have not been translated from the Hebrew, and some of those that have been translated into English in MSS. can only be inspected by favour. The secrecy attending this branch of mysticism seems to be as carefully guarded in these days as in the days of yore.

We owe much to Frater MacGregor Mathers, 8^o, and Dr. Wynn Westcott, Hon. 9^o, of the Metropolitan College, for the untiring labour they have bestowed upon this branch or Kabbalistic trace of our Order. And it is from Frater Mathers' book, "The Key of Solomon," that I take the following curious record:—

A short time previous to his death, King Solomon called his son, Roboam, to his side, and said—

"Treasure up, my son, the wisdom of my words—seeing that I, Solomon, have received it from the Lord. Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and learn the wisdom of God."

"For on a certain night when I laid me down to sleep, I called upon the Most Holy name of God, JAH, and prayed for the Ineffable Wisdom, and when I closed mine eyes the Angel of the Lord appeared unto me, and said—

"Listen, O Solomon, thy prayer before the Most High is not in vain; and since thou hast not asked for long life, nor riches, but asked for thyself wisdom to perform justice. Thus saith the Lord, according to thy word have I given thee a wise and understanding heart."

"And when I comprehended the speech that was made unto me, I understood that in me was the knowledge of all creatures, both things which are in the heavens, and things which are beneath. And I saw that the writings and wisdom of this present age were vain and that no man was perfect."

"And I composed a certain book wherein I rehearsed the secret of secrets, and in which I have preserved them hidden—I have also concealed therein all secrets whatsoever of those sciences, which are in any way worth being accomplished. Also I have written them in this key so that like as a key openeth a treasure house, so may this key open the knowledge and understanding of these arts and sciences."

"Therefore, O my son, Roboam, I command thee by the blessing which thou expectest from me, thy father, that thou make an ivory casket, and therein place, keep, and hide this, my key, and when I shall have passed away to my fathers, I entreat thee to place it in my sepulchre beside me, lest it may fall into the hands of the wicked. And as Solomon commanded, so it was done."

"And after a long time there came unto the sepulchre certain Babylonish philosophers, and when they had assembled they took council together that a certain number of men should renew the sepulchre of King Solomon, to his honour."

"When the sepulchre was dug out and repaired, the ivory casket was discovered, and therein was the key of secrets, which they took with joyful minds. But when they had opened it, none of them could understand it on account of the obscurity of the words, and their occult arrangement, and the hidden character of the sense and knowledge."

"Then there arose one among them JOHI, and said, 'Unless we ask the interpretation from the Lord with tears and entreaties, we shall never arrive at the knowledge of it.'

"And JOHI, when he retired to his bed, prayed unto the Lord that he might understand the key of King Solomon. And an angel of the Lord appeared unto him and said—

"Remember if the secrets of Solomon appear hidden and obscure unto thee, that the Lord hath wished it so, so that such knowledge may not fall into the hands of wicked men. Therefore, promise me that thou art not willing that so great wisdom should come into the hands of living creatures, and that which thou revealest unto any, let them know they must keep it unto themselves."

"And JOHI answered, 'I promise unto thee that to none will I reveal them, save to the honour of the Lord, and unto penitent, secret, and faithful persons.'

"Then answered the angel, 'Go and read the key, and its words which were obscure throughout shall be manifest unto thee.'

"Then JOHI was glad and laboured with a clear mind, understood that which the angel had said, and the key of King Solomon appeared quite clear unto him in all its parts."

The above account of the discovery of the Kabbalistic secrets is very similar in part to the Red Cross one. Neither are they the only ones, as we have a very similar one in our *Masonic lore*.

Our Rosicrucian ritual contains many traces of both Kabbalistic and Eastern formulæ. Though they are mutilated, yet there is quite enough left to show the connection, and to prove that Rosicrucianism is an amalgamation of the Eastern and Western systems of occult philosophy. Of this there is no doubt. All the Rosicrucian MSS. point to the fact that the Order originated in Oriental lands, and it is impossible that a detailed Constitution such as that of the Order (together with a system of philosophy and occult science that embraces every domain of transcendental knowledge) could have originated with Christian Rosenkreutz, they must have been the work of men of very great learning and purity of thought, acting together during a long period of time.

Our Ritual contains special references to the *Kabbalah*. The Hebrew letters and numbers are part of that great scheme, and as we use them they illustrate the 10 Sephiroth. The references to Earth, Air, Fire, and Water are alchemical as well as kabbalistic.

If the symbolisms of both the Rosicrucian and Masonic orders were closely studied, the mystery connected with their origin would soon be cleared up.

Their symbols can be traced to the Aryans, and there it is again recorded as being given by one of the Gods to a Brahmin, and its origin is lost in antiquity.

In some of the commentaries on the "Vedas," which is one of the oldest books in the world, a system of philosophy is disclosed, entirely built upon the five symbols, to be seen in our Masonic lodges to-day, the base or principal one being a square; the next in importance is a triangle, then the circle, and so on.

