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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

It will be seen from the Report we publish elsewhere that the adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held as appointed on Saturday last; that the attendance, especially when we consider the time of year, was an unusually full one, and that the business which it was summoned to transact was dispatched satisfactorily, and with something like an approach to unanimity. Bro. the Earl of EUSTON occupied the chair, and, as Chairman of the Provisional Committee of Management, presented the report of that body on the subject of the Secretaryship. Briefly stated, it amounted to this—that Bro. BINCKES, who has held the office since 1861, should retire on a pension of £350 per annum, in recognition of the long and valuable service he had rendered to the Institution, and that a successor should be appointed at a salary of £300 per annum. They further requested authority from the General Committee to take the necessary steps for the appointment of the new Officer. After a brief discussion, the report, on the motion of Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, was adopted, and there for the present the matter rests. It will be necessary that the minutes of this meeting should be confirmed, in order that the resolution it arrived at may obtain the force of law; but we anticipate there will be no difficulty on this score, and that, except as to the selection of the brother who will occupy the office, when declared vacant, the change is virtually settled.

Thus terminates the official career of one of the ablest and most energetic brethren of our day, who, as Bro. CUMBERLAND very pertinently pointed out, "had been the pioneer in the interest of our Masonic Institutions." It is not necessary we should repeat the oft-told story of Bro. BINCKES'S "valuable service to the School with which he had so long been connected." It is enough for our purpose to state that when Bro. BINCKES, as a member of the General Committee, first began to take an active part in the management of the Institution, the School, as distinguished from the Institution, was on a very small scale and of recent establishment, whereas at the present time, when he is on the eve of retiring, it maintains over 260 boys, and stands high among this class of institution; nor can there be the slightest doubt that it is in great measure through his exertions that the School has made this wonderful progress. Many, probably, will be inclined to regard the amount at which the retiring pension has been fixed as being below the deserts of Bro. BINCKES, but it is possible that the proposal of a higher sum might have evoked a feeling of opposition, and it certainly appears to us to be preferable that Bro. BINCKES should retire into private life on a smaller pension, but with the good wishes of the general body of Governors and Subscribers, than that he should receive a somewhat larger amount, after opposition had been offered to it by a section, more or less numerous, of the governing body.

As regards the election of the new Secretary, some of the members of the General Committee who attended last Saturday's meeting appear to have been ignorant of the law on the subject. There cannot be the slightest objection to the Provisional Committee having authority to take the preliminary steps to elect a successor to Bro. BINCKES, but the election itself rests with the General Committee, Law, No. 71, being as follows: "The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than 14 days before the election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee, on his or her behalf, at the time of the election." Thus the law is so precise that it is difficult to understand how any one can assign the right of election to the General Court in place of the General Committee, or desire that the Governors should be put to the trouble of altering the law—and the delay such trouble must involve—in order to effect a change in this direction.

THE CRAFT IN SOMERSETSHIRE.

The proceedings at the recent annual meeting at Western-super-Mare of the Provincial G. Lodge of Somersetshire were not as gratifying as they usually have been in this well-ordered district. A review of the principal events which had happened during the past year showed that while the Craft had gained in solidity of organisation, and was making its influence for good more and more distinctly felt in the county, there were not a few losses among the members of the Fraternity to deplore. One brother in particular—the late Bro. Col. ADAIR—had died suddenly in apparently the full enjoyment of his usual health and vigour, to whom the Province of Somersetshire was greatly indebted, and for the memory of whose services it will always entertain the most sincere respect. Col. ADAIR was Prov. G. Master from 1863 to 1868, and had held the office of Grand Superintendent from the year 1880, and the Earl of CARNARVON, who succeeded him in the former capacity, and was in the chair on this occasion, very gracefully referred to the services his predecessor had rendered to the Province, the tact and ability he had shown in the administration of its affairs, and the deep interest he always exhibited in the proceedings of the Fraternity; and he expressed the mournful satisfaction it afforded him to propose a resolution to the effect "That this Prov. G. Lodge desires to express its grief at the lamented death of the late Brigadier-General ADAIR, and its sympathy with the bereaved members of his family." Bro. ELSE, who seconded the resolution, also bore willing testimony to the merits of our deceased brother, and spoke in the warmest terms of his kindness, geniality, and ability. A somewhat similar resolution was proposed and carried in connection with the late Bro. S. TOMS, who had died during his year of office as Prov. J.G.W. In all other respects, however, the proceedings were most gratifying. It was shown that the Province is in a very prosperous condition as regards its funds and numerically, while the lodges were both regular and zealous in the performance of their duties. Moreover, in order to increase the efficiency of the Province in one important branch of Masonic duty, it was resolved on the motion of Bro. S. R. BASKETT, to establish a Benevolent Fund for local Charitable purposes, and the subject was referred to a Committee, with instructions to inquire fully into the subject and report at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. We may anticipate, therefore, that in the matter of its Charity arrangements Somersetshire will soon be on a similar footing to many other Provinces, and will be able to assist its own distressed members and their families, and at the same time support the great central Charities, not more generously, perhaps, than it has done in the past—for Somersetshire in proportion to its strength is liberal as well as regular in the performance of this duty—but in accordance with a better organised system. We congratulate Somersetshire on its determination to adopt this course, and we trust that, at its next annual meeting, the record of what has passed may be as satisfactory as it was in this instance, but without the drawbacks occasioned by such serious losses.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREES.

We referred at some length not long since to certain grave irregularities in lodge procedure which had been brought to the notice of Bro. E. WOODALL PARKER, Dist. G.M. of the Punjab, and on which he commented with just severity, in his address to the brethren in Dist. G. Lodge on the 13th April last. There were, however, two other points in the same address which we did not allude to at the same time; because, as they are matters of great importance which are frequently the subject of remark by our Prov. G. Masters and G. Officers at home, it would have been impossible to say what was necessary without extending our article to an unconscionable length. The first of these points had reference to the admission of candidates into Freemasonry. This, it must be admitted, is a vital question that affects us all, whether we are members of a London lodge, of a lodge in some distant county, or of one which meets in the far East or at the Antipodes. The well-being of Freemasonry depends on the worthiness of its constituent members, nor is it possible to gauge the amount of detriment that may be caused to the whole of the

Fraternity by the laxity of a single lodge or brother in accepting or recommending for acceptance a person who, in character, temper, or other respects, is likely to prove an undesirable member. Bro. PARKER pointed out that, though the attention of lodges has been again and again called to this question, many "undesirable additions were not seldom made to the Craft," and the advice he gave to his audience may well be repeated here. "It was obvious," he said, "that no one should be admitted who was not in a position to maintain himself and family in comfort, or likely to be not only a credit, but a source of strength to the Craft. The character and position of every candidate should, therefore, be thoroughly inquired into by the lodge before the ballot was taken, and undesirable persons rigorously excluded. Above all, it was desirable to exclude persons who were addicted to vices, which were sure to bring discredit and distress on themselves and on all concerned with them." In thus framing his advice, Bro. PARKER entered somewhat more into detail than others who have drawn attention to the same question, but though differently expressed, it is precisely the same advice which the late Bro. JOHN HERVEY, Grand Secretary, was in the habit of giving on the occasion of his consecrating a new lodge. It is the same advice which Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, the present G. Secretary, considers it is necessary he should give on the same occasions; and it is tendered everywhere in the provinces by a Prov. G. Master or his representative, under similar circumstances. Yet, in spite of the injunctions of these distinguished brethren, it has recently been most conspicuously in evidence that many men have been received into Freemasonry who would be a disgrace to any society. Thus, at the Boys' School Festival, on the 3rd instant, Bro. GEORGE PLUCKNETT, P.G.D., the much respected Treasurer of the Institution, considered it his duty in replying for the toast of Prosperity of that Charity, and expressing his thanks to the ladies who had honoured the meeting with their presence, to apologise to the latter "for the noise that had disgraced the gathering." On that occasion language was used and conduct adopted in the presence of ladies which we venture to think, if they had been used at a meeting of costermongers, would have resulted in the unceremonious eviction of the offenders. We know also, unfortunately too well, what happened at the meeting of the General Committee on the 6th June, and also at sundry meetings of the Boys' School Court and Committee last year; and therefore, in expressing our gratitude to the Dist. G. Master of the Punjab for his outspokenness in censuring those lodges and brethren who neglect to exercise due caution in admitting candidates into Freemasonry, we are in fact addressing his censure to those lodges at home which it is clear from the scenes at the Alexandra Palace on the 3rd inst., and in the Boys' School Courts and Committees, both this and last year, have been negligent in their exercise of the necessary caution. The other point to which Bro. PARKER referred was the examination of candidates for advancement to a higher Degree, which in the majority of cases he considered a mere sham. There is certainly a considerable amount of laxity in this matter in many lodges, and we quite agree with him that all such candidates should be carefully prepared before they are allowed to make that further progress in Freemasonry which we are taught to believe is ascribable to merit alone. It is not a very difficult ordeal for a brother to pass through, and if a candidate cannot take the small amount of trouble that is required to pass it, he should not be advanced. Bro. PARKER deserves thanks for the outspoken manner in which he has dealt with these points.

BRIEF ESSAYS ON CURIOUS SUBJECTS.

4. TRIANGLES.

Continuing our remarks on Triangles, we now approach the PENTALPHA, sometimes styled "*Pentaculum Salomonis*," which we must not, however, confound with the Hexalpha, or six-pointed star. The meaning of the Greek terms often employed must be sufficiently apparent: Pentalpha implies 5 A's, and Hexalpha refers to the 6 capital A's which the angles of these symbols present to the observer. The disciples and followers of Pythagoras paid very special respect to the emblem now under consideration. In the outer angles they placed the letters that make up their word for health or *Hygeia*, though latterly the Latin *Salus* was occasionally used. This school of philosophers looked upon Two, or the Duad, as imperfect and incomplete, and herein agreed with the Kabbalists who required one point for each end of the balance, and a third to denote equilibrium: but when the first even was added to the first odd number—Unity being on a higher plane, and not entering into the calculation—the product, 5, became of great importance. A ready way to represent this emblem is to stand with separated feet and arms extended horizontally, when

the head and extremities yield what the mystical students designate as the microcosm (man), or the smaller creation. It was formerly employed as a preservation against the malevolence of witches and evil spirits—and it entered largely into the ceremonial necromancy of even the mediæval times. Faust and other professors used Pentacles, of which copies may still be seen by such as are curious in these matters. We must be careful to observe that *Pentacle* has a different meaning, for it alludes to the God of Nature, and is a much more exhaustive phrase.

The Pentalpha has been discovered on remains all over the world, and is frequently found on ancient coins. We know that it was quite common amongst Druids, Hindus, and Egyptians; indeed, the strangeness would be if it were not so met with, when we recollect that all these religions, amongst others, sprang from one common origin, and must, necessarily, have adopted, even, if with modified interpretations, the symbology of the parent cult.

Pursuing their custom of incorporating archaic symbols, to which they imputed new renderings, the early Christians saw in this shape the five wounds of our Lord depicted, and, now, some of our would-be instructors wish us to believe that the star emblazoned in lodge is typical of that light which guided the Magi to the cradle at Bethlehem.

There are various alleged powers derived from the different internal, external, acute and obtuse angles of the Pentacle, but the explanations are beside our present purpose; we would, however, desire our readers to thoughtfully consider the importance it assumes at a certain part of the "raising" of a Master Mason.

The Pentalpha is occasionally spoken of as the *Triple Triangle*, but in such a connection the expression is confusing and misleading. The jewel worn by our Grand Principals, whether interlaced or open, is the Triple form, so is the nine-pointed star formed of three triangles super-imposed—another example being the Indian method of picturing the Trimurti by a trio of concentric triangles, inside of which they write their ineffable word A.U.M., not *O.M.*, as is often stated.

The members of the celebrated "Pilgrim" Lodge (London), which works in German, wear a *Trowel* as a portion of their distinctive badge, and our American Brethren explain this *working tool*, which, shaped as a Pyramid, played an important part in the Nilotic mysteries: but it has not been adopted, under our Constitution, as a requisite article of lodge furniture.

In many respects classical scholars have an advantage over their less favoured fellows, and particularly so in the ease with which they should grasp the evident analogies constantly occurring; for instance, the reverence the Greeks entertained for the sacred triangle, or Delta, the myth of the three gates, and so on.

The Pentalpha, equilateral and certain forms of the triple triangles, can be drawn in single lines without lifting the pencil. Reflection on the nine-pointed star does not enter into the present scheme as it is beyond the ordinary teaching in the Blue Degrees, and instruction thereon may, or should, be procurable in the Rosicrucian College of London, as under the wing of the Southern Jurisdiction of the A. & A. Rite in the United States, whose venerable head, General Albert Pike, is by far the most philosophic Mason of the age.

The *right-angled* is yet another form of the Triangle, but it has been relegated to Masonic limbo. It exists amongst us, now, only in the distinguishing jewel of the Past Master, and may possibly remind some of us, thus adorned, of a day, long before we were brought to light, when we sat uneasily on account of insufficient knowledge of this same 47th Problem of Euclid. To Pythagoras, with questionable veracity, is ascribed the solution of this question, and it is frequently named after him. Formerly this Triangle surmounted the cubical altar. An ordinary explanation of this figure is that the upright represents Osiris, the base Isis, while the hypotenuse, or connecting line, is Horus (the product); but it is as hard to understand how the square of the child is equal to the combined squares of both Father and Mother, as to believe that the alleged inventor of this demonstration sacrificed a hecatomb of oxen to celebrate so auspicious an event. There must surely be some deeper reason than the writer has yet met with.

Many of our trusted leaders have told us that Masonic Ritual is saturated with the tenets of Pythagoras—hence the reason of the frequent recurrence of his name in these notes.

We must, however, keep steadily in view that this sage spent very many years learning at the fountain head from Egyptian hierophants, Arabian mystics, Kabbalistic Rabbins, Iranian Magi, and Hindu yogis, the secret wisdom which was in the watchful keeping of these Illuminati. For this reason, as well as other considerations, we conclude that the system, which bears his imprint, is, in reality, a digest of what he acquired from his various instructors, and moulded into a code harmonising with the bent of his own mind.

C. A. M.

DEGREES ARE LESSONS.

BY BRO. ALBERT PIKE.

Freemasonry has grown to its present stature from feeble-minded infancy and raw boyhood. It has made progress as the world of which it is a part has. To live at all, a man or an Order must do that. Life consists in progress. If Masonry had stood still while the world moved onward, it would now have been like nothing so much as the skeleton of a ship high and dry upon the sandy shore of the sea.

It has made progress and is of larger stature. But, as in the modern progress of civil affairs and society and religion, there has been deprivation as well as reformation, so the progress of Freemasonry in this country during the last forty years has not been wholly to its moral or intellectual advantage. Some of the ancient landmarks have been removed, the real meanings of the most important symbols have been lost by the Blue Lodges, and have only been rediscovered by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; but these are only in part given in our books, because it is not permissible for some to be taught otherwise than orally, as, anciently, the meanings of all symbols were.