These symbols, according to the Aryans, represented certain creative principles, unmanifested in matter. When they become manifested they change their form according to their affinity or antipathy. Each symbol has a distinct colour, sound, and form, in fact each symbol has five attributes. Sometimes all operative, sometimes neutralised in part.

These primary symbols were arranged by them by combination into 25 secondary ones, according to their affinities, and into 25 antagonistic ones in opposition to the 25 secondary ones. So perfect is this system of symbolism that if a person has been initiated into this system and fully understands it, he can read the inner meaning of any exact symbolism in the world.

Thus, the Aryans would represent the unmanifested principle called Earth by a single square. But if they referred to a perfect manifestation of this in matter they would make two squares, a double cube, and to this day this is the form of the altars used by various systems of religion throughout the world, and of such shape was the ark of the Israelites, a symbol of a

perfectly created thing, representing a *Divine principle*. The triangle represents Divine fire, or the life-causing, creating, and sustaining principle. Thus if you place the triangle upon the double cube it represents a perfectly created symbol of the earth *illuminated* and made operative by the Creature Principle of the universe.

What greater or more wonderful system of symbolism can be conceived than this? and it was worked out in the minutest details by the Aryan students of nature. The above described symbols are depicted upon the oldest monuments and temples in India, on the monuments and temples of Egypt and China, and strange to say in some of the ancient temples in Central America, and they are to be found in minute details in the Kabbalistic books of the Hebrews, only in a somewhat altered form.

The Kabbalists attribute to the letters of the Hebrew alphabet a separate and distinct meaning, and a number; they have also an intimate relationship with the Emanations of the Sephiroth (or Tree of Life), as it is termed. The Kabbalist uses the letters of the alphabet in the same manner as the Aryan uses the mathematical symbols, and often unites them. It is a *common thing* to see these symbols with the Hebrew letters or names within them. The triangle with the divine name Yod written within it, in Hebrew, is one of the *oldest* Masonic Emblems of the *Most High*. The circle with the triangle within it is also another emblem of a similar kind. These symbols can be seen so united all over the world, and their origin is lost in antiquity.

One of the names of this peculiar system or language of correspondences is the *Rota*, and many MSS. or fragments of this secret system are in existence to-day. But I never heard of a complete one. There is the MSS. Key to the whole system in secret cypher in the possession of an English Rosicrucian, which I have seen, in the original ancient cypher.

The Rota was held in high estimation by the guardians of the mysteries in all ages, and it goes a long way to prove Rosenkreutz was initiated into the most advanced degrees of ancient mysticism.

The Fama refers to the Rota two or three times, and always in large letters. This is a *sure sign* that the writer had some special object in so introducing it into the Fama, as the references are not specially connected with the narrative. The object may have been to call the Order together again under some *distinct* system of *symbolic* references. We have no proof that the Order in its original form does not exist. Rosicrucian MSS. have been found all over Europe, and in all the Western languages, yet no real information respecting the Order has ever come to light.

The writer of "The Real History of the Rosicrucians," Mr. Waite, has done his best to prove that the Order originated in the minds of a few mystics, and that the speculative philosophy so generated is not worth the consideration of intelligent men, and some of the fratres of our Order agree with him in this opinion.

But, take the mystics as a body, who are said to have been connected with the Rosicrucian Order. See the names of 14 or 20 of the greatest philosophers of the last 300 or 400 years, in Kenneth Mackenzie's Masonic Encyclopædia, under the heading of Rosicrucians—and he possessed many rare and valuable MSS. of the Order, and had good grounds for his assertions. You may call these men mystics, yet they wrote some of the finest literature of their day.

Heckethorne, in his "Secret Societies of all Ages," referring to the mystics, says, "The mystics are the men of thought, and they continue the school of ancient initiations, which to many nations were their only philosophy, science, and liberty. However remote their thoughts may seem from application to everyday life, yet they have a positive influence on human will and belief." The Prince of Mystics was, in his opinion, Jacob Behmen. He says:

"I confess I am at a perfect loss to account for such extraordinary knowledge in an untutored shoemaker, such as Behmen was."

Whence then, did Behmen derive his knowledge? Even Sir Isaac Newton was largely indebted to him. Among Newton's papers were found large extracts from Behmen's works, written in his own hand, and he thence learnt that attraction is the first and fundamental law of Nature. Of course the scientific elaboration of the axiom is all Newton's own, and it detracts nothing from his glory that he learnt the law from Behmen.

Newton even went further. He and his relative, Dr. Newton, set up furnaces, and were for several months hard at work in quest of the tincture so largely spoken of by Behmen.

I could find many references similar to the above, showing that mystical knowledge is not to be despised; and the literary testimony is of such a character that it could not easily be refuted. Therefore to speak slightly of mystics and mystical knowledge is only a display of ignorance.