The symbolism of Masonry is the soul of Masonry. Every symbol of the Blue Lodge is a religious teacher, the mute teacher, also, of morals and philosophy. It is in its ancient symbols and in the knowledge of their true meanings that the pre-eminence of Freemasonry over all other Orders consists. In other respects some of them may compete with it, rival it, perhaps even excel it; but, by its symbolism, it will reign without a peer when it learns again what its symbols mean, and that each is the embodiment of some great, old, rare truth. Degrees are the steps of Masonic progress, when they have that in them which makes them in reality degrees. A degree that teaches nothing whereby a man may become wiser or better is a degree in name only. It is not a degree even in the sense in which the rounds of a ladder are degrees, or the steps of a stairway—the mere means of ascension to an apartment above. A series of so-called degrees with which an unfortunate individual may be “invested” by receiving a letter and a patent, or by the stretching forth of a hand and the utterance of the magical words, “By virtue of the authority in me vested,” or in half an hour or less, by a short recital of fact and falsehood, and a brief obligation, upon the payment of five, ten, or fifteen dollars, cannot be other than the stock-in-trade of impostors, of men capable of approaching an honorary member of a regular Supreme Council, supposed to be needy, and proposing to him to follow, in a lower and baser way, the example of Faust, by engaging in the work of vending their degrees and establishing their consistories, because “there is money in it.”

Our degrees are lessons. They require of those who receive them thought and study; and to those who rarely think and never study they cannot much commend themselves. Men will never come in crowds to the doors of our temples seeking initiation. We need not be disappointed if our Bodies grow slowly, and if our Rite does not become popular. That which becomes so is always tending to deterioration; and in too many cases popularity is proof of demerit. We must be content with slow accretion and gradual accession of members. There is, indeed, always more danger to the moral and spiritual welfare of a man or Order in prosperity than in adversity; and nothing so beneficial could happen to Freemasonry now as a vigorous persecution. I leave it to the Grand Masters to lament, as they have long lamented, the ill practices, in the indiscriminate admission of Apprentices forthwith to become Masters, the seeking of office and otherwise, that have found their way into the sanctuaries, lowering the dignity and lessening the honourable repute of the Order.

One purpose is paramount in every one of our degrees—to bind those who receive them more closely together, by inculcating the prompt and habitual performance of one's duties to others—not merely those duties performance of which is commanded by law or custom, but those that live in a higher sphere, and find their sanction in a higher code of ethics—the duties of forgiveness of injuries, forbearance under provocation, toleration, lenient judgment, generosity, a liberal charity, encouragement of those struggling to maintain their foothold in business and life, and of the disheartened; encouragement of the erring endeavouring to amend, kind words for those fallen into evil ways, and helpful sympathy for the suffering and sorrowful.—*Voice of Masonry.*

CARDINAL FIRRAO.—Said to have issued in 1738 the official notification of the Bull of Clement XII., which certainly was a wonderful exercise of irresponsible power, and very peculiar justice. By it all Freemasons were condemned to confiscation of their goods, the Inquisition, and death, and declared to be without hope even for the next world, simply because they were Freemasons. The houses in which lodges were held were actually to be pulled down, and the names of those who sought to initiate Masons were to be given up by the candidates, or these very candidates were to be fined 1000 crowns or sent to the galleys. This is Roman ecclesiastical law with a vengeance!—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

UNVEILING MEMORIAL WINDOWS AT WINSON GREEN.

On Monday, Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, assisted by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the brethren of the province, held a special meeting in the Dudley-road Board Schools, and subsequently formed in procession and walked to St. Cuthbert's Church, where three memorial windows were unveiled. The windows have been subscribed for by the Sunday schools and parishioners in memory of the late vicar, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Tarleton, P.P.G. Chaplain. The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge who accompanied Lord Leigh were Bros. J. T. Collins, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; G. H. Rooker, Asst. D.C.; Mears, S.B.; J. R. Jackson, D.C.; F. H. Reece, G.O.; G. Beech, G.S.; J. W. Matthews, Asst. Secretary; W. H. Wood, G.P.; W. E. Fowkes, Asst. G.P.; and W. E. Mewis, G. Stwd. There were also present several Past Officers of Grand Lodge and members.

In the course of the service Lord Leigh unveiled the windows, which are situated in the chancel, and consist of three lights each, with a single figure in each light, the pedestals and canopies, in the perpendicular style, being in keeping with the architectural features of the church. The subjects treated are Abraham, Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, Our Lord Jesus Christ, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Andrew, and St. John. In the tracery of the centre window are Masonic emblems, and the other traceries are treated in gresaille. The colouring is rich, but chaste; the draperies are remarkably free and flowing, and the treatment of the whole is broad and effective. Messrs. W. Pearce and Company, of Bridge-street, Birmingham, executed the work, from the designs of their superintendent, Mr. Thomas Stacey. The whole chancel has also been much improved, the walls have been stencilled a neat ecclesiastical pattern, and the iron lights replaced by brass standards, by Mr. G. Hadley, Monument-road.

The service at the church was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. Dr. McCann), Canon Bowlby, and the Rev. T. W. Peart.

In the course of a short sermon, based on I. Corinthians, x., 31, the VICAR said the windows were more than the expression of living memories—they were that of unforgotten services rendered by one whose whole sympathy and love were in the church he founded.

At a subsequent meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, on the motion of Lord LEIGH, a sum of 10 guineas was voted from the funds to the Sunday schools.

Luncheon was afterwards served in the school, and presided over by Lord Leigh.

Amongst those present were the Revds. Dr. McCann, A. R. Vardy, W. B. Wilkinson, and T. W. Peart; Messrs. G. Beech, W. F. Tolladay, J. Bowen, and others.

Apologies were announced from Viscountess Newport, the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, Mr. Dixon, M.P., Mr. Jaffray, Mr. Commissioner Philbrick, the Mayor (Alderman Barrow), the Mayor of West Bromwich (Councillor Heelis), and Alderman Manton.

After the loyal toasts,

The Rev. Dr. McCANN proposed “Lord Leigh and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.” He said that his lordship was one of the most popular men in the county, and whenever he was asked to do a kindness he did it kindly.

In reply, Lord LEIGH said that his presence there that day had been for him a source of great pleasure, not unmixed with pain. They all remembered the first vicar of that parish, and he could only say that, as Freemasons, they felt it a great honour to be permitted to unveil the beautiful windows subscribed for by the children and parishioners. It was 17 years since he (Lord Leigh) had the pleasure of laying Masonically the first stone of that church, and he knew how anxiously their late Bro. Tarleton exerted himself to obtain funds to build the church. They all felt deeply his loss, and rejoiced to find that Bro. Tolladay had worked so excellently to get up that meeting, to which he had asked the attendance of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The Rev. A. R. VARDY, in proposing “Success to St. Cuthbert's Sunday Schools,” said he knew the late vicar as a pupil at King Edward's School, and testified to the earnestness of his work on behalf of the schools and in the parish. The labour of the Sunday schools was very important. There was a time when in all schools religious instruction formed part of the work. He regretted very much the changes which had recently taken place, and which had banished to a great extent Bible-teaching from the ordinary schoolroom. That only made the work and function of the Sunday schools more important, and if the young generation were to be trained aright they must be trained in the knowledge and fear of God. That work was being done most efficiently in that parish in the large Sunday schools connected with the church. The erection of those windows was a striking illustration of the value the children placed on the services of the late vicar. It was a unique event that school-children should, by their scanty means, raise so noble and enduring a monument to one who worked for them.

The Rev. T. W. PEART responded on behalf of Mrs. Peart, superintendent of the Girls' Sunday Schools.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. F. Tolladay, for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the arrangements.

Several other toasts were proposed.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

An emergency communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on the 7th inst., to consider and decide as to the purchase of a property recommended for the purpose of being converted into a hall and offices for the use of Supreme Chapter.

The following companions were present, viz.: Comps. Ed. Macbean, Z. 50, as G.Z.; James Simpson, P.Z. 64, as G.H.; Wm. Adamson, P.Z. 57, as G.J.; R. Smith Brown, G.S.E.; Dr. Geo. Dickson, G.S.N.; Ex-Provost Geo. Christie, P.Z. 203, 1st G.S.; Surgeon-Major W. T. Black, P.Z. 86, as 2nd G.S.; James Melville, P.Z. 118, as 3rd G.S.; and a fair attendance of members.

On the question as to purchase of the property being put to the meeting,

Comp. JAS. CRICHTON, G. Swd. Br., spoke at some length as to the advantage of so doing, so as to acquire suitable premises for the conduct of Supreme Chapter business, and moved accordingly.

An amendment to delay consideration till the Quarterly Communication in September, in respect that there were many members of Supreme Chapter who could not attend at this particular time of year, was submitted by Comp. D. TAYLOR, J. 1.

Several members having spoken in support of both sides of the question, the vote was taken, when there voted for the amendment 11, and for the motion 9. The matter was accordingly declared deferred till the Quarterly Communication in September.

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Wood Green, N., July, 1889.

TO THE LIFE-GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The appointment of Medical Officer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys being vacant, I have the honour to announce that I am a Candidate for the office. My testimonials, which will be forwarded to the Committee, will show that I am duly qualified and registered, and that I have had considerable experience in the profession. To this may be added that I am resident within three minutes' walk from the Schools, where I have been practising for over two years. Should I have the honour to be elected, you may rely on my doing everything in my power to promote the health of the boys under my charge.

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To Correspondents.

"AN OLD L.G." writes anxiously as to whether or not the question of the retiring Secretary's pension will be submitted to the Life Governors and Subscribers. In reply, we state that the ultimate decision in all such cases rests with the General Court, which consists of the Life Governors, Life Subscribers, and Annual Subscribers. The General Committee will elect the new Secretary.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "El Taller," "Voice of Masonry," "Freemasons' Repository," "South Australian Freemason," "Masonic Review," "Australasian Keystone," "La Chaine d'Union," and "The Tyler."



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

It is curious to note how seldom vacancies have occurred in the case of some of the salaried offices in connection with our Charitable Institutions, while in others the changes have been very frequent. Thus, as regards the Boys' School, which has been in existence for 91 years, there have been from first to last only five Secretaries, namely, Bros. Robert Leslie, William Hancock, Thomas J. Jackson, A. U. Thiselton, and Frederick Binckes, the last two having held the office—Bro. Thiselton from 1826 to 1861, and Bro. Binckes from 1861 to 1889. On the other hand, in the 32 years that have elapsed since the School was established there have been six Head Masters and five Matrons, Bro. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., the present Head Master, being the only one of the former who has remained at his post for a length of time (14 years), while Miss Hall was Matron for 22 years.

In the case of the Girls' School, which has been established 101 years, there have been six Matrons—Mrs. Le Clerc, Mrs. Learmonth, Mrs. Lovekin, Mrs. Crook, Miss Jarwood, and Miss Buck. Of these ladies Mrs. Crook was appointed Assistant Matron in 1802 and Matron on the death of Mrs. Lovekin in 1807, while Miss Jarwood was apprenticed, on completing her education in the School, to the Institution in 1825, appointed Assistant Matron in 1829, and Matron on the death of Mrs. Crook in 1854. Miss Jarwood died in 1886, after a connection of 67 years with the School, while she and Mrs. Crook between them held office for 84 years consecutively. Miss Davis, the Head Governess, has been in office since 1861.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which has been in existence as regards its Male Fund for 47 years, has only had two Secretaries, namely, Bro. Farnfield, who was appointed to office on

the establishment of the Male Fund in 1842, and subsequently became Secretary of the Widows' Fund, and the amalgamated Annuity and Asylum Funds, resigning his position in 1872, and Bro. James Terry, who was elected as Bro. Farnfield's successor, after serving the Institution as Collector for 8½ years. Bro. Terry, therefore, is a veteran of 25 years' service, and is young and vigorous enough to complete another 10 or 15 years.

The Girls' School, however, in the 101 years of its existence has had no less than a dozen Secretaries, namely, Bros. James Allen, C. Cuppage, Dignam, Cole, W. Hucklebridge, Hair, W. Fletcher Hope, Gore, Francis Crew, E. H. Patten, R. Wentworth Little, and F. R. W. Hedges, the present Secretary. Of these Bro. Cuppage held office for 15 years from 1789 till his death in 1804, and Bro. Crew for 20 years from 1841 till disabled by an accident in 1861.

With reference to the statement made at the General Committee meeting on Saturday last by one of the Governors present to the effect that the parish school of Shoreditch was better than our Masonic Boys' School at Wood Green, it is satisfactory to be able to draw attention to the announcement we make elsewhere, that at the last examination for the degree of Doctor of Science at the University of London, the only candidate who passed in Mixed Mathematics was a Mr. R. Bryant, an ex-pupil of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who, indeed, is the only man in England who has taken the Dr. Sc. in this branch of the Doctorate. What does our friend of the Shoreditch Parish School say to this? Add this unique success on the part of one ex-pupil to the successes annually achieved by our pupils in public local examinations, and we fancy it will turn out that our benighted School at Wood Green is not such a bad place after all.

The 31st annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey was held in Trenton, on the 14th May last, under the presidency of Sir Knight Isaac C. Githens. From the statistical report that was submitted and approved, it appears there are 16 commanderies in the jurisdiction, with a total membership of 1298. The receipts for the past year amounted to \$1089, and the disbursements to \$777, the total of the General Fund being \$1836. Sir Knight Albert D. Wingfield was installed G.C., and Sir Knight Charles Bechtel was re-elected G. Recorder.

The *Freemason*, of London, for July 6th, 1889, is as handsome as a princess on her wedding day. It appears in new dress, and on improved paper, and reminds one of a large and pure diamond in an elegant new mounting. It deserves ever increasing prosperity, and we hope its good fortune never will cease.—*Voice of Masonry*.

The *New Zealand Masonic Journal* for the month of June contains a list of all the lodges in that colony which, to date of publication, had given in their adhesion to the movement for establishing a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The list comprises in all 55 lodges, of which 33 are English, 17 Scotch, and 5 Irish. We see in another part of the same journal that the total number of lodges in the colony is set down at 150, so that to the date of this announcement about two-fifths of the lodges are in favour of the project. Of these, however, a very large proportion—some 16 English and 8 Scotch lodges—have been warranted since 1878.

With the issue of its June number the *Canadian Craftsman* completed its 23rd volume, and with it the 23rd year of its existence, and we heartily congratulate our contemporary on its record. There are many questions over which we find it difficult, if not impossible, to accept the *Craftsman's* views, but we gladly pay our tribute of respect to the courtesy it invariably exhibits towards those who can only "agree to differ" with it, and the ability with which it has been as invariably conducted. We trust it may have before it a long and prosperous career.

The Grand R.A. Chapter of Connecticut held its 91st annual convocation in Newhaven on the 14th May. Comp. A. E. Blakeslee, G.H.P., presided, and all the subordinate chapters were represented. The number of chapters is 37, and the number of members 4286. Comp. John O. Rowland was installed G.H.P., and Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler still remains at the post of G. Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick held its annual convocation on the day following. The Grand Officers for the year are Comps. B. Lester Peters, G.Z.; James McNichol, D.G.Z.; A. Burchell, G.H.; E. Tweedie, G.J.; T. Nisbet Robertson, G.S.E.; J. T. Whitlock, G.S.N.; and J. H. Leonard, G. Treasurer. The number of subscribing companions is 386.

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The annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in St. John, on the 23rd April last. From the Grand Secretary's report we gather that the number of subscribing Masons in this jurisdiction on the 27th December, 1888, was 1880, the number of lodges being 32. The principal Grand Officers for this year are Bros. Thomas Walker, M.D., M.W.G.M.; George M. Jarvis, D.G.M.; John D. Short, S.G.W.; Alex. Burchell, J.G.W.; Rev. A. MacDougall, G. Chaplain; Henry J. Thorne, G. Treasurer; and Edwin J. Wetmore, G. Secretary.