Mr. Waite has undoubtedly been the strongest enemy the Rosicrucians have had in this day. After proving to the satisfaction of many superficial readers that the Rosicrucian Order, was founded upon a mystical shadow, he winds up his concluding chapter as follows:

"The recondite systems connected with the illustrious Rosicrucians are, of course, enveloped in darkness, and, in common with other students of esoteric lore, I am inclined to consider this darkness *does* cover a *real*, and possibly, a *recoverable* knowledge. The tremendous secrets of spiritual alchemy are about to surrender at discretion to the searching investigations of the sympathetic and impatient student at work in the cause of truth.

"I appeal, therefore, to those students of occultism who are men of method as well as of imagination, of reason as well as of intuition, to assist me in clearing away the *dust* and *rubbish* which has accumulated during centuries of oblivion, misrepresentation, and calumny, in the silent sanctuaries of transcendental sciences."

This is the last dying speech of the book called the "Real History of the Rosicrucians." And it contains within itself the confession that the author reveres and respects the secrets of the Rosicrucians. And I am surprised so many readers of this book has passed this paragraph unnoticed.

Since the appearance of this book, Mr. Waite has changed his opinions upon many points in Rosicrucian history and knowledge. He is now endeavouring to form a society for the purpose of mystical study and experiment. In a conversation I had with him, he admitted he had discovered something which he hoped would enable him to demon-

strate the truth of many of the obscure alchemical allegories.

He started as a sceptical critic, and spent much time in mystical research, became convinced of his error, and may now be classed as a Rosicrucian Student of no mean ability, although not connected with any society.

To those who really wish to know the truth respecting the actual existence of the ancient order, I may say its existence has been positively established by certain letters which appeared in a German paper about 1885.

The writer, Karl Kisewetter, claims to possess certain MSS. and papers originally belonging to his great grandfather.

He says: "My great grandfather was made a member of the Order at Amsterdam by a certain Tobias Schulze, the then Emperor, and my great grandfather signed as Emperor from 1769.

"Some of the MSS. date back to 1374, and many of them are signed and stamped with the seal of the Order. They consist of MSS. upon alchemy, philosophy, and Kabbalism, and I am in a position to give an exact description of the seal. The seal itself was made of brass, but was unfortunately destroyed during a fire at my father's house.

"It appears from the papers of my great grandfather that the last of the Rosicrucians passed their lives in contemplative quiet. It is, however, possible that down to the present century, even the middle of it, there were still living some genuine Rosicrucians. But I do not think it probable that there is any collection of writings of the Order, similar to that of my great grandfather's now in existence. Although, on account of the strict statutes of the Order, it contains but little of historical value, it is most rich in information on practical matters, and one is struck with *astonishment* on reading of the innumerable secret arts, with which the Rosicrucians were acquainted."

In conclusion, Fratres, I would ask you who have not made up your minds on this important question to at least give the above remarks your earnest consideration, and to remember it is our duty as *men of honour* to stand by the Society we have pledged ourselves to support.

I have brought three or four books with me for your inspection, which will give those who care to look them through some idea of the labour and study required even to reproduce them, and they may even give you some idea of the high intellectual calibre of their authors "although they are but mystics."

Proposed Presentation to Bro. Madell.

It will be a matter of sincere regret to the numerous visitors at Freemasons' Tavern during the last few years that Bro. Madell, the able and respected manager, is about to be translated to another sphere. During his management it is not too much to say that, while strictly studying the interests of the firm he represented, he no less strictly consulted the wishes and desires of the visitors, and by his genial manner and friendly bearing has endeared himself to all with whom he has come in contact.

We are very pleased to learn that he is not to be allowed to leave without an expression of goodwill on the part of his old friends, and that steps have been taken to present him with a token of their esteem and regard.

Brethren desiring to join in this movement should communicate with Bro. James Terry, at Freemasons' Hall.

DEDICATION OF NEW MASONIC PREMISES AT SUNDERLAND.

On the afternoon of the 22nd ult., the ceremony of dedicating the new habitation for the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, at 6, North Bridge-street, was performed by the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, with the assistance of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Canon Tristram, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.

The cost of the building, the foundation stone of which was laid on December 20th last, including the furnishings, is estimated at £1700.

Among those present at the dedication were Bros. J. Potts, P.J.G.W.; G. W. Bain, W.M. 949; George Porteous, P.M., P.P.G.O., D. of C.; W. Liddell, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.S.G.D.; J. G. Kirtley, Treas.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Shadforth, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Gray, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. W. Halfnight, P.P.G.P.; M. Douglass, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Singleton, P.M., P.J.G.D.; T. Potter, P.G. Tyler; T. Hardy, P.M., P.G.P.; J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. S. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; H. C. Jepps, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Pattison, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; Thomas Randell, P.G. Chap.; E. J. Gibbon, P.M. 541, P.P.G.O. Northumberland; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., P.G.S.B. of England; J. Haworth, P.G.C.; and W. A. Malcolm, P.M. 124, P.P.G.P.