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Sir Knight John J. Wimple, G.C., presided at the 17th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, which was held at York on the 30th April last. This is a very active jurisdiction, and, therefore, it will be readily imagined that the reports represented the order to be in a flourishing condition. There are 21 commanderies, and the number of members is 1132. The receipts amounted to \$1872, the General Fund to \$4744, and the disbursements to \$1292, with two other items of \$300 each in respect of jewel fund and reprint fund. Sir Knight H. Gibbons was installed G.C., and Sir Knight W. R. Bowen was re-elected G. Recorder.

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The 27th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Tennessee was held at Murfreesborough, on the 14th and 15th May last, under the presidency of Sir Knight G. B. Wilson. There are 14 commanderies in the jurisdiction, and the total membership is 880. Sir Knight William C. Smith is G. Commander for the current year, and Sir Knight George C. Connor G. Recorder.

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The corner-stone of the Michigan Masonic Home was laid with full Masonic ceremonial at Grand Rapids, Mich., on the 21st May last. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Hon. W. Irving Babcock, M.W.G.M., the usual oration being delivered by Bro. the Hon. Hugh McCurdy. Last, but not least, the sum of \$16,000 (£3200) was contributed towards the cost of erection at the gathering. This is an excellent record for a single day's work.



Craft Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

ELSTREE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of the acting I.P.M., Bro. John Petch, P.M., supported by Bros. E. Blinkhorn, P.M.; H. T. Nell, acting S.W.; Geo. T. Chretien, acting J.W.; W. Ball, P.M., Secretary; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; T. C. Berg, acting J.D.; W. H. Aplin, I.G.; G. Couchman, Tyler; T. Williams, Asst. Tyler; R. W. Nicole, E. H. Moore, and J. W. Rattenbury. The following brethren were visitors: Bros. T. C. Berg, I.P.M. 1613; T. A. Blyth, 1804; J. Copestick, P.M. 869, P.P.G.W. Herts; T. H. Martin, W.M. 1385; S. Scott-Young, W.M. 226; R. Wright, P.S.W. 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland; A. Rodger, P.S.W. 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland; and L. H. Ingram, Lodge Kilwinning, Ontario.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. E. H. Moore, R. W. Nicoll, and T. Williams were raised to the Degree of M.M. The ceremony in the case of the two first-named brethren being ably performed by the Secretary, Bro. W. Ball, P.M., by his wish. Bro. J. W. Rattenbury, was passed to the Degree of F.C. The candidate for initiation was unable to attend. He will, therefore, present himself at the next meeting. The names of two gentlemen, candidates for initiation, were proposed and seconded, and that of one brother as a joining member. This completing the business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards reassembled for the banquet, and the W.M. proposed the customary toasts, coupling with that of "The Prov. G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers" the name of Bro. Copestick, P.P.G.W., assuring him of the pleasure it gave the lodge at any time to receive visits from the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. Copestick, P.P.G.W., in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded to the toast. He eulogised the Prov. G.M. for the services he rendered to Freemasonry in his province, and trusted that the Kingswood Lodge might, at no very distant date, be again honoured by the presence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.

This remark was very warmly received. Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., proposed "The Health of the acting W.M.," which was replied to.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," saying it was with a large amount of pleasure that they welcomed their visitors on that occasion; they were delighted to have the opportunity of extending such hospitality as was within their means to distinguished brethren of the province, from London, and from our distant colonies, and hoped that it might often be their privilege to do so. They had visitors that evening who had been amongst them before—notably, Bro. Scott Young, who had again so kindly assisted in the musical arrangements, and to whom they were much indebted. He was also pleased to welcome the W.M. of another lodge in the province, Bro. Martin, 1385.

This toast was received very heartily. Bro. Wright, 454 (S.C.), Newfoundland, in reply, said it was the second time he had visited the Kingswood Lodge, and he might tell the brethren that whenever he was on this side of the Atlantic, if he did not receive an invitation to visit them, he should feel aggrieved. He was delighted to be present. He might also say that the report which appeared in the *Freemason* of the meeting at which he was present before was copied in their colonial papers, and special reference was made to the hearty manner in which the colonial visitors had been received. It was also brought under the notice of his lodge, and was hailed with much satisfaction, and the minutes of the Tasker Lodge, No. 454, Newfoundland, had a record of the event.

Bro. Rodger, P.S.W. of the same lodge, also spoke in very cordial terms of the kindly feelings shown them by their brethren in the Old Country.

Bro. Scott-Young, W.M. 226, said he was becoming a frequent visitor. He was pleased to meet again the brethren from the colonies, as their presence showed the universality of the science. He complimented the lodge on the work done.

Bro. Ingram, Ontario, thanked the brethren for the reception accorded them. He was much impressed by the working on this side, as well as by the kindly welcomes he received. He could not say that Freemasonry would make a bad man a good one, but he was convinced that it would make a good man a better one.

Bros. Copestick, Martin, Berg, and Blyth also briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary." He regretted the absence of their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Pheasant, through indisposition; he could only say of him that he was a splendid officer of the lodge, and knew well how to take care of the funds.

Bro. W. Ball, P.M., Sec., replied, thanking the brethren on behalf of the Treasurer. For himself, he was about to cross the Atlantic again, and should, unfortunately, be absent at the next meeting. He hoped the brethren would think of him when the Tyler's toast was given—not as a poor and distressed brother, but as one who desired a speedy return to his native land.

"The Health of the Officers" having been given and acknowledged,

Bro. Wright, Newfoundland, claimed indulgence from the W.M. on behalf of the visitors. They had received so much kindness from the brethren that they could not separate without drinking with the utmost heartiness and goodwill—"Prosperity to the Kingswood Lodge."

The W.M. briefly thanked the visitors for their good wishes so ably expressed.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bros. Scott-Young, Blyth, Moore, and Blinkhorn assisted in promoting the harmony of the evening by contributing some excellent songs, and the meeting proved a very pleasant and successful one.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. B. Craig, P.M., Sec., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. Wilkinson, S.W.; J. Wakefield, J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., Treas.; A. Cross, S.D.; J. Singers, J.D.; W. Simon, I.G.; J. Maleham and Thos. Pickering, Stwds.; J. Gordon, Tyler; J. Webb, W. Jones, W. Shaw, D. Dixon, Hutchinson, 371; M. Barnes, 1267; and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, four candidates were balloted for and initiated, and two passed. An apology was read from Bro. Hartly, W.M., who was unavoidably absent. One candidate was proposed, and, with other general business transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

HERNE BAY.

Ethelbert Lodge (No. 2099).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Beach-street, and was well attended by the brethren of the district. The following visitors were present: Bros. F. Goodchild, 1743; W. Ramsey, P.M. 1745; G. Wallace, P.M. 907; R. Blake, 972, P.P.A. G.D.C.; H. M. Maugham, Chaplain 1915; A. W. Horton, 429; G. Barton, 1915, P.P.G.D.C.; R. A. Barber, P.M. 279 and 1391, P.P.G.P.; C. M. Driffield, 1915; W. G. Stidolph, W.M. 1678; A. Bassington, P.M. 1678; W. H. Crouch, 860; and R. M. Mercer, W.M. 31.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. H. C. Jones, W.M., Bro. the Rev. W. E. Malaher was duly passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Bro. C. J. Hogbin was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. J. S. White was then installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Jones. The newly-appointed W.M. then chose his officers as follows: Bros. H. C. Jones, I.P.M.; E. A. C. Larkin, S.W.; C. Salari, J.W.; E. T. J. Adams, Treas.; F. A. Pullen, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Welby, S.D.; T. E. Dilnot, J.D.; E. C. Fenoulhet, P.M., D.C.; W. T. England, I.G.; L. J. Adams and W. J. Hellyar, Stwds.; and R. Griggs, Tyler.

At the close, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall to banquet.

HARROW.

Unity Lodge (No. 1637).—The autumnal meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Railway Hotel. Bro. Jefferson, W.M., was supported by Bros. D. Stroud, P.M., as S.W.; Dr. Goodchild, P.M., as J.W.; and the rest of the officers, together with a representative assembly of brethren, many of whom were Provincial Grand Officers. The W.M. admirably performed the ceremony of passing Bro. W. G. Jack. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the Auditors being appointed, the brethren adjourned to a very excellent repast, provided by Bro. Hamlin, the worthy host, and a member of the lodge.

LIVERPOOL.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).

This lodge, which originally held its meetings at Wavertree some years ago, but has since, to its advantage, removed to the central habitat in Hope-street, held its annual meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst., under circumstances which gave the assembly great élat. The lodge has had a prosperous year, £50 having been expended on the Charities, and the retiring W.M. has every reason to be satisfied with the way in which the brethren have supported him. He himself took the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. Pittaway, I.P.M.; J. W. Tyson, P.M.; T. Davey, P.P.G.P.; J. Edwards, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Rawsthorne, J.W.; A. D. Hesketh, P.M., P.P.G.D. Treas.; A. Morris, Sec.; W. F. Ferguson, S.D.; W. R. Parkinson, I.G.; A. Barclay, P.M., D.C.; and others. Among the visitors, who included 30 P.M.'s, were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., P.G.S.B. England; W. Lewis, S.W. 2042; W. G. Walker, J.D. 1264; T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Wensley, W.M. 292; H. J. Nicholls, W.M. 2042; H. Round, W.M. 1609; G. A. Harradon, P.M. 1713; J. De Bels Adams, S.W. 680; J. Worthy, J.W. 1505; J. Hughes, P.M. 1675; L. Phillips, W.M. 1356; B. Holgate, P.M. 1356; J. C. Robinson, P.G.S.; D. Jackson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Jones, P.M. 220; J. B. Parker, I.P.M. 673; W. Smith, P.M. 61, New South Wales; Councillor E. Paull, P.M. 1356; E. Latham, W.M. 594; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; and J. Tunstall, P.G.P.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. A. Barclay, P.M., and R. Martin, P.M., P.P.G.T., and the ceremony of installation was very creditably performed by Bros. J. B. Galloway, W.M., and A. D. Hesketh, P.M., after which the following officers were invested: Bros. J. B. Galloway, I.P.M.; W. Rawsthorne, S.W.; A. Morris, J.W.; A. D. Hesketh, P.P.G.S.B. (re-elected) Treas.; W. F. Ferguson, Sec.; W. R. Parkinson, S.D.; R. Tunnicliffe, J.D.; D. Lowthian, I.G.; J. T. Shutt and J. H. Mills, Stwds.; H. S. Wright, Org. (re-appointed); A. Barclay, P.M., D.C. (re-appointed); and P. Ball, P.G.T., re-elected Tyler.

Bro. Casey afterwards catered very satisfactorily for the brethren, and during the evening, which was very happily spent, a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, with collar, was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge.

SELBY.

St. Germain's Lodge (No. 566).—On Friday, the 9th instant, a large number of the brethren assembled, under the chairmanship of Bro. Mark Scott, W.M., when a lecture was delivered upon "The Craft, its Ancient and Modern Aspects," by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng. The lecturer detailed the various theories as to the origin of the Craft, from Eastern lands, the Tabernacle, and the Temple, through the builders of classic nations, and the mediæval trade guilds, referring to the recent publication of the *Regius MS.*, which established the existence of speculative Masonry about 1450; the initiation of Elias Ashmole in 1646; the establishment of Grand Lodge of England in 1717; the quaint customs of the Craft at that period; the caricatures of Hogarth and others; hostile and satirical publications; rapid spread of the Craft over the European Continent; changes introduced; the formation and rise of the Athol Grand Lodge in 1752; and concluding with the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813; modern aspects of the Craft; our principles and practice; anecdotes and illustrations; capabilities of the Order, its charities and prosperity.

The address was listened to with the most profound attention, and at its conclusion a cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by the Rev. Thos. Cheese, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., seconded by Bro. W. B. Bellerby, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. After some valuable and critical observations by the former brother and by the W.M., the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to refreshments, and a most agreeable evening was concluded.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when the brethren present, with others, were—Bros. T. W. Morgan, W.M.; F. H. Mills, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; John Taylor, J.D., as S.D.; George West, Stwd., as J.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; T. Prust, I.P.M.; John Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., Chap.; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; V. Lauzell, W. Hill, C. Hill, E. Henley, R. Pickard, W. H. Snell, and W. Thomas, 189.

The lodge being formed and opened by the W.M., the minutes of the former meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. W. J. Nosworthy, having answered the usual questions, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. John Lane performing the ceremony in an impressive and able manner. A ballot was next taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, resulting in the unanimous election of the courteous and genial S.W., Bro. F. H. Mills, who thanked the brethren for the high honour conferred upon him in a few well-chosen remarks. Bro. John Dodge was also re-elected Treasurer, and the Audit Committee appointed for the examination of the current year's accounts. Having resolved to form a library in connection with the lodge, Bro. John Taylor, J.D. and Librarian, announced that the newly-formed library was open with contributions of no less than 83 volumes, many of the works being of considerable value. The donors were Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng., and his list included "The Cook MS. in facsimile," "Calcott's Disquisitions, 1769," "History of Freemasonry in Sussex," by Bro. T. Francis; "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia, 1878," and "William Preston's Masonry, 1788." An additional list of Bro. John Lane's P.P.G.R., contained "History of the Probity Lodge, No. 61, Halifax," "A Sketch by Bro. W. J. Hughan, 1889," "Freemasonry in Bristol," by Bro. John Gard; "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry from a non-Masonic Standpoint," "Devon Masonic Register, 1886-87," and "Devon Masonic Register, 1888-89." Bro. John Chapman, P.P.G.D., also contributed amongst other works—"Bro. Metham's Masonic Orations," edited by Bro. J. Chapman; "Bro. W. J. Hughan 'At Home,'" by Bro. F. W. Crowe; "The Great Pyramid and Home," a lecture by Bro. Chapman; "Catalogue of Freemasonry," a lecture by Bro. Chapman; "Catalogue of Masonic Exhibition at Shanklin," "Catalogue of Masonic Exhibition at Plymouth." The other contributor was Bro. John Taylor, J.D. and Librarian, and his list included "The Constitutions, 1841," "The Constitutions, 1847," "The Constitutions," 1884-1888; "The Constitutions (Scottish)

1848," "The Freemason," bound and complete to date, excepting vol. 4; and "Lodge Officers, their Duties and Responsibilities," by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.

A most hearty and unanimous vote being given to the respective donors for their donations, the librarian intimated to the brethren that their appreciation of these valuable gifts would be best shown by their reading and studying them, and that he (the Librarian) would attend before and after the regular lodge meetings, also at the instruction lodge meetings, for the purpose of issuing the books to those desirous of reading them.

Bro. J. Chapman promised a copy of Bro. John Lane's new work now passing through the press, as well as other volumes in due time, Bros. Hughan, Lane, and Taylor also promising further gifts. Thus the inauguration of a literary department in connection with this flourishing and prosperous lodge bids fair to be one of no mean order. Honorary members of the lodge and other brethren desirous to contribute any spare volumes at their disposal, the same would be appreciated and acknowledged in due course.

Some general business was then disposed of, and the lodge closed.