The brethren wearing their regalia assembled at the hall, and having signed the attendance book, took their places in the lodge room. Bro. Sir H. Williamson, as the Prov. G.M., took the chair.

Bro. R. HUDSON, Prov. G. Sec., on behalf of the Williamson Lodge, requested the Prov. Grand Master to dedicate the lodge room for Masonic purposes.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then, with elaborate ceremony, solemnly dedicated the lodge to Freemasonry, virtue and universal benevolence.

Subsequently Bro. G. W. Bain was re-installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. George Porteous, assisted by Bro. W. Liddell.

PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—On Monday last, June 3, Miss Grace Hawthorne produced "True Heart," by Mr. Henry Byatt. The cast includes Messrs. Leonard Boyne, Yorke Stephens, Julian Cross, H. H. Morell, Bassett Roe, Horace Hodges, W. Parkes, James Lindsay, W. H. Whitehead, and E. W. Garden, Mrs. Frank Huntley, Misses Helen Leyton, Edith Ostlere, Lucy Sibley, and Miss Grace Hawthorne. New and elaborate scenery has been painted by Messrs. Bruce Smith and Richard C. Durant, and novel mechanical effects have been invented for the great life-boat scene by Mr. John Douglass. The music has been specially composed by Mr. Charles J. Hargitt.

THE GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The 50th annual meeting of this old and prosperous Company was held at the chief office, 103, Cannon-street, London, on the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Sir Andrew Lusk, Bart. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the Report, congratulated the shareholders and complimented the officers on the amount of new life business which had been procured during the year under review. The new premiums amounted to £18,157, assuring £486,088, the number of policies issued being 1223, representing an average of about £400. This indicates that the Society reached not only the class of insurers who take out large policies to cover risks incidental to reversions and life interests, but also the middle and thrifty classes whose policies as a rule are for smaller amounts. The number of proposals declined were 106 for £101,303, shewing that the directors and medical officers are cautious in the selection of lives proposed for assurance, and this circumstance may account for the somewhat light rate of mortality experienced by the Company during the past year. The amount added to the life fund was £62,187, a sum exceeding any previous annual record. In the fire department the loss rate was heavier than usual, arising from fires which were phenomenal in their extent. Some 1200 buildings were destroyed in a single night in one town where the Company had a fair business. A heavy loss was the consequence, a loss, however, promptly met without the slightest shock to the funds or dividends. The total assets at the end of the year amounted to £1,149,423, and the rate of interest realised on the investments was close upon 4½ per cent., which may be considered very satisfactory having regard to the first-class character of the investments. Amongst other speakers at the annual gathering was that veteran reformer, the Right Hon. Charles Pelham Villiers, M.P., the senior member of the board, and sole survivor of the original directors, who proposed the re-election of the Chairman and Bros. Doe and Strang, the three retiring directors. The Marquis of Exeter, whose family has been connected with this Company for many years past, replied to a resolution of thanks to the board. We congratulate Bro. Ward and his colleagues on the year's work, and it gave us great pleasure to hear him say at the meeting that he was having better fortune this year in the fire department, and that even more life business was being done than was effected during last year. All connected with this company deserve success, for the office has an unstained reputation, its finances are sound, and its conditions generous and liberal, and as put by the genial and popular baronet, Bro. Lusk, the intention of the management is "To be just and fear not." We heartily wish the Society further prosperity.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Evenings,
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HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Evenings,
ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

ADELPHI THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce.

GAIETY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.30, FRENCH PLAYS.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.50, THAT DOCTOR CUPID; at 7.50, THE POET.

OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 9, THE REAL LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY; at 8.15, HER OWN RIVAL.

COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.30, A WHITE LIE; at 8, IN THE CORRIDOR.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, A HIGHLAND LEGACY; at 9, TENTERHOOKS.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, COMEDIETTA; at 8.30, ARTFUL CARDS; after which ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS.

SAVOY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.15, THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD; at 7.20, MRS. 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' FIX.

ROYALTY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, MIGNONETTE.

GRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.15, CAPTAIN SWIFT; at 7.30, THAT DREADFUL DOCTOR.

SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, JUDGE NOT.

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.

NIAGARA IN LONDON.
Open 10 till 10. Colossal Picture of the Great Falls.



The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 12th instant.

The Queen held a review of the troops stationed at Aldershot, under the command of Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., on Friday, the 31st ult., the Commander-in-Chief, with Bro. General Lord Wolseley and the rest of the Head-quarters Staff being present. On the following day her Majesty held an investiture at Windsor Castle, when a number of distinguished persons, both military and civil, were personally invested with the insignia of the orders which had been conferred upon them. Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain, and Sir Albert Woods (Garter) were in attendance.

A Special Court of Common Council was held in the Guildhall on Saturday last, when Prince George of Wales, who was accompanied by his father, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince George of Greece, received the freedom of the City by patrimony, the illuminated copy of his freedom being enclosed in a casket of gold, silver, enamel, and precious stones, on a pedestal made of oak taken from Nelson's famous flagship, the Victory. After the presentation, Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead entertained the Royal visitors at luncheon in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, among the principal guests being Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, General Lord Wolseley, Lord Suffield, Lord Kensington, Lord Alcester, Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, Sir E. A. Inglefield, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., C. Hall, Q.C., M.P., and Sir George Willis.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire will be held at Huntingdon on Thursday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston.

The *Architect* of last week contains an article on Freemasonry among the Saxons, which we hope to reprint in our next.

The Princess Louise presided at the annual meeting, held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday last, of the Children's Country Holidays Fund. The report, which showed that great progress had been made during the past year, was adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed to her Royal Highness for her kindness in presiding.

A meeting of the Jockey Club was held at the town residence of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon on the 31st ult., at which the Prince of Wales, Bros. the Earl of March, the Earl of Hardwicke, the Earl of Cork, and the Earl of Zetland were present.

Her Majesty's State Concert, the first of the season, was held at Buckingham Palace on Friday, the 31st ult., the invitations being limited to 500. The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their sons and daughters, Prince and Princess Christian, the Duchess of Edinburgh, and other members of the Royal Family were present.

The fourth annual parade of the London Cart Horse Society will be held on Whit Monday, the 10th inst., in Regent's Park, and the necessary arrangements have been made to insure its being carried out with due order and regularity.

The Dibdin Memorial Committee have now resolved to erect a standard cross over the grave of Charles Dibdin, in St. Martin's Burial-ground, Pratt-street, Camden Town, in lieu of the model of a ship proposed some time ago.

George Shepherd Page, Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, arrived at Queenstown on Thursday afternoon en route for London. It is rumoured that he comes to settle the dispute with regard to the International Yacht Race.

An important sale of copper-plates and steel-plates, brilliantly polished and framed for hanging on walls, is announced by Messrs. Puttick and Simpson. The collection includes a large variety of sporting and humorous subjects well-known by their engravings, and among the portraits is that of Lady Hamilton, by Romney—perhaps destined to be the most permanent record of her beauty, when oils have faded and when the engravings struck from the plate have suffered by the wear and tear of time. Copper-plates for decorative purposes—hitherto the hobby of the individual connoisseur—appear likely to come into more general fashion.

The 32nd Anniversary Festival dinner of the Warehousemen, Clerks, and Drapers' Schools took place at the Hôtel Métropole, on the 30th ult., when donations and subscriptions to the amount of £5500 were contributed.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. the Earl of Jersey is progressing towards recovery, the fever from which he was suffering having taken a favourable turn just at the critical moment, so that there is no longer any anxiety felt by his family.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., left London for Hull, on the 31st ult., and has since arrived at Christiansand by steamer, and gone on to the Lyndal river, in order to enjoy a little fishing.

The Princess Christian, accompanied by her husband, visited Limehouse on Friday, the 31st ult., for the purpose of opening the German Sailors' Home. The Princess expressed her thanks for the welcome accorded her, and was loudly cheered on leaving the building.

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.

We take the opportunity of stating that in our recent reference to the valuable services of the Rev. Bro. Meadowcroft, of Victoria, and the recognition accorded to them by his brethren in that Colony, we gave an incomplete description of the office he holds under the newly-established United Grand Lodge of Victoria. Bro. T. H. Lempriere is the "Grand Secretary" of that body, and Bro. Meadowcroft "Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence."

The first party of delegates from the English trades arrived in Paris on Sunday last, being met on their arrival by a deputation from the Paris Municipal Council. They afterwards visited the Exhibition, for which free passes have been issued to them. These delegates have gone out at the expense of the fund raised for the purpose by Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead. They will stay in Paris for a fortnight, and on their return to England will draw up a report of what they have seen.

On Saturday last, the newly-installed W.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, Bro. Horace Stewart, presented to Bro. the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette a handsome two-handed chased silver cup (in the Queen Anne style), which was subscribed for unanimously by the brethren, as a token of the affectionate regard they entertain for him, and to mark their sense of the many important services he has rendered to the lodge during the 10 years he has acted as Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will this year be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 29th inst., at three o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Master.

On Tuesday evening the 28th ult., the annual banquet of the Gordon Lodge, No. 1726, took place at the Assembly Rooms, Canada Grove, Brighton, when the ceremony of installing Bro. H. Layton Staffurth as W.M. was performed by Bro. A. Lloyd, who was presented by the lodge with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the past year. The company numbered about 35, and included several Provincial Officers and W.M.'s of other lodges in the vicinity.

The Province of Essex is about to add another lodge to its list, thus making a total of 28. The new lodge, which is founded at the instance of the Junior Warden of the Warner Lodge, is to be named the Lennox Browne—a well-deserved compliment to our excellent brother, who hails from that province, and who appears to be as ardent in his pursuit of Masonry as in the profession of which he is so distinguished a member. The formation and name of the lodge is the more flattering to Bro. Lennox Browne, as we believe he was quite ignorant of the intention of the founders until he was asked, as the W.M. of a neighbouring lodge, to sign the petition recommending the Prov. Grand Master to grant a warrant. As no lodge exists within several miles of Buckhurst Hill, and there is good Masonic material in the district, we have every confidence that it will be a success.