Royal Arch.

Provincial Meetings.

STONEHOUSE.

Elliott Chapter (No. 1205).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, on the 5th inst., to install Comps. F. Couch as H., and W. Powell as J. Comp. W. H. Lister, Z. elect, was unavoidably absent. The Installing Principals were Comps. J. E. Lord, P.Z. 70, P.P.G.T., and James Gidley, P.Z. 1205, 2025. Among the Board of Installed Principals were Comps. D. Cross, P.Z. 1205, P.Z., 2nd A.S.; R. Dickson, P.Z. 1205; S. Jews, P.Z. 105, 2025, P.P.G.T.; W. Alsford, P.Z. 202, P.G.P. Soj.; W. Browning, P.Z. 223, P.P.G.O.; H. Mortimore, P.Z. 159; J. Wallis, 1255; H. Langmead, H. 202; W. H. Williams, H. 159; E. Aitken Davies, P.Z. 159, 1099, 2025; and N. Radmore, J. 159.

The officers were invested as follows: Comps. J. G. Wilson, I.P.Z.; J. Gidley, P.Z.; A. W. King, S.N.; D. Cross, P.Z., Treas.; G. Gurney, P.S.; J. J. Facey, 1st A.S.; A. Revills, 2nd A.S.; J. Gidley, Janitor. Comps. E. A. Maddock and Jno. Maunday were appointed as Stewards. Prior to the ceremony of installation, two candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; J. Davis, S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; H. Perdue, J.D.; C. J. C. Walker, I.G.; J. Collings, P.M.; J. Cummings, P.M.; Woods, and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Cummings having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. rendered the traditional history in his usual effective manner. The lodge was resumed to the Third and Second Degrees. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Collings, P.M. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Davis, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; M. T. Tuck, S.W.; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Matthews, S.D.; E. F. Ferris, I.P.M. 1543, J.D.; J. V. Woodman, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; Major Ferris, W. Jackman, A. Cadbury Jones, and J. Smith.

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. Jackman being candidate. The W.M. gave the explanation of the tracing board most ably and efficiently. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Tuck was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A communication from Bro. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425, was read, expressing thanks for the sympathy of the brethren. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. Hillier, W.M.; Heath, S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Cory, S.D.; Knight, J.D.; Jobson, I.G.; J. Davis, Sims, P.M., Swann, Bath, W. C. Williams, P.M., Morrish, Craggs, Woods, and Fayers.

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. Swann being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked. Bro. Heath was elected W.M. for the next meeting and the officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to Bro. Hillier for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time in the lodge, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. G. Jennings, W.M.; F. Woodard, S.W.; Jobson, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E.

Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; T. Nash, S.D.; A. Love, J.D.; Doble, I.G.; P. Burton, P.M.; Lathbury, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; Foreman, P.M.; Stonnill, P.M.; Craggs, P.M.; Browne, Cox, Higginson, and Cory. Visitors: Bros. Jolly, W.M. 1929, and Biggs, 1275.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cory candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by Bro. G. Higginson. Bros. Jolly and Biggs were elected joining members. Bro. Woodard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. and D.R.), when there were present Bros. Steele, W.M.; Poole, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; J. Wright, J.D.; Elson, I.G.; Cochrane, H. Price, Hargrove, Lyell, J. Mitchell, F. Hill, Donaldson, Folkard, Griffiths, Langdon, and Weeks, Tyler.

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 the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hill answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hill duly passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, with Bro. Mitchell as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Griffiths, 1805, was elected a joining member. Bro. Griffiths returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Poole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Poole returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association was afterwards held, and two ballots were drawn, which proved favourable to Bros. C. Wood and Russell.

TORQUAY.—**JORDAN LODGE** (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. John Dodge, Preceptor; John Taylor, Sec.; T. Prust, T. W. Morgan, S. Wills, J. Risdon, E. Henley, J. McKellar, and J. E. Newton, Tyler.

In the absence of Bro. T. H. Wills, through domestic affliction, Bro. J. Taylor, the Secretary, occupied the chair, and opened the lodge in the First Degree, when the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees, and closed to the First Degree. Bro. J. McKellar offering himself as a candidate for the Degree of F.C., answered the usual questions, and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. McKellar passed to the Second Degree by the Secretary. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, and several apologies having been read for non-attendance, the lodge was closed.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual muster of the fratres of the Temple in the Province of North and East Yorkshire took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Scarborough, on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the invitation of the Geoffrey de Bouillon Preceptory. The members assembled under their banners, and the Provincial Prior and his officers entered under the arch of steel and took their places thus: Fratres V.E. J. W. Woodall, Provincial Prior; T. B. Whytehead, Sub-Prior; Rev. W. Valentine, Prelate; S. Middleton, Chancellor; M. C. Peck, Past Chancellor, as Treasurer; H. Darley, Constable; E. Simpson, Marshal; W. B. Richardson, Registrar; Wm. Brown, Sub-Marshal; W. Ascough, Standard Bearer; J. Marshall, Herald; Thos. Oates, Organist; Thos. Thompson, Capt. of Guards; R. G. Smith, P.; Gilbert Wilkinson, P.; W. H. Marwood, P.; F. Pudsey, J. Ivor Murray, P.; J. C. Thompson, E.P. (Hull); E. Kipps, P.; L. Brudde, P.; G. W. Long, P.; W. Clayton, F. W. Booty, P.; A. Fraser, P.; R. W. Powley, P.; J. Knaggs, P.; A. Lupton, E. Harland, W. H. Atlay, F. W. Halliwell, and others.

Provincial Priory was opened by the Prior, who was saluted in proper form.

The arrival of the Provincial Prior of West Yorkshire was announced, and a deputation was formed to receive that very eminent brother, who entered under the arch of steel, and was saluted.

The muster roll was then called, and all the officers were found to be accounted for, and the dues of the several preceptories were paid.

The Treasurer's balance-sheet was read and adopted, and the Provincial Prior then appointed his officers as follows:

Frater T. B. Whytehead	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. W. Valentine	...	Prov. Prelate.
" S. Middleton	...	Prov. Chancellor.
" T. Thompson	...	Prov. Constable.
" W. Ascough	...	Prov. Marshal.
" J. T. Seller	...	Prov. Reg.
" W. H. Cowper	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" A. Lupton	...	Prov. Almoner.
" J. C. Thompson	...	Prov. Herald.
" J. Booty	...	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
" E. Kipps	...	Prov. 2nd Std. Br.
" Donald Grant	...	Prov. Capt. of Gds.
" H. F. Pudsey	...	Prov. Swd. Br.
" T. Oates	...	Prov. Org.
" J. Verity	...	Prov. Equerry.

E. Frater Walter Reynolds was re-elected Treasurer.

E. Frater J. C. THOMPSON, E.P. of the Antient York Preceptory, at Hull, invited the Prov. Prior to hold his next annual gathering in that town, which invitation was accepted.

The PROV. PRIOR gave a short address to the fratres, in the course of which he thanked them for their loyal support, and congratulated them on the success of the Order in the province, and the fraternal good feeling which animated them all.

The PROV. PRIOR of WEST YORKSHIRE also addressed the assembly, thanking them for their cordial reception of himself, and inviting any of them to be present at a presentation on the following evening in the Fidelity Lodge, at Leeds, to Bro. Captain Murrell, of the ss. Missouri.

The alms were then collected, and, the Prov. Priory having been closed, the Prov. Prior and his officers and visitors returned under the arch of steel.

On the invitation of the Prov. Prior, the fratres then adjourned to the Royal Hotel to dinner, after which "The Health of the Host" was very cordially drunk, and the usual toasts were honoured.

Scotland.

PROPOSED MASONIC BAZAAR IN EDINBURGH.

Bro. William A. Davis, Secretary of the bazaar being organised in aid of the Annuity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has issued a circular to lodges holding under the Scottish Constitution, in which he states that he is directed by the M.W.G.M., Bro. Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., to make the following communication to them: You will recollect it has been decided to hold a grand bazaar for the purpose of raising a sum of about £10,000 to aid the Annuity Fund of the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic benevolence for the benefit of indigent Scottish Masons, their widows, or children. Arrangements have now been practically completed to hold the bazaar at the end of 1890 in Edinburgh, as being the headquarters of Scottish Masonry; and the M.W.G. Master earnestly asks all the Provincial and District Grand Lodges and the daughter lodges under the Scottish Constitution to co-operate with the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge to carry out this object, and to do their utmost in collecting donations either in money or materials for the various stalls. I would suggest that a Committee of your lodge should be appointed for the purpose of working your special district and friends. It must be kept in view that it is only by personal effort and energetic action the required sum can be raised, and all Masons who are desirous of seeing such a laudable scheme as the Annuity Fund prosper, will, I am sure, without further appeal, do everything in their power to make the bazaar an undoubted financial success. There is no doubt that contributions in "kind" from the Scottish holding lodges in India, the colonies, and foreign parts will be highly valued by the Committee, as from the favour in which such goods are held in this country they will tend to very materially increase the revenue of the bazaar.

MASONIC BOWLING MATCH IN GLASGOW.

"PEARCE" AND "JUBILEE" CUPS.

The bowling match which decided the holders of these cups for the next 12 months was held on the 8th inst. There were 14 lodges competing, represented by 19 rinks. Play began at 4.30 at 11 different greens, and as the scores were made the returns were sent to Bro. David Reid, Prov. Grand Secretary, who was in waiting at St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street.

Bro. Charles Wilson, 102, President of the Bowling Committee, was not able to announce the result till a little before 10 o'clock.

Before handing over the prizes, Bro. WILSON hoped that next year bowlers would send in their results earlier. As this was the first meeting of bowlers since the death of Sir William Pearce, he could not let the occasion pass without making reference to their loss. He was glad that this year there had been an increase in the number competing for the cups, and he hoped that next year would show a still larger increase. He might remark that it was a strange thing that Glasgow was so far behind Edinburgh in bowling facilities. In Edinburgh there were 10 public greens, while Glasgow could not boast of one. He hoped the Glasgow Council would see their way to take up the matter soon.

The prizes were then presented as follows:

1st Prize—"Pearce" Cup and £6. Won by Clydesdale Lodge, No. 556, with an average of 15 shots.
2nd Prizes—£3. Won by Maryhill Lodge, No. 510, with an average of 12½ shots.
3rd Prize—£2. Won by Athole Lodge, No. 413, with an average of 11 shots.

The "Jubilee" Cup, which goes to the highest-up rink, also goes to the Clydesdale Lodge, Bro. George C. H. McNaught being 23 up.

Three cheers were given for Bros. Wilson, Reid, and Halket in acknowledgment of their labours in connection with the competition.

We are glad to hear that the Countess of Zetland is gaining strength after her recent severe attack of typhoid fever, and that all feverish symptoms have disappeared.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The adjourned meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. of Norths and Hunts, Chairman of the Provisional Management Committee, presided, and among those present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D. of C.; Major A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D. of C.; F. Mead, C. H. Webb, G. P. Gillard, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., A. Durrant, G. Gregory, W. M. Stiles, W. W. Morgan, A. E. Gladwell, B. Kaufmann, John Barnett, jun., W. Smith, Stanley Attenborough, G. Bolton, H. Dickey, S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; H. Algar, John Pollard, W. A. Scurrah, George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution; W. Masters, E. G. Harewood, Robert W. Bourne, W. F. Smithson, C. Greenwood, W. H. Saunders, J. C. Hopwood, J. Moon, G. Cooper, P.G.D.; Jas. Stevens, Joseph Tanner, George Mickley, M.A., M.B., S. Richardson, E. E. Brown Kidder, A. M. Cohen, G. Corble, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; John Jones, H. Massey, Joseph D. Langton, Secretary Provisional Management Committee; and Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The Earl of Euston said he had to read the further report of the Provisional Management Committee, which was as follows: "The Provisional Management Committee report that they have conferred with Bro. Binckes on the terms of his retirement, and have arranged that he shall retire from the office of Secretary at the end of the present year (1889) upon a retiring allowance of £350 per annum for life. They recommend that this arrangement be carried out, and the necessary notices given under the laws of the Institution for this purpose, and that this Committee be empowered to take the necessary steps to carry into effect the arrangement with Bro. Binckes. The Provisional Committee further recommend that the salary of any future Secretary shall not commence with a sum exceeding £300 per annum." That, he said, was all the Committee had to report that day for the Committee to come to a resolution upon.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND desired to know if the Committee had considered the subject of the Secretary's salary not commencing at a sum higher than £300 a year alone, or along with it the granting him a pension when he had served a certain time.

The Earl of Euston said he thought that subject was not for consideration on the present occasion because they only recommended that the salary of any future Secretary should not commence at a sum higher than £300 a year.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said he was very glad the Committee had done so, because he thought it should be so done. Still, he thought it should be an instruction to the Committee to consider whether a Secretary should be entitled under any circumstances, after having served the Institution many years, to a pension.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH said that before they proceeded any further the meeting ought to have the minutes read.

Bro. JOHN JONES remarked that the minutes of the July meeting were read at the ordinary meeting of the General Committee on the 3rd inst.

Bro. BINCKES also said that the minutes were read in the ordinary course at that meeting and confirmed.

Bro. SCURRAH enquired whether anything was then done carrying out the minutes.

Bro. BINCKES replied that there was not. The meeting was, according to previous arrangement, adjourned.

Bro. SCURRAH said he understood that the meeting of the 3rd inst. was to be only a formal meeting, and that a great many brethren stayed away because they thought the minutes would not be read. He again enquired whether anything was done in carrying out those minutes.

Bro. BINCKES said no; but the minutes could be read again if the brethren wished it.

Bro. JOHN JONES informed the brethren that Bro. Plucknett was in the chair on the 3rd inst.; it was a regular meeting. The minutes were read and confirmed, and there was a general understanding that there was nothing to be done but the passing of the minutes, and he did not think it was right to read the minutes again now.

Bro. CUMBERLAND asked whether there was any reason why the minutes should be again read? Would it not be opening up a precedent for future occasions? It was explained at the former meeting that the meeting of the 3rd inst. would have to be adjourned and that only the minutes would be read. He was quite sure that if Lord Euston thought the minutes ought to be read he would have them read. Reading the minutes again would be only wasting time.

Bro. JONES said he was present on the 3rd inst., and he moved that that day's meeting should be advertised. That had been done, and he thought that was in form and perfectly regular. That meeting had been more than usually advertised.

Bro. SCURRAH would ask the Secretary through the Chairman whether anything was done beyond the reading of the minutes.

Bro. BINCKES said nothing more than the motion for adjournment, and that the meeting be advertised.

A short discussion then ensued as to who were entitled to be present, and the information being given that only Life Governors could attend the room was cleared of all but the elected members of the General

Committee and Life Governors, a brother having, however, mentioned that the question to be discussed must come before the Quarterly Court of Subscribers.

Bro. CUMBERLAND then moved the adoption of the report, that £350 a year was recommended as a retiring allowance to the Secretary. He said it gave him great pleasure to make this motion, for more than one reason. First of all, Bro. Binckes had performed very valuable services to the Institution with which he had long been connected. He did not care much for remarks made outside; he looked more at the services rendered; and he hoped the time was far distant when the brethren would forget what any brother had done to help them and the poor children and the Schools. He ventured to say that no brother would contradict his statement, that Bro. Binckes had been the pioneer of the Masonic Institutions. Other brethren might sit and dine; but surely after the report they had received from the Investigation Committee, all the sins of omission and commission were not to be charged upon the shoulders of Bro. Binckes. If the House Committee had allowed him a little more latitude than he ought to have had, it was not so much his fault as theirs, who ought to have held a strong hand upon him. He went further: if Bro. Binckes had done a little bit wrong, was there any brother in the room who, during his life, had not done wrong? He ought not to be persecuted because, by some mischance or other, he had done something or had said something which had not met with the approval of all the brethren. Bro. Binckes knew perfectly well that the inquiry originated in a certain thing with reference to himself (Bro. Cumberland); therefore, he (Bro. Cumberland) could speak of it. He trusted that as a man and a Mason, having served the office well, he was not now to be persecuted, to be kicked, and told to go about his business. Masonry was not for that. Masons were strong enough to say they were now going to make a change, and would not turn him out as one unknown and his works forgotten. He did not think they would find such another man as Bro. Binckes for some years to come. It was quite certain though that some were present who were with him, and some who were against him, with regard to this vote; but he hoped he would never be the man to kick a fellow man when he was down; he hoped rather he was one to help a man when he fell. Bro. Binckes had done a great deal for the Institution. True, he had been paid for what he had done. Well, every one had to be paid. But Bro. Binckes, they all knew, had worked very hard for the Institution. He had brought it to a state of great prosperity, and after so many years' service they ought not to let him go without some recognition of his services. He had very great pleasure in proposing that the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee be accepted, and he sincerely trusted, although remarks had been made against this proposal, not only by London brethren, but by brethren in the provinces, it would be well received. They did not want Bro. Binckes to think that what he had done would be forgotten.

Bro. Alderman HARWOOD (Bolton), Chairman East Lancashire Charity Committee, seconded the motion.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH enquired with regard to the second part of the Report whether it was necessary? He should move that that portion be expunged. He perfectly agreed with the recommendation that the salary of the future Secretary should not be more than £300 a year, but he maintained that the power of electing the Secretary was not in the Provisional Committee. They might do what they liked in the way of recommending, but the election of Secretary was in the hands of a General Committee. All that the Provisional Management Committee had to do in this respect was to report to the General Committee.

Bro. A. M. COHEN: There are only two paragraphs in the Report.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. MORRIS, Head Master: Power to select and recommend would meet all the difficulty.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, said that part of the Report was drafted by himself, and it, in his opinion, met all the difficulties. It was necessary that some one should take steps and put everything in trim. When it was requisite to call the brethren together who were entitled to vote at the election of Secretary it was necessary that advertisements and notices should be issued. All those would be submitted according to the rules to a body that had the power to elect, and that body was the brethren now present. But it was necessary that the Provisional Committee should take preliminary steps to see that all brethren in England should have an opportunity to come in and offer their services, and the Provisional Committee wanted the fullest opportunity to let them know; therefore, they asked to be the agents of the general body, and nothing more. For himself, he should be happy to be divested of the power to elect from some sixty a hundred, or, perhaps, three or four hundred, candidates. He only hoped they would elect the proper man.

Bro. SCURRAH said the same power was given to this Committee as was given to the defunct House Committee. They required no further authority from the present meeting; they acted as the House Committee in every sense of the word.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said if Bro. Scurrah would look to Rule 45, he would see the Committee had power to inquire into the character and qualifications of candidates. That was all the Provisional Committee wanted. There was no power to advertise in the Rules.

Bro. CUMBERLAND quite agreed with Bro. Scurrah that it was not necessary for the Provisional Committee

to ask for matters of that kind; the Provisional Committee entirely took the place of the House Committee. All they had to do was to report to the brethren from time to time, except in proposing a pension or a lump sum to a brother. That must be referred to a Quarterly Court for confirmation. He took it that any Committee had a right to do that without coming to the general body, and without asking for any acquittance at all. The election of a Secretary was to be not at a Quarterly Court, but at a General Committee. He wished the Provisional Committee had been adjourned until they had recommended certain rules and regulations for the government of the affair for the time being. He thought all the brethren who could be present at the Quarterly Court ought to be at it.

Bro. JOHN JONES requested leave to propose an amendment that the sum should be reduced to £300, and, in doing so, said that he was actuated by a feeling of right, and that the Committees were the trustees of the whole body of subscribers. Three hundred pounds was quite sufficient. Far be it from him to say anything against Bro. Binckes, but, having considered thoroughly the whole position, he could not say justly, as a public official of many years' standing, that the School was what it should be. The parish school of Shoreditch was better than this School at Wood Green. (Cries of "Oh, oh.") He was prepared to prove it; he was not at all inconsistent, and he only wanted to be just. A representative meeting was held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and it was there positively affirmed, confirmed and agreed, that what was done should be done well. Now it had not been done well. The Provisional Committee were actuated by a desire to do what was right. The Institution was before the brethren and had to be supported. The brethren in the provinces would justly disagree with this proposition that a new Secretary should not have more than £300 a year, and that the retiring Secretary should have £350.

Bro. BROWN KIDDER wanted to know whether it was with the consent of the Provisional Committee that Bro. Binckes gave the Steward and Matron a testimonial on their seeking for a new appointment?

The Earl of Euston: I think that question is out of order at the present time.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, in supporting the original proposal, thought it would be a disgrace to Freemasons to allow Bro. Binckes to retire without some recognition of his services in the past. But he wished to ask from what source would the proposed pension be derived? The funds of the Institution were supplied for the purposes of Charity—not for pensions. He feared it was not in the power of the Committee to apply the funds in the way of pensions.

The Earl of Euston said he believed the Committees of the Institution had the power.

Bro. Dr. MICKLEY acknowledged that pensions were given in many Institutions and in private concerns, notwithstanding that the servants were paid for their work. He knew it was the hope of reward that sweetened labour, and that the labourer was worthy of his hire. A Charitable Institution, however, was on a different footing to a private concern. They were here assuming to themselves a right for an indefinite number of years to give a pension, and they were pledging the Institution to it. He did think they ought to give the subject their serious consideration.

Bro. SCURRAH, as one who was connected with the largest hospital in London, could say that some few years ago an executive officer at that institution was growing old, and the Committee of that time, after obtaining counsel's opinion on the subject, granted that man £300 a year pension for the remainder of his life. They need not go outside the Boys' School for a precedent. They had a pensioner at the present time on the list; there was one in the Girls' School, and one in the Benevolent Institution. Going outside again, the Commercial Travellers' School had pensioned off their Secretary. Bro. Stevens' proposition had nothing to do with the matter. He (Bro. Scurrah) had no personal feeling in the matter. They might quote as many wrongs as they liked; they would not make a right. Was it right for them to insist that all future subscribers to this Institution should understand that out of the money they subscribed they were to contribute to these pensions? His feeling in the matter was that they could pledge the future subscriptions of the Craft for the purpose of this pension, and that they could do so legitimately and fairly. He should be but too pleased to do all he could to support the resolution.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said Bro. Philbrick was quite of opinion that it could be granted, and he was quite of opinion that this Committee, with the consent of a Quarterly Court, could do it fairly, and charge it to the Institution.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said that whatever they did that day could be refused by the Quarterly Court to which it must be referred.

The motion was then put, and carried.

The minutes of the Provisional Management Committee were read, in which it was announced that Miss Hercome, of the St. Anne's School, had been elected Matron, and notice given to Mr. Hall, the Medical Officer, terminating his engagement.

The petitions for placing two boys on the list for next April were considered and agreed to, and outlits were granted to four former pupils.

The names of Albert Escott, Greenwich; H. J. Nash, Richmond; and J. Blyth, St. John's Wood, were added to the Committee.

Bro. BROWN KIDDER renewed his question whether it was with the consent of the Committee that Mrs. Dove, the Matron, and Mr. Dove, the Steward, received

a testimonial from Bro. Binckes. These people had had a testimonial presented them in the name of the House Committee, saying they had been four years in the Institution.

Bro. BINCKES said it was given on the authority of those who had been members of the House Committee.

Bro. BROWN KIDDER: You gave it officially.

Bro. BINCKES: I gave it officially.

Bro. BROWN KIDDER: Did you give a testimonial yourself.

Bro. BINCKES: No.

Bro. Dr. MORRIS: Will you give the meeting the minutes under which it was resolved to give you authority to give the testimonial?

Bro. CUMBERLAND: I cannot see that any harm is done.

The proceedings closed, with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

At the last examination for the Degree of Doctor of Science at the University of London only one candidate passed in Mixed Mathematics, namely, R. Bryant, an old pupil of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he is the only man in England who has taken the D.Sc. in this branch of the Doctorate. On leaving the Institution, Mr. Bryant was placed by Dr. Morris under a "Wrangler" for two years. At the end of this time, Mr. Bryant gained an exhibition at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. But the funds at Dr. Morris's disposal were exhausted, and the youthful aspirant for mathematical honours at Cambridge had to give up the idea of a University career and take to private teaching. Mr. Bryant did not give up the idea of taking a Degree, and in 1881 he matriculated at the London University, and in two or three years afterwards graduated as B.A., B.Sc. In June, 1889, he took the Degree of D.Sc., and sent in as his thesis a work on the "Orbit of the Comet Sappho." Dr. Bryant is a fellow of the Astronomical Society, and has read several valuable papers at its customary meetings.

THE APPROACHING VACANCY IN THE BOYS' SCHOOL SECRETARYSHIP.

As it is 11 years since an election to fill a vacancy in the Secretaryship of one of our Institutions took place, and as the rules which govern the election to this office in both our Schools are nearly, if not precisely, the same, it will no doubt interest our readers to hear what happened when in the spring of 1878 the post of Secretary to the R.M.I. for Girls became vacant through the death of the lamented Bro. R. Wentworth Little—that is to say, what arrangements were made, and how the election itself was conducted.

Firstly, as regards the preliminary arrangements. A Sub-Committee was appointed at the regular General Committee Meeting held after Bro. Little's death to consider a report upon the duties and emoluments of the office, and at the meeting next ensuing the Sub-Committee handed in their report, which was to the effect that the candidates must be Master Masons of three years' standing, and under 40 years of age; that the office hours should be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, and then from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; that the Secretary should devote the whole of his time and attention to the duties of the office, holding no other appointment, whether paid or unpaid; that he should keep the accounts of the Institution in a methodical manner; that he should conform to the Rules and Regulations, and follow the Instructions of the House Committee; that he should prepare the Quarterly Statement of Account and lay the same before the House Committee at their meeting immediately preceding the Quarterly Audit Committee; and that the salary should be £350. This report was adopted, and the whole subject referred to the House Committee to report to the next General Committee on the 27th June following, and it was further agreed that the latter should receive the House Committee's Report, and then adjourn till Thursday, the 11th July, when the election was appointed to take place, the poll being open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The vacancy was then advertised and a number of brethren sent in applications accompanied by testimonials of greater or less merit. Nine of these were accepted as eligible under the prescribed conditions, and on the day appointed the poll was opened as arranged, in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, 11 brethren having previously been chosen to act as Scrutineers of votes. The principal candidates had their Committees gathered together in different parts of the Hall, and as the attendance of brethren was very numerous, the scene was one of considerable excitement, though it was pretty generally understood that the contest really lay between Bro. Hedges and two other candidates, the prospects of the remaining six competitors being small indeed. At 5 p.m. the poll closed, and at 6.30 p.m. the result was made known, Bro. Hedges being declared elected by a considerable majority, the number of votes he received being 373, while No. 2 polled 268 votes; No. 3, 153 votes; No. 4, 44 votes; Nos. 5 and 6, each 42 votes; No. 7, 40 votes; No. 8, 34 votes; and the last, one vote. The total number of votes polled was 997.

As the laws relating to the election of Secretary are the same for both Schools, we presume the election for the Boys' School Secretaryship will be conducted on pretty much the same lines, the Provisional Committee taking the part which in the above and other cases was assigned to the House Committee.

ROYAL WEDDING MASONIC CONGRATULATIONS.

At the last meeting of the Weymouth (All Souls') Lodge a resolution was passed "that a loyal and dutiful address of congratulation from the members of this lodge to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, on the occasion of the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Fife, be prepared, and that H.R.H. be asked graciously to accept the same." An address has been prepared, beautifully engrossed on vellum, and mounted, and has been forwarded by Bro. Zillwood Milledge, the acting Master of the lodge, to Sir Francis Knollys, the private Secretary to the Prince, with a letter as follows:—

"May it please your Royal Highness,—

"We, the undersigned, being the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the All Souls' Lodge, humbly submit, and crave your acceptance of, the accompanying address.

"J. HUBERT SCOTT, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., W.M.,
"ALF. RAYNER, Sec.

"Weymouth, 27th July, 1889."

The corners of the address are relieved by the emblems of the Craft, and surmounting the text, are the Prince of Wales' plume, motto, and coronet, with his monogram, "A. E.," floriated. The text is as follows:

"To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,
K.G.,

"Most Worshipful Grand Master of England.

"The recent betrothal and approaching marriage of the Princess Louise, the eldest daughter of your Royal Highness and her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, present a fitting opportunity for the expression of loyalty entertained by the members of All Souls' Lodge of Freemasons, No. 170, Weymouth, towards your Royal Highness, as well as of the devotion by which they are animated, and of the deep interest they entertain in all that concerns the happiness and welfare of every member of your illustrious and much beloved family. Recognising in your Royal Highness those virtues, alike public, private, and Masonic, which so worthily become the exalted position you occupy as heir to the Throne of this great Empire and as the head of English Freemasonry, the brethren of this lodge most dutifully desire to convey their sincere and hearty sympathy with the general and wide-spread pleasure and satisfaction which this interesting occasion has evoked from the entire country, and they earnestly trust that the auspicious event may be productive of naught but unalloyed happiness to those more directly interested and concerned, while it may equally foster and promote those sympathies which must ever tend to the development of the principles of true and permanent loyalty—a loyalty which will ever regard with lively interest all that concerns the pleasure, the happiness, and the welfare of the members of the Royal Family of these realms.

"Signed, on behalf of All Souls' Lodge, No. 170.

"J. HUBERT SCOTT, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., W.M.,

"ALF. RAYNER, Sec.

"Weymouth, 20th July, 1889."

FREEMASONRY IN CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, to be held at Liskeard, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., is likely to be a very successful gathering under the banner of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, of that town. It is eight years since a meeting was held at Liskeard, and since then so many changes have taken place and new members joined that in not a few respects the *personnel* of the brethren is considerably changed. The province, however, is favoured with the same Prov. Grand Master, who has acted in that capacity from 1873, and also the same Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart., who has been appointed from the year 1880 by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. There is a new Prov. Grand Secretary, who is efficiently discharging the duties of that onerous position, the office being in good hands, under the able management of that Masonic veteran, Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, J.P. A fresh candidate for favour is the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, with Bro. G. B. Pearce as the energetic and enthusiastic Secretary, who in four years has raised the large sum of £1200, and will doubtless have another cheering report to present. The old friend—the Annuity and Benevolent Fund—is as vigorous as ever, having over £4300 in hand, and obtained nearly £7000 since its institution, in 1864, when Bro. Augustus Smith was Prov. Grand Master. The educational branch is very popular with the brethren, and only needs to be made a little more elastic to make it one of the best funds of the kind in England. There are two candidates for its benefits, but not more than £25 can be shared between them just now per annum. Had it not been for the funding of so much money the full sum might have been payable. There are no candidates for annuities this time, although there are vacancies, which is surely a good sign.

The Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened at a quarter to eleven, and after the several reports have been received, the Committee appointed to consider Bro. Bake's proposition will state their views, and the matter will be decided. Likely enough the *status quo* will be continued. Bro. Truscott's report will also be received. Bro. Rowe has given notice to extend the educational grants to the age of 15, and, if carried, the

law will be altered accordingly, after confirmation at the next annual meeting.

The procession to church will be at noon, when the Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizzell will preach the annual sermon, and on returning to the Town Hall the Prov. Grand Officers will be appointed and the Treasurer elected.

Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., &c., is the Secretary of the lodge, and to him all communications of a local character should be made, and will be duly attended to. The W.M. of the lodge is Bro. George Hallet, of Liskeard. St. Martin's was formed in 1845, and has its own Masonic Hall and appointments.—*Western Morning News*.

LADIES' DAY OF THE HENLEY LODGE, No. 1472.

The annual summer banquet of the above prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday, the 31st ult., and was certainly most harmonious and enjoyable; the day was fine, and the company thoroughly determined to participate to the full in the excellent programme arranged by the Committee. The Brighton terminus (London Bridge) was the rendezvous, and from thence, at 9.30 a.m., in two large and commodious special carriages, the company started for Brighton, which was reached in a short time. Three carriages and brakes were waiting to convey the party to the Castle Hotel, Bro. Tuff's handsome and commodious hostelry, where a well-served lunch awaited them. Luncheon over, the party went in four large four-horse brakes to Rottingdean—a splendid drive, over hill and through dale, that delighted everyone present. After refreshments, a smart drive home through the town and its suburbs brought the party back to the Castle at 4 p.m., and half-an-hour later they sat down to a superb banquet, to which, with appetites sharpened by the glorious drive, full justice was done.

The usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and personal toasts were honoured, and some good singing and reciting added a rare zest to the proceedings.

At 8.30 p.m., the party, in the conveyances used in the former drives, proceeded to the station, and, in due course arrived safe and well at London Bridge, where farewells were taken amid a chorus of congratulation upon such a charming and happy adventure.

Among the company present were Bro. C. Canning, W.M., Mrs. Canning, and two lady friends; Bro. Savage, I.P.M., and Mrs. Savage; Bro. A. Ives, P.M., and Mrs. Ives; Bro. C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec., and Mrs. Jolly; Bro. E. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts, and Mrs. West; Bro. A. J. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D. Essex, and Mrs. Manning; Bro. C. Wood, S.W., and Mrs. Wood; Miss Wood and niece; Bro. Ball and sister; Bro. Delo and Miss Delo; Bro. Baker and Mrs. Baker; Bro. Barwick, Mrs. Barwick, Mrs. Barwick, sen., and lady friend; Bro. W. Wren and Mrs. Wren; Bro. Capt. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips; Bro. R. Warren, P.M. 1437, P.P.G.P. Essex, and Mrs. Warren; Bro. S. E. Southgate, S.W. 700, and Mrs. Southgate; Bro. G. H. Campbell, 913, and Mrs. Campbell; Bro. Weaver and Miss Weaver; Bro. Stephenson, and others.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE UNDER THE IRISH CONSTITUTION.

The consecration and constitution of a new lodge at Red Hill, to be named the Theodore Unmack Lodge, working under the Irish Constitution, took place on May 31st. The ceremony of constitution was performed in the Foresters' Hall, Paddington, Brisbane, which will be used as a temporary place of meeting pending the erection of a new lodge room at Red Hill.

The work of the evening began shortly after 8 o'clock, the ceremony of dedication and constitution being performed by the Prov. Grand Master of the Irish Constitution, Bro. Theodore Unmack, assisted by a large number of the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, namely, Bros. E. MacDonnell, Dep. P.G.M.; J. P. Pury, P.S.G.W.; Jas. Young, P.J.G.W.; G. S. Hutton, P.G. Sec.; A. E. Harris, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. H. Mullens, P.S.G.D.; A. Mayfield, P.J.G.D.; and R. B. Howard, P.G. Purst.

There were also present Bros. B. L. Barnett, P.G.D. England, Dep. D.G. Master (E.C.); J. D. Reeve, D.S. G.W.; W. Finucane, D.G. Treas.; F. D. Granville, D.J.G.D.; Jas. S. Michael, D.A.G. Sec., representing the English Dist. G. Lodge in Queensland; and Stanley Baldwin, P.P.G. Reg., &c., Worcester, Eng.; and the following brethren representing the District Grand Lodge of Queensland (S.C.): Bros. J. G. W. Barnes, P. Brown, F. W. Faithfull, D.G. Sec.; D. M'Gregor, D.S.G.W.; G. T. Nicol, D.G. Purst.; and W. Mitchell, acting as D.J.G.W.; and about 50 other brethren representing city and suburban lodges.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Unmack, who delivered an impressive oration on the nature and principles of the Order.

Bro. J. W. Ayscough was then duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were invested with the insignia of their offices: Bros. C. H. Frost, S.W.; S. Sampson, J.W.; R. Lee Bryce, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; T. Wootten, S.D.; A. J. Sweet, J.D.; and H. Hersey, I.G.

The charge which should have been read to the newly installed officers and brethren was omitted owing to the lateness of the hour, but the Presiding Officer intimated that on the occasion of their first meeting, he would

take the opportunity of delivering the usual charge, with remarks as to the manner in which the various workings of the Craft should be carried out by the respective officers.

Twelve candidates were nominated as members, and several brethren were proposed for affiliation.

Before the closing of the lodge, the P.G.M., Bro. Unmack, on behalf of foundation members, presented the W.M. elect with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. W. Ayscough, in consideration of his zeal and self-denying services while filling the chair of the Edmund MacDonnell Lodge. May, 1889."

The lodge was closed, when the brethren, on the invitation of the W.M. elect, adjourned to the Caxton Hotel, where, after supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The gathering was in every respect enjoyable.—*Brisbane Observer.*

SCOTTISH LODGES IN QUEENSLAND.

The metropolitan lodges under the Scottish Constitution held a joint installation ceremony on Monday, June 24th, at the Masonic Hall, Alice-street, Brisbane, when the various Masters and officers for the ensuing 12 months were installed. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. G. W. Barnes, P.M. 455, D.D.G.M., acting Dist. G.M., assisted by Bros. C. W. Thurlby, P.M. 455, D.J.G.W., and R. Leftwich, P.M. 504, D.C. There was a large number of visiting brethren present, among whom were Bros. E. McDonnell, D.P.G.M. (I.C.); Baldwin, P.G.R. Worcestershire; and several Past Masters of metropolitan and other lodges.

The following is the list of the Masters and officers of the four lodges:

Silver Cross, No. 504—Bros. W. Mitchell, R.W.M.; H. Stewart, P.M.; D. M'Gregor, D.M.; W. Edds, S.M.; C. Rattray, S.W.; A. Clark, J.W.; A. Batch, Treas.; W. B. Kesson, Sec.; G. Sweatman, Chap.; J. F. Shale, S.D.; A. Batch, jun., J.D.; P. Atkinson, acting Org.; S. Rosenthal, R. Whittle, and J. Toms, Stwds.; J. M'Kenzie, I.G.; and C. Heike, acting Tyler.

Stanley, No. 680—Bros. W. J. Robinson, R.W.M.; V. Larsen, P.M.; F. W. Faithfull, P.M., D.M.; A. F. Luya, P.M., S.M.; G. T. Nicol, S.W.; G. A. Allen, J.W.; E. Grimley, Treas.; W. Miller, Sec.; A. B. Bell, Chap.; N. Watts, S.D.; J. Edwards, J.D.; P. Atkinson, acting Org.; W. Jolly and Isaac Telford, Stewards; W. H. Brown, I.G.; and C. Heike, acting Tyler.

St. Andrew, No. 435—Bros. J. J. Hogg, R.W.M.; Robert Potts, P.M.; R. Game, D.M.; R. Bell, S.M.; J. Lang, J.W.; W. Hampson, Treas.; Joseph Turner, Sec.; R. F. Slater, S.D.; W. Warren Shapcott, J.D.; S. Grimes, P.M., Chap.; F. Shubert, C. Innocenti, and Thos. Fraser, Stwds.; Wm. Walton, I.G.; and C. Heike, acting Tyler.

Athole and Melville, No. 455—Bros. Samuel Dennison, R.W.M.; George J. Skiller, P.M.; George Ogilvie, D.M.; W. G. Parker, S.M.; T. A. Maillard, S.W.; D. Sharp, J.W.; D. F. Denham, Treas.; N. J. Kessels, P.M., Sec.; Rev. D. Ruddock, Chap.; R. W. Goeldner, S.D.; J. M. Macintyre, J.D.; P. Atkinson, acting Org.; John Mullen and Rudolph Mirre, Stwds.; E. L. Dickens, I.G.; and C. Heike, acting Tyler.

At the close of the installation ceremonial, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where an excellent supper had been prepared.

Ample justice having been done to the viands, the following toast list was honoured: "The Queen, Empress, and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of Scottish Freemasonry;" "The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, M.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart.;" "The D.G. Masters of the S.C. and E.C., and P.G. Masters, I.C.;" "The Newly-Installed Master, Wardens, and other Officers;" "The R.W. the Installing Officer and Assisting Brethren;" "Success to the Metropolitan Lodges and Freemasonry all over the World;" "The Visiting Brethren;" and "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

In the course of several of the speeches made, the brethren referred to the movement on foot for the founding of a Grand Lodge of Queensland, and said they were certain it would be successful, notwithstanding the opposition that was being raised against it by a portion of the Craft.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened with songs, and a most pleasant meeting was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

A large and representative gathering of the Masonic Fraternity in the southern portion of this colony was held May 31st, in the Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of reconsidering the question of the desirableness of establishing a Grand Lodge of Freemasonry for Tasmania. It will be recollected that at a meeting held in the early part of April, in a vote taken wherein some 30 odd members of the Craft recorded their opinions, a majority of one was obtained against the proposal. The Northern brethren, who have been most active in the direction of the movement, and who are unanimous in their desire to see its successful culmination, having preferred a request that a conference should take place on the matter, they feeling sure they could convince their Southern brethren that their objections to the proposals were fallacious, the meeting in question was held.

Representatives from the country lodges in the North arrived by express to swell the number of members of

the Craft who had already reached Hobart on this errand, and were present during the proceedings.

Bro. C. F. DAVIS, P.M., was voted to the chair, and briefly stated the reasons given above for the re-opening of the question, following which Bro. HOGG explained the position occupied by the representative of the Northern Craftsmen.

Bro. HORNE, P.M., followed, and pointed out that the Craft at present suffered from the fact that, there being three Constitutions represented in the lodges in existence, unhealthy rivalry was occasioned. United under one responsible governing head, having its seat of action in their midst, this would be removed, and the prestige of the Craft maintained, where it now runs the risk of being seriously affected. He pointed out that the chief objection to the movement was one of sentiment, a mistaken idea, for surely the good of the Craft was paramount to the special advancement of any particular Constitution. The Northern brethren were unanimous in their desire for this line of action, offering as it did an amelioration of their present position of the difficulty. If the Southern lodges would not lend their aid, so strongly did the Northern lodges feel the necessity for action that they would be forced to amalgamate and form a District Grand Lodge under the Victorian Constitution, whereby they would gain many of the advantages sought by this movement.

Bros. SUTTON, ROBINSON, D.G.M. (I.C.), and J. McDONALD, P.M. (S.C.), also addressed the meeting, placing before it the views of the Northern members of the Craft.

Bro. STEELE proposed, and Bro. IVEY seconded—"That the time has arrived for the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Tasmania."

Bro. F. H. WISE, P.M., moved an amendment—"That it is desirable that the whole of the Masonic Lodges in Tasmania unite under the English Constitution, with a view of ultimately establishing a Grand Lodge of Tasmania; details of amalgamation to be decided by a majority in conference assembled of the Worshipful Masters of the various lodges and of two members chosen therefrom."

This was seconded by Bro. LEWIS.

Bros. HAMILTON, P.M. (E.C.), and NEWBALT also spoke in support of the amendment, it being urged by the movers that this would afford all the relief the Northern lodges sought to obtain without proving in any sense disloyal to their Mother Constitution.

Bro. JARVIS supported the original proposal.

Bro. GILL, P.M., D.P.G.M. (I.C.), placed before the meeting extracts from a communication received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in which it was counselled that similar steps should be taken to those adopted by Victoria and South Australia, and expressing the opinion that the movement would be approved of by the parent Constitutions.

Bro. GIBBON, P.M. (E.C.), also expressed his sympathy with the request of the Northern lodges.

The amendment was negatived by 43 to 16, and the original proposition carried by 46 to 16. The Northern visitors refrained from voting.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The Northern visitors were subsequently entertained by the P.M.'s of the Hobart Lodge.—*Australasian Keystone.*

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND.

The regular Quarterly Convocation of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland was held in the Masonic Hall, Queensland, on the 5th June last. Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, D.G.M., presided, and there were present Bros. B. L. Barnett, P.G.D. England, Dep. D.G.M.; Jas. D. Reeve, D.S.G.W.; Wm. Gartside, D.J.G.W.; the Hon. W. F. Taylor, M.D., Past D.S.G.W., as D.G. Chaplain; W. Finucane, D.G. Treasurer; J. H. Gill, as D.G. Reg.; A. J. Stephenson, Pres. D. Bd. of Gen. Purps.; Jas. S. Michael, Dist. A.G. Sec., as D.G. Sec.; J. H. Reeves, D.S.G.D.; F. D. Granville, as D.J.G.D.; W. Alexander, D.G.D.C.; Daniel Jones, as D. Dep. G.D.C.; H. Wyman, D.G.S.B.; Paul C. Atkinson, the Hon. Chas. H. A'Court, as D.G. Purst.; A. W. Michael and Pollet L. Cardew, as D.G. Stwds.; and J. Haslen, as D.G. Tyler, the representatives of several lodges and sundry visitors, among the latter being Bros. Stanley Baldwin, P.P.G. Reg. Worcestershire; and Rob. Dixon, P.P.G. Purst. Durham.

District Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll called, and a number of apologies for non-attendance read, the minutes of the preceding communication were read and confirmed, and the report of the District G. Treasurer, showing receipts during the past quarter amounting to £87 4s. 6d., was read.

The DIST. ASST. GRAND SECRETARY read a number of communications, and a list of the dispensations granted by the D.G. Master. Sundry reports of proceedings were laid on the table, and a circular-letter from the Dist. Grand Lodges of Auckland, Wellington, and Westland, New Zealand, against the movement now on foot for the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The D.G. Asst. Sec., Bro. MICHAEL, drew the attention of the D.G. Master to a misunderstanding that existed in the minds of many brethren with regard to the duties of the Senior Warden in the absence of the Master from the lodge. He said that during his visit North, he observed that many brethren were undecided as to whether the Senior Warden had the power to open a lodge and occupy the chair of the Master. A

case of this kind had already come under notice during the past quarter. He, therefore, thought it would be well for the D.G. Master to make some remark on the question for the guidance of those who were in doubt.