Bro. Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G. Chap. of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, was appointed vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 31st ult., as successor to the late Canon Dalton, who was vicar for upwards of 56 years.

The Worshipful Master of the Dartford Lodge of the Masonic Brotherhood, at the annual dinner of that Institution, quoted some interesting statistics to show the amounts raised by Kentish branches of the brotherhood towards Masonic Charities. In the year 1886 the contributions amounted to £1725; in 1887, £1920 16s. 6d. was collected, and last year a sum of £3688 11s. was obtained, a total amount of £7334 7s. 6d. having thus been subscribed during the three past years. To most charitable institutions Kent is a generous patron; and these figures, besides being indicative of the interest taken by county residents in the Masonic movement, are fairly typical of the position taken by Kentish people in public subscription lists.—*Sidcup Times*.

Lord Dufferin is making steady progress towards convalescence.

Mrs. Henry Fawcett and her daughter, Miss Philippe Garrett Fawcett, have paid to the Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India the sum of £400, to be devoted towards the founding of two scholarships or prizes, one in Calcutta and the other in Bombay, for native female students.

The usual Ministerial banquets were given in honour of the Queen's birthday, on Saturday evening last. The Marquis of Salisbury entertained at dinner, at his residence, in Arlington-street, the Prince of Wales, the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers; and, afterwards, the Marchioness of Salisbury held a brilliant reception at the Foreign Office, at which the Prince and Princess of Wales and their sons and daughters, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, and Prince Henry of Battenberg were present. Prince Albert Victor dined with the First Lord of the Treasury, among the other guests being Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Zetland, the Earl of Lonsborough, Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P.; Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Lord Harlech, Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P.; and Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P. Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., as First Lord of the Admiralty; the Duke of Portland, as Master of the Horse; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Lord Steward; and the Earl of Lathom, as Lord Chamberlain, likewise gave full-dress dinners in honour of the same event.

Bro. W. Harris Saunders, who was recently appointed deputation Secretary of the Royal Alfred Merchant Seaman's Institution, has entered very spiritedly on his duties. He addressed a meeting at the Town Hall, Colchester, a week or two since, and gave some interesting information respecting the Institution.

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The tender of Mr. Lawrence being the lowest has been accepted. The hall, we are informed, will be 62 feet by 41 feet, and 30 feet high, and will hold from 400 to 500 persons. The work will be proceeded with forthwith.

The Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, has adjourned for the summer vacation. It will re-assemble as usual, at Bro. Silvester's The Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, October 3rd.

The session of the Langton Lodge of Instruction has terminated, and will be resumed on the second Thursday of October.

At a meeting of the Prudence Lodge, No. 1550, held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Princess-quare, Plymouth, Bro. A. Goodman, W.M., presiding, Bro. Nathaniel Reed, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. C. Philp was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. J. C. Kevern, as representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions; Bro. C. Mutton, as Charity Steward; and Bro. W. H. Phillips, as Tyler. It was decided to have an outing in the course of the coming month similar to that which was held last year with so much success, when a large number of brethren and their friends visited the beautiful grounds of Flete and the caves at Killy.

Bro. F. K. Stevens, who was elected an annuitant at the last meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, desires to tender his sincere thanks to the brethren who supported him on that occasion, and especially to those who gave their personal aid on the day of election.

At a meeting of the Anglesey Lodge on Tuesday, the 21st ult., it was decided that the lodges should be held in future at Menai Bridge, and not at Llangefni.

The Anglo-American Lodge is about to present a testimonial to Bro. Consul General Waller on his retirement from the office of Consul General in this country for the United States. In the circular issued to the members of the lodge, Bro. Waller is referred to as having efficiently fulfilled his Consular duties to the entire satisfaction of his Government, of his countrymen, of the London merchants, manufacturers, and others, who have had recourse to his ministerial courtesy and capacity during his four years' tenure of office, and the brethren of the Anglo-American Lodge are conscious in him they will lose a genial and eloquent brother, whose graceful and amiable society endeared him to the lodge, and to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

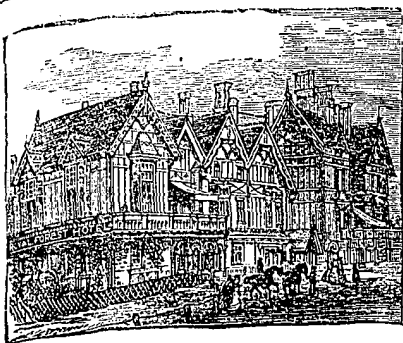
MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT ABERDEEN.—The results of the effort made by the St. Clement's Lodge, No. 688, to raise funds in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital are highly satisfactory. It will be remembered that recently they held an enjoyable concert, with that object in view. The total drawings amounted to £58 13s. 7d., and, besides this, the lodge was able to raise, by subscription sheets, £39 2s. 2d., and by donations from patrons, £10 1s. The total receipts were thus £107 16s. 9d., and, after deducting the expenses—£41 13s. 9d.—there will be available for the hospital the handsome sum of £66 13s. A number of the subscription sheets have yet to come in.