The D.G. MASTER said: The question has on previous occasions arisen, and as it is possible that brethren now present may not have heard what was said on former occasions, I may again point out that the lodge can only be opened by an Installed Master. The position of the Warden is this:—He can call the brethren together to meet and discuss any questions pertaining to the good management of the lodge, but he cannot open the lodge or proceed with any business, such as confirming minutes or work in the lodge. He cannot sit in the Master's chair. His proper course at a meeting would be to take his own chair, and the other officers their chairs, and then he can bring the subjects before the brethren which require their urgent attention. In the event of the Master and Past Master, who are entitled by rotation to take the chair, being absent, it is then the duty of the Warden to select and ask some other Installed Master to preside. Then the lodge can be opened and can proceed, but the Warden has no power to open the lodge, or to work the lodge in any way. Matters of secular business, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., will thus come into the hands of the Warden, because it is his duty, in the absence of the Master, to instruct the Secretary to issue summonses for holding lodge, when, if he can obtain the assistance of an Installed Master, then he may ask that Installed Master to take the chair, and the business may proceed with all due form and regularity.

Bro. D. JONES, P.D.S.G.W., said he had within his own experience a case similar to what had been described, with this exception—the P.M. of the Scottish Constitution opened the lodge and worked it, and he (Bro. Jones) had been wondering ever since whether that was legal, and whether a P.M. of another Constitution could work.

The DIST. G.M. said, although the doubt was raised and mentioned, no action was taken to disturb the action of the lodge while the Master of another Constitution was in the chair. The matter was referred to the Grand Secretary, who stated that the Master of the lodge, who afterwards came in and took the chair during the working of the lodge, would have been justified in requiring the minutes to be re-read, but this was just a casual remark on the subject. The minutes were read while the Master of another Constitution was in the chair, and confirmed when the proper Master of the lodge took the chair afterwards, and stated that doubts had elsewhere arisen as to the working of a lodge under a foreign P.M., but he in no wise questioned the validity of the proceedings that had taken place. The Master was an Installed Master of another Constitution, and, therefore, there was no reason to disturb what had been done. In some of the sister Constitutions they had a Degree termed the Past Master's Degree, but that Degree was not the same as their Installed Master, and was not for the purpose of placing him in the chair; therefore, he was not qualified to take the chair in an English lodge, or to attend a Board of Installed Masters. No Past Master outside the Past Masters of the lodge could take the chair of a lodge as a right; he could only take it at the request of the Senior Warden.

Bro. the Hon. W. F. TAYLOR, M.D., P.D.S.G.W., said some little time ago he received a circular signed by Bro. John Fenwick, D.G. Sec., and this circular related, as they were doubtless aware, to the formation of a Queensland Grand Lodge. It is stated that the circular is issued by the authority of the Dist. G.M. He (Bro. Taylor) wished to inquire whether it was simply the act of the Dist. G.M., irrespective of that of the District Grand Lodge. He was not aware that it had been passed by the District Grand Lodge.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER explained that it had not been issued by the District Grand Lodge, but by the D.G. Secretary with his (the D.G.M.'s) assent and approval.

Bro. the Hon. W. F. TAYLOR asked if the circular admitted of discussion the present time?

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER said if Bro. Taylor wished to make any remark he was perfectly open to do so. The circular had been sent round, and any brother was at liberty to discuss it.

Bro. W. F. TAYLOR said, as the circular appeared to emanate from the D.G.M. and the D.G. Secretary, and was not the action of the District Grand Lodge, he thought it might be as well for the District Grand Lodge to discuss the matter and pass some resolution on the subject. He might say, so far as he was personally concerned, he had no wish to discuss this circular, because he had already in that lodge given his reason for supporting the movement for the formation of a Grand Lodge of Queensland, and he really did not see that any arguments had been adduced in the circular that combated the reasons he had brought forward, and he might say that the writer rather stultified himself, because, when giving a number of reasons why the movement should not take place, he says that—"There are 31 English lodges in Queensland against 28 of Scotch and Irish together—quite too great a majority in opposition to admit of any possibility of the recognition of a Queensland Grand Lodge for some years to come. It will, no doubt, come in due time, but not until the colony is ripe for it." And, after adducing a number of arguments against it, he comes to the conclusion that it will come in time when the colony was ripe for it, and it seemed to him (Bro. Taylor) to depend on the opinion of the brethren whether the colony was ripe for it or not. The circular admits in this sentence that this movement will come in due time, but not until the colony is

ripe for it; but if that is the opinion of the D.G.M. and of the D.G. Secretary, he (Bro. Taylor) failed to see why those arguments should be brought against it. If the only argument was that it was rather premature, the whole substance of the circular was summed up in that one sentence—"It will come in due time, but not until the colony is ripe for it."

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER said as a matter of course they could not at the present time foresee what might be the future condition of Queensland, but he was emphatically of opinion that it was not a proper proceeding to take in the present position of things, still it was impossible to forecast what other conditions might arise to render the change expedient. What might be highly inconvenient and improper at the present time might in 10 or 15 years hence be quite a proper proceeding. Their social conditions were continually varying, but a change at the present time was not advisable.

The District Grand Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. C. J. Perceval, Vice-President, was in the chair, and there were present Bros. W. A. Scurrah, A. H. Tattershall, Hugh Cotter, C. H. Webb, S. C. Haslip, Charles Kempton, W. B. Daniell, Charles Daniel, J. J. Berry, W. H. Hulbert, S. Brooks, David D. Mercer, A. Mullard, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; R. Berridge, P.G.D.C.; H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; C. H. Bevir, J. S. Cumberland, Hugh M. Hobbs, and John Mason (acting Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the ACTING SECRETARY reported the death of an accepted widow candidate.

A letter was read from Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, who presided at the last Anniversary Festival in February, in which his lordship expressed his very cordial acknowledgments for the illuminated address of thanks presented to him in recognition of his services as Chairman.

The Warden's Report for the past month was read, and a vote of thanks passed to the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Rite, for the renewal of their gifts to the inmates of the Institution at Croydon.

The applications from two widows to be allowed the half of their late husband's annuities were acceded to, and two petitions (one male and one widow) were examined and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for the election in May, 1890.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The first Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was held in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Monday, the 17th June last. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W.G.M., presided, and there was a numerous attendance of Grand Officers and brethren, among the former being Bros. George Baker, D.G.M.; A. Aitken, S.G.W.; and Paul Joske, J.G.W.

Grand Lodge having been opened, the M.W.G.M. reported that the United Grand Lodge of England had recognised the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had graciously accepted the position of Patron. Both these announcements were received with applause.

The minutes of the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 20th and 21st March last having been read and confirmed, and the roll of lodges called, the Grand Secretary, Bro. T. H. LEMPRIERE, read the report of the Board of Benevolence, from which it appeared that 49 petitioners had been relieved with sums amounting altogether to £247 13s. It was further stated that £100 had been received from the M.W.G.M. as a donation to the Benevolent Fund, and £300 from the late Dist. G. Lodge, E.C. It was also announced that the Board had determined on holding their meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday in each month. This report, on the motion of Bro. P. BLASHKI, President of the Board, was adopted.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was submitted, the various clauses and recommendations being dealt with separately. The first read was copy of circular letter addressed to the G. Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, requesting that the lodges formerly under these several Constitutions might be permitted to retain their warrants as mementoes of their former connection with those G. Lodges.

The Committee on Regalia and Clothing recommended that the clothing of Grand Lodge officers, of Grand Stewards, and of officers of lodges, and Master Masons, should be the same as authorised by the G. Lodge of England, except that the embroidery on the apron, collar, and gauntlets of Grand Lodge officers, other than the M.W.G.M. and D.G. Master, should be altered from wheat and lotus to fern leaves.

As regards the Fund of Benevolence, the Board recommended that the lodges within a radius of 12 miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, should pay quarterly for each member 1s. 6d., and the country lodges quarterly for each member 1s.

The fees payable to the Board of General Purposes were arranged as follows: Warrant for a new lodge, £10 10s.; for a dispensation, 10s. 6d.; registration, including Grand Lodge certificate, £1; duplicate Grand Lodge certificate, 6s. 6d.; joining a lodge, 5s.; and if a Grand Lodge certificate required, 7s. 6d.; lodge payment per member annually, 1s.; certificate Past Grand Officers or Past Masters, 10s. 6d.; and for perusing and certifying by-laws, 10s. 6d.

The salaries were fixed as follows: Grand Secretary per annum, £600; Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence per annum, £100; Assistant G. Secretary, £200 per annum; Grand Tyler, £1 10s. for each meeting of Grand Lodge.

Forms of warrants, patents for G. Officers, and Master Masons' certificates were recommended for approval of G. Lodge; and it was also recommended that G. Lodge should not recognise the Past G. rank conferred by the M.W.G. Master of the late Victorian Constitution immediately prior to the opening of G. Lodge on the 20th March.

The proposal for the adoption of this report led to a long and somewhat rambling discussion; but most of the heads were carried, the salary of the G. Secretary being, however, fixed at £500 instead of £600, while the scale of fees was agreed to only until their Book of Constitutions had been compiled.

The recommendation that the acting Board should remain in office till December was negatived, and a new Board was elected in its stead.

The GRAND SECRETARY reported that, as regards the question of appointing or electing the Grand Officers, 71 lodges had voted for appointment, 43 for election, and six for the election of some and the appointment of others.

The GRAND MASTER ruled that the decision of the 71 lodges, which was a clear majority, settled the question in favour of appointment.

A letter from the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, London, to the M.W.G.M., calling his attention to the purpose for which it was started, and the desire of the members to receive and entertain as guests all distinguished colonial brethren when visiting England, and the question relating to the Past G. Rank conferred by the G. Master of the late Victorian Constitution having been postponed, Grand Lodge was closed.



The rehearsals of "Ruy Blas" are in full swing at Mr. Edwardes' theatre, where the voice of the stage manager may daily be heard, exhorting the ladies of the chorus to perform with accuracy their evolutions, both vocal and otherwise. Few people have any idea of the labour involved in the preparation of those brilliant spectacles which, when submitted to the public, look as if they went by clockwork, so admirable is the perfection of the "ensemble."

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The author of "The Amber Heart" has practically completed the three-act poetical play on which he has been engaged for some months past. It is more ambitious in plot and treatment than the tale of Ellaline, and is likely to be accounted stronger and more notable in every way. Altogether, Mr. Calmour would seem to have made, in this play, a great advance upon anything previously produced by him. Its production will be awaited with much interest.

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The Vaudeville Theatre "In Danger" has been placarded for some weeks about London, but there is no risk to run in going there. On the contrary, an excellent play by Bro. W. Lestocq, I.P.M. 1319, and Bro. Henry Cresswell will be found, and one which deeply engages the attention of all who see "In Danger." The first act opens at Monaco, where Kate and Lily Doran have been decoyed by a Mrs. Vane, who keeps a gambling house, in which Major Owen and Mr. Kelly act as sharks. They each take a fancy to the Misses Doran, but their attentions are regarded as insults. To the house comes Alan Stanford, who falls in love with Kate and she with him. He intends rescuing her and her sister. Bursting into the room on hearing the cries of Lily Doran, who is being kidnapped by Kelly, assisted by Owen Stanford, is challenged by the Major, and, in self defence (the others have left the room), he draws his swordstick and kills Owen, but Kate has crept into the room, and from behind a curtain witnessed the struggle. Stanford flees for his life, and Mrs. Vane, to prevent a scandal, has Owen's body placed in the street, and it is generally thought that he has been assassinated in a street quarrel. His brother, Colonel Owen, not being satisfied, inquires into the affair, and finds that Kate Doran saw his brother dead in Mrs. Vane's house, and, as she will not give any particulars, he suspects her of being the murderess. With a police officer he arrests her in the house of her uncle, Dr. Hamer, in England, where the girls are now staying. This doctor turns out to be the guardian of Alan Stanford, and so the young people meet again. Alan, not knowing that his fiancée saw him commit the deed, and as no one to his knowledge has been accused of it, cannot understand her receiving him so coldly, for she is under the impression that Alan really murdered Owen instead of only killing

him in the defence of himself. Kelly still haunts Lily Doran, and is able to keep a hold on her, but she is loved by Fred Armitage, and loves him. It is only by a ruse that at last Kelly, who alone can clear up the mystery of the death of Owen, opens his mouth, and so frees Alan and Kate. If we were to find a fault with the play it would only be that it is not likely two young ladies of the position of the Misses Doran could be entrapped and kept as decoys in a gaming establishment, and that Alan Stanford and Kate Doran could have put matters right between themselves by the use of a few words which, as they are lovers, they would do in real life. "In Danger" is splendidly acted all round. Miss Florence West has never, to our mind, acted with more repose and force than now, and we have seen her many times in many parts. Miss Agnes Miller prettily played the character of Lily Doran, but having now gone to Australia, Miss Marie Linden has taken her place, and we are sure in her capable hands nothing will be wanting. Mr. Lewis Waller is the Stanford, than whom there could not be a better. Bro. Macklin in the part of Col. Owen has not much to do, but as of yore does that well. Mr. Boleyn is always a pleasing actor, and the part of Kelly in his hands loses nothing. He makes a "good" villain. Bro. Sydney Brough is delicious as the boyish lover. He is a worthy son of a worthy father (Bro. Lionel Brough), and bids fair to quite keep up the family reputation. Bro. Lestocq, although part author, modestly acts a small part, that of the doctor. 'Twere needless to say how well he looks and acts the part. This latest of London plays should do well, for we have a highly interesting piece in "In Danger."

THE LATE NAVAL REVIEW.

We have been favoured by Bro. G. Reynolds, W.M. Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, and Secretary Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, with a full account of the recent inspection of our fleet, at Spithead, by the Emperor William II. of Germany. Bro. Reynolds was a guest on board the Massilia, one of three magnificent vessels of the P. and O. Company's fleet, which were dispatched from Gravesend on the 2nd August in order to witness the spectacle our Government had prepared in honour of the Queen's grandson, on the occasion of his first visit to England since his accession to the throne. He describes in graphic style the voyage down the Thames, past the well-known Kentish watering places of Westgate, Margate, and Ramsgate, which were easily visible to those on board the huge vessels, and down Channel, as being most enjoyable, the day being a bright one with a stiff breeze blowing the while. On turning out the next morning they found themselves off Cowes, but owing to the dense mist which prevailed they could see nothing of the British Fleet, though after a time they caught a glimpse of the German Squadron which had escorted the Imperial Yacht Hohenzollern to our coast. As regards the grand sight, however, which they had journeyed so far to see, the fates turned out unpropitious. The rain and mist lasted throughout the whole of the morning, and, consequently, the review had to be postponed till Monday, and nothing remained but for the Massilia and her two consorts, the Oceana and the Oriental, when the rain had somewhat abated, to move for the moorings which had been laid down for them off Ryde. The fineness of the evening and the sight of the whole of the vessels, those of the fleet and those including the P. and O. steamers which had brought the visitors to see it, being illuminated with the electric light made some amends for the morning's disappointment. Sunday proved fine, and everyone had the opportunity of seeing the splendid fleet of over 100 pennants as it lay at anchor, the P. and O. ships steaming steadily and quietly between the lines and witnessing such a sight as only those who had the good fortune to be present can ever have seen. After passing through the fleet, the vessels continued on their way past Ryde as far as Portland, and on returning they had the satisfaction of seeing the Emperor and Prince of Wales go on board Torpedo boat No. 79, of which Prince George of Wales was in command. Monday morning the weather proved to be squally, but about 10 a.m. it cleared up, and then all became excitement, especially when a glimpse was caught of the German Emperor and the Prince making for the Royal Yacht, and shortly afterwards the Queen, but without any State following, on the Alberta. Then the Royal Yachts passed through the lines of the fleet, the crews being all mustered on the deck or in the rigging, and the cheers of welcome being such as only British tars can give. Unfortunately, when this was all over, the news came that there would be no illumination of the fleet, and it only remained therefore for the three steamers to weigh anchor and make the best of their way to the Albert Dock, which was reached the following morning, when the pleasant party which had gathered and enjoyed the four days' trip dispersed for their homes. On the return journey, however, the guests had every enjoyment, even to cricket and quoits, and Bro. Reynolds distinguished himself, if not exactly in the field, yet as a very effective stop. There was also a grand banquet, at which Capt. Fraser presided, and ample justice was done to the menu, while in accordance with time-honoured custom a few toasts followed the dinner, one of them, to which Bro. Bethune, P.M. and P.Z. 1397, replied, being that of "The P. and O. Company," to which he is Secretary. And after dinner and the speeches there was dancing till midnight, when those on board took the opportunity of seeking a little rest after the long, but enjoyable day.