On the 29th ult., the preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at Dover, under the presidency of Earl Amherst, P.G.M. The meeting was held at the Apollonian Hall and was followed by a banquet in the Town Hall. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Bromley this year.

Bro. F. H. Rooke, whose recent letters to the *Freemason* have attracted some attention, is a Past Grand Steward, having served that office in 1872. He is P.M. of the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, and of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, and P.Z. of the Old Union Chapter, No. 46. He is a member of the 30° and has acted for some years as Recorder of the Holy Sanctuary Rose Croix Chapter, No. 53, of which he is at present M.W.S. He is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities. By profession Bro. Rooke is a solicitor at Barnes, Surrey, and Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., and he is well known in church circles, especially as Chairman of the Free and Open Church Association.

On Whit Monday, June 10, it will be 35 years since the Queen, speaking beneath the great arch of the Central Transept, declared the Crystal Palace open, and expressed the hope that the enterprise would elevate and instruct, as well as delight and amuse, all classes of her subjects. Since that memorable day the Palace has been visited by nearly seventy millions of people. It has by Royal command entertained Emperors, Kings, Sultans, Princes. It has fêted illustrious men, irrespective of country, rank, occupation, or religion. It has been the favourite rendezvous for the periodical gatherings of great organisations—charitable, social, friendly, educational, religious—while its record of patriotic and popular fêtes, art celebrations, and great musical festivals, stands unparalleled by any other place of public resort. The Crystal Palace has, therefore, become the Palace of the people's pleasures, a fact which will, we may safely predict, be abundantly proved on Whit Monday, for which day a great anniversary fête has been organised. The special list of free entertainments and amusements is, without doubt, the most liberal and attractive that has ever been provided for a single festival. It includes national promenade concerts, comic pantomime and novel variety entertainments on lawns, balloon ascents, fountain displays, military assaults-at-arms, outdoor sports, ventriloquial and musical entertainments, race between bicycle and trotters driven in sulkies, and a grand garden fête and feast of lanterns, with illumination of the great fountains, and special anniversary display of fireworks.

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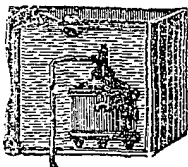
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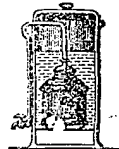
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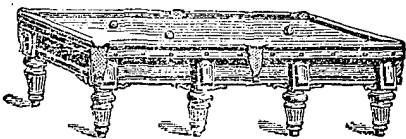
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, June 15, 1889.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew.
1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
2206, Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 10.

CRAFT LODGE.

1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Doric, White Horse Tavern, White Horse-lane, Mile End-road, 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Warner, Bridge Buildings, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
1366, Highgate, Gate House Tavern, Highgate.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

CRAFT LODGES.

167, St. John's, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead Heath.
255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Emblematic, Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8.
Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

MARK LODGE.

223, West Smithfield, 8A, Red Lion-square.

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140, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

71, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.
1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.

Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1446, Mount Edgumbe, St. Botolph's Chambers.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall.
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creston, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7.
Ebony, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd., at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.
Southark, Sir Garnet Wolesey, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

ROSE CROIX.

97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-square.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14.

CRAFT LODGE.

780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Earl of Lonsdale, Archer-street, Bayswater, 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. at 6.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MARK LODGES.

205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow.
357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, June 15, 1889.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., will be found in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, JUNE 10.

CRAFT LODGES.	Batley	264	Rugby	502
Hastings	Berkeley	270	Seaford	588
Halifax	Sheffield	296	Redruth	589
Bristol	Lincoln	297	Southport	613
Dukinfield	Teignmouth	303	Filey, Yorks	643
Gt. Underbank	Hebden Bridge	307	Seaham Harbour	665
Stockport	Gt. Yarmouth	313	Lyme Regis	661
Plymouth	Preston	314	Llanelli	671
Exmouth	Penrith	339	Dartmouth	797
Faversham	Halesworth	388	Wirksworth	884
Newport, I.W.	Haworth	408	Millbrook	893
East Stonehouse	Brightlingsea	433	Knutsford	941
Swansea	Oldham	407	Barrow-in-	
South Shields	Newcastle	481	Furness	1021

Dorking	1149	St. John's	2197
Chatham	1274	Woking	2197
Leeds	1281	Alford	2197
St. Ives	1272	York	2197
Market Rasen	1236	Saltburn-by-sea	2197
Halifax	1302	Urmston	2197
Liverpool	1350	Harbourne	2197
Andover	1373	E. Retford	2197
Woodstock	1399	Gt. Torrington	2197
Stalybridge	1408	Rawtenstall	2197
Sandgate	1436	Chapel-en-le-	2197
Canterbury	1449	Frith	2197
Birmingham	1474	Wellington	2197
Mass Side	1496	Maldon	2197
Castleford	1542	Moseley	2197
		Bowdon	2197

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Birmingham	74	Liverpool	724	Bromley	1602
Chatham	184	Workington	962	Landport	1776
Bradford	302	Saltash	1071	Walton-on-the-	
Brighton	315	Mossley	1218	Naze	1799
Pembroke Dock	378	Carlton Hill	1221	East Retford	1802
Uxbridge	382	Canterbury	1449	Snarebrook	1804
Ramsgate	429	Hebburn-on-			
Huddersfield	521	Tyne	1643		

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

CRAFT LODGES.	St. Helen's	897	Stonehouse,
Sunderland	Gosport	903	Devon
Truro	Devonport	954	Bedlington
Rochford	Frome	973	Scunthorpe
Old Brompton	Crewe	979	Lincolnshire
Liverpool	New Milford	990	Herne Bay
Boston	Maldon	1024	Stockton-on-
Lymington	Alfreton	1028	Tees
Stockport	Newnham-on-		Bakewell
Bodmin	Severn	1067	Derby
Milford	Keswick	1073	Hull
Maryport	Ramsey, L.M.	1075	East Molesey
Wareham	Batley	1214	R. A. CHAPTERS.
Birmingham	Warrington	1250	Birmingham
Newton-le-	Poulton-le-		Leeds
Willows	Fyde	1256	Stalybridge
St. Austell	Blandford	1266	Portsmouth
Maidstone	Egremont	1267	Gosport
Tofts, Cleck-	Bala	1269	Willington
heaton	Woking Station	1395	Quay
Chippenhams	Torquay	1402	Sudbury
Wednesbury	Cuckfield	1405	MARK LODGES.
Aldershot	Blackpool	1476	Tavistock
West Hartlepool	Crowle	1482	Keynsham
Ashby-de-la-	Newquay	1528	Brecon
Zouch	Marlborough	1533	Yokersgate
Crewkerne	Baldon	1545	Malton
Sidcup	Cheadle	1587	Newcastle
Wotton-under-	Walton-on-the-		East Looe
Edge	Hill	1713	KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Jersey	Wilmington	1837	Stoke-on-Trent

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Whitehaven	119	W. Bromwich	662	Kirkdale	1076
Margate	127	Lee	704	Edmonton	1237
Batley	264	Stafford	726	Redcar	1244
Dartford	299	Crewkerne	814	Liverpool	1325
Maryport	371	Wootton-under-		Harrington	1400
Newcastle	406	Edge	855	Liverpool	1675
Halifax	448	Stockton	940	Huddersfield	1785
Aylesbury	591	Cardiff	960	Dartford	1837
		East Dereham	996		

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CRAFT LODGES.	Chesterfield	681	Llanidloes	1582	
Rochdale	Colchester	697	Stretford	1588	
Guernsey	Derby	731	Hebburn-on-		
Prescot	Llandudno	755	Tyne	1643	
Hythe	Appleby	812	Slaithwaite	1645	
Bury	Worthing	851	Bromley	1692	
Bolton	Salford	852	Huddersfield	1785	
Bristol	Shaw, Lancs.	854	Middlesborough	1848	
Manchester	204	Weston	906	Plymouth	1855
Ipswich	225	Pontefract	901	Amble	1879
Jersey	244	Bradford	1018	Spennymoor	1932
Hull	250	Birmingham	1031	Hove	1947
Heckmondwike	258	Tamworth	1060	Maidstone	2046
Oldham	277	Liverpool	1094	Manchester	2156
Lancaster	281	Chislehurst	1107	Swinton, near	
Todmorden	288	Ilfracombe	1135	Manchester	2216
Alcester	301	Withington	1140	Grimsby	2284
Mottram	320	Seaton	1181	R. A. CHAPTERS.	
Stockport	323	Ramsgate	1209	Wigan	179
Yeovil	329	Douglas	1242	Shepton Mallett	285
Sandbach	368	Scarborough	1248	Macclesfield	295
Budeleigh Sal-	372	Aldershot	1331	Kearsley, near	
terton	380	Newcastle	1342	Manchester	350
Morley	387	Liverpool	1356	Bishop's Stort-	
Shipley	387	Chipping Sod-		ford	409
Haverfordwest	404	bury	1363	Hartlepool	531
Gravesend	483	Dalton-in-Fur-		Liverpool	673
Dudley	498	ness	1398	Ashford	709
Congleton	533	Harrington	1400	Runcorn	758
Framlingham	555	Barton-on-		Belvedere	1972
Ormskirk	580	Humber	1447	MARK LODGES.	
New Mills, nr.	580	Eastwood			