To-morrow (Saturday) is the last day for receiving applications from candidates for the post of Medical Officer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. There are several gentlemen in the field, the majority of them being, we believe, practitioners in the neighbourhood of the School.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lonsborough, accompanied by several members of their family, have arrived at Lonsborough Lodge, Scarborough.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh arrived in Berlin on the evening of the 9th inst., and proceeded thence to Coburg, where their Royal Highnesses will make a stay of some duration.

During the absence of the Duke of Cambridge on the Continent, his Royal Highness's duties at headquarters are being carried on by the Adjutant-General, Bro. General Lord Wolseley.

Bro. Lord and Lady Claud Hamilton will shortly start on a visit to India, where they will be the guests of the Viceroy and Lady Lansdowne. Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton has latterly been far from well, and it is hoped that the complete change and rest may benefit his health.

The annual meeting at Shoeburyness of the National Artillery Association commenced on Saturday last, when the detachments from the North arrived at the Camp. During the week the firing with shot and shell for the Queen's and other prizes has been in progress, and next week the Southern detachments will have their turn.

The first encampment of the Home Counties Volunteer Brigade, under the command of Brigadier-General Bro. Lord Wantage, V.C., was concluded on Saturday last, when the various battalions which had been in camp were conveyed to their several destinations in special trains from the temporary station at Churn, close to the camping ground.

The Middlesex Yeomanry completed their annual training—which has this year been held in Sandown Park—on Saturday last, when the regiment left their temporary quarters. The previous day the regiment was inspected by Colonel Wood, who expressed himself well satisfied with the appearance and discipline of the corps.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon will shortly leave England for the continent, and on their return will proceed to Brethby Park. A party which had been invited to Highclere Castle, from Saturday to Monday, had to be postponed in consequence of the indisposition of Lady Carnarvon, who, however, has since recovered.

The garden party in the beautiful grounds of Northwood Park, Cowes, in aid of Trinity Church Organ Fund, on Saturday last, was attended by a brilliant assemblage. The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud were present, and so also were the Princess Louise, Marchioness, and the Marquis of Lorne.

Several first-class cricket matches have taken place during the week, and in some cases the results have taken people by surprise. Surrey, for instance, which has been victorious in so many of its matches during the season was heavily beaten by Essex, its scores being 100 and 57, while Essex made 110 and 182. Sussex were beaten by Lancashire in an innings with 33 runs to spare, the Sussex scores being 64 and 128, while Lancashire totalled 225 in its one attempt. Lastly, Kent beat Yorkshire by 82 runs, the scores being Kent 121 and 102, and Yorkshire 47 and 94.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt-Wilson, left Charing Cross for the Continent on Tuesday. On reaching Dover his Royal Highness left by special boat for Calais, whence he was to proceed by way of Brussels and Cologne to Homburg, where he will make a stay of some three weeks and then proceed to Scotland. The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left London for Cowes on Wednesday morning on a visit to the Queen at Osborne, and will in all probability go to Denmark at the conclusion of her visit.

Grouse Shooting commenced on Monday, the 12th inst., and from reports received from different parts of the country, sport has been good and plentiful. Bros. Sir A. Borthwick, M.P., and Sir A. Campbell, Bart., M.P., were out on the Inverness Moors. On Bro. the Earl of Bective's Westmorland preserves birds were plentiful, but on his Yorkshire estates disease was found to be prevalent, and had made sad havoc among the birds. Heavy bags were made on all the North Wales Moors. In North and West Perthshire the prospects are reported as gloomy owing to the prevalence of disease, but in Fife and Kinross there is said to have been fine weather and excellent sport. On the whole the prospects are favourable.

The annual picnic in connection with the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Broxton. The members and their friends, about 90, met at the Liverpool Landing-stage, crossed to Birkenhead, took the train to Chester, and thence were conveyed in waggons, via Eaton Park and Farndon, to the Egerton Arms Hotel, Broxton, where dinner was served. Afterwards the party was photographed by Bro. Ashley. Sports and dancing were then provided, the music being supplied by Bro. Busfield's band. After tea the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Hewson, and at seven o'clock the return journey was commenced, the whole party arriving in Liverpool at about 9.30. The whole arrangements were carried out by a Committee, of which the W.M., Bro. W. Hewson, was Chairman, and Bro. R. Shacklady, Secretary, Bro. Thomas Bush taking an active part in the sports.

SCIENCE (EXTRAORDINARY).—TERREY'S "HOUSEHOLD PURIFIER" (Registered) for Universal Purposes.—Acts like magic. A strong and pleasant Disinfecting Fluid for Sanitary Use. Treble the Disinfecting Strength of Carbolic. A new and valuable Discovery has been made in the manufacture of this Fluid, there being no Sediment. Dissolves at once in Water, making a Milky appearance. Where this is used all Infectious Diseases are kept away. Sold by Chemists, Stores, Grocers, Oilmen, &c., in 6d. and 1s. bottles, or in gallons 4s., delivered free. 1s. charged for cans (returnable).—TERREY BROS., 55, Chester-street, Kennington.—ADVT.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Border Chapter (Rose Croix), No. 102, Ill. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°, was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Bro. G. Dalrymple, 180, Treasurer.

The Duke and Duchess of Rutland intend to pass the autumn in Scotland, at St. Mary's Tower, Burnham, their Perthshire seat, where they are expected on Thursday, the 22nd instant.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Sussex Artillery Volunteers, has sent a cheque for £25 towards the additional clothing fund of the corps, and the Duke of Devonshire £50.

Mr. Freeman Thomas inaugurated his eighth season of Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden on Saturday last, when a numerous audience were present, and an excellent programme was performed.

At a meeting of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 25, last week, it was intimated that the widow of the late Bro. Thomas Peattie had received an annuity of £10 a year from the Annuity Branch of Scottish Masonic Benevolence.

About 80 members of Lodge St. Vincent (S.C.) visited the Forth Bridge on Thursday, the 8th inst., and after being photographed by Bro. Hampton they drove to Newhaven, where they banqueted at the Peacock Hotel.

The many Masonic friends of Bro. G. W. F. Loftus, P.M. 93, 905, 1193, P.P.G.W. Norfolk, will be pleased to know that he has completed 25 years' connection with the Craft, having been initiated in the Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich, on the 9th of August, 1864.

The Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, No. 79, has removed from the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, to the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, and the meeting nights are the second and fourth Thursdays in the month throughout the year, at 8 p.m., instead of Friday as hitherto.

The Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg crossed over from Cowes to Southampton in the Royal Yacht *Alberta*, on Saturday last, in order to lay the foundation-stone of the new head-quarters of the Gordon Boys' Brigade. The Royal visitors were received by the President of the Brigade, Sir Charles Wilson, K.C.B., and after being presented by Miss Gordon with a bouquet, the Princess laid the stone.

Mr. George Pickworth, of 10, Pandora-road, Dennington Park, West Hampstead, has executed a highly finished portrait of Capt. Montagu F. Ommanney, C.M.G., R.E., Crown agent for the Colonies. Capt. Ommanney, in writing to the artist on the subject, says "The portrait has been very generally admired as a correct and pleasing likeness." To each subscriber of 15s. an autograph proof copy on India paper will be delivered.

Bro. Daniel Sutter, P.J.G.D. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, left London on Monday last with Mrs. Sutter, sister, and niece, travelling from Euston Railway Station, via Chester and Stratford-on-Avon (to visit Shakespeare's house), to Liverpool, sailing in the Inman steamship *City of Berlin* for America on Wednesday last. We believe that this is the last of Bro. C. E. Meyer's party from Philadelphia, all of whom have expressed themselves as being delighted with the trip to England and the continent of Europe.

The *Liberal Freeman* records the death of Bro. Benjamin Curran, D.C.L., a Past G.H.P. of the Grand R.A. Chapter, and a Past S.G. Warden, and G. Secretary for the last 18 years of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Our late brother, who died on the 31st March last, at the age of 63 years, was a man of liberal education, and exercised very great influence in Masonry in the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia. The same journal mentions that there is still living in Clayville, Mass., a certain Bro. James Barnett, who was born on the 12th December, 1791, and initiated while residing in Delaware County, in 1816. Bro. Barnett, therefore, is close on 98 years of age, and has been a Mason for 73 years.

A shilling edition of Charles Kingsley's "Westward Ho" is shortly to be published by Messrs. Macmillan. As the copyright of this popular novel has still eight years to run, the publication of a cheap edition shows considerable enterprise. Such enterprise is, however, always well rewarded. It is invariably found that the cheap edition, so far from injuring the more expensive ones, give an impetus to their sale. A number of people buy the shilling or sixpenny book, find in it something that fascinates them, and buy in a better form to present to their friends.

On Monday last the remains of Bro. Charles Sykes Sunderland, solicitor, were interred in the Cemetery, Brighouse. He was a member of the firm of Messrs. Craven and Sunderland, Huddersfield and Brighouse. Amongst the Freemasons he was generally respected, and at the time of his death held the office of P.P.G.R. A large number of the members of the Order were present, and wreaths were sent by the Freemasons, the Southowram School Board (for which he had officiated as clerk since its commencement), and the Conservative Club, of which he was an active member. Many well-known gentlemen in the district were present. The Huddersfield Incorporated Law Society, the Huddersfield Building Society, the Huddersfield lodges (three), the Albert Edward, and Kirkburton lodges of Freemasons were also represented. Mrs. Sunderland was able to be present, but did not leave the carriage. At a meeting of the members of the Huddersfield Incorporated Law Society, Mr. W. Armitage in the chair, the following resolution was, on the motion of the President (Mr. Armitage), seconded by Mr. Mills, unanimously passed: "That the members of the society have heard with the greatest regret of the death of Mr. Charles S. Sunderland, and desire to convey to the relatives of the deceased gentleman their deep sympathy with them in their sad bereavement, and to express their sense of the loss the profession has sustained in the death of one whose dealing with his professional brethren was marked by courtesy and uprightness."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the Delicate.—Those to whom seasons of changeable temperatures are protracted periods of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsy, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully conquer influenza; they allay, in an incredibly short time, the distressing fever and teasing cough.—ADVT.

The Dowager Viscountess Combermere died on Tuesday at her residence, 48, Belgrave-square, at the age of 89 years.

The Royal Horticultural Society will hold a vegetable conference and exhibition in the gardens at Chiswick on September 24th, 25th, and 26th.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Wednesday.

The death is announced of Sir H. C. Oxenden, which took place on Wednesday at his residence, Derrington, Barham, in his 95th year.

On his arrival at Clondeboy, Lord Dufferin's tenants presented him with an address, to which he replied in appropriate terms. His stay at Clondeboy will extend over six weeks.

The New South Wales Legislative Council has passed an address to the Queen in favour of granting responsible government to West Australia, following up the resolution of the Legislative Assembly.

Wednesday was the concluding day of the congress of the Archaeological Institute at Norwich, and the programme was a brief one, including only a visit to Ranworth to see its famous rood-screen and parclose screens, which are the pride of East Norfolk.

The Queen will start on her long-promised visit to Wales on Saturday, the 24th inst., and, after remaining till the 29th, will make for her Scotch home at Balmoral, where it is expected the Court will remain till well into the month of November.

The Ruskin art treasures, which are now at Walkley, near Sheffield, will probably shortly be moved from that place and more suitably housed at Meersbrook Park, Sheffield, which is easier of access. It is understood that Mr. Ruskin approves of the scheme.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead has received a letter from the Duke of Connaught in which his Royal Highness congratulates his lordship on the efforts he has made towards obtaining equipment for the Volunteer force, and enclosing a cheque for £50 towards the Patriotic Volunteer Fund.

A seven days' sale of books and manuscripts from the libraries of the late Mr. Muntz, M.P., of Birmingham; Mr. Charles Walton, of Tunbridge Wells; and other gentlemen, was concluded, on Wednesday, by Messrs. Sotheby, and many good prices were obtained. The MSS. of Burns, Dickens, and Lord Beaconsfield gave a character to the last sale rarely to be noticed in August.

An accident of a somewhat serious character occurred to the coach which plies at this season of the year between Canterbury and Herne Bay. The team took fright as it was going to Herne Bay, and bolted, the result being that a clergyman, who was one of the passengers, had his collar-bone broken, and the guard a rib and leg fractured. The coachman, Mr. Burren, escaped with a severe shaking.

At the quarterly convocation of the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, held at Colchester, on Thursday, the 8th inst., the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. T. G. Mills, Z.; J. T. Bailey, H.; A. S. B. Spratling, J.; T. J. Ralling, P.Z.; P.G.S.B. England, P.G.S.E. Essex, S.E.; C. Osmond, P.P.G.O., S.N.; Thomas Rix, P.Z.; P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. D. Poppleton, P.S.; the Rev. W. M. Jones, 1st A.S.; A. Barritt, 2nd A.S.; S. Munson and A. Wright, Janitors.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife arrived in Perth late on Tuesday evening on their way to Mar Lodge, Braemar. After passing the night at one of the hotels in Perth, and inscribing their names in the visitors' book, they left in their carriage, the route taken being via Meikleour, but the carriage broke down close to Meikleour, and after a time another was obtained, and they drove to the Queen's Hotel, Blairgowrie. Here they lunched, and then continued in a carriage hired of the hotel keeper, the reception at Braemar being most hearty.

Mr. F. F. Buffen, one of the most persistent of first-nighters, especially on occasions of musical interest, has published, through Messrs. Chapman and Hall, an imposing volume—wide of margin and elegant in typography and general appearance—devoted to the subject of "Musical Celebrities," of whom 18 are here discoursed upon with knowledge and enthusiasm. Of these all are living save Signor Giovanni Bottesini, who died while the book was at press.

Bro. Arthur Roberts, who is engaged in scoring a succession of provincial triumphs, will re-open the Royalty Theatre on or about the 10th of October. His first production there will be an "extravagance" by Mr. Cecil Raleigh, so-called because the piece comes under no known dramatic category. It will be in three acts, and will be provided with plenty of music from the tuneful pen of Mr. Walter Slaughter. The scenery will be by Mr. Bruce Smith, and there will be a special electric effect, now being manufactured in Paris. There is no truth, we may say, in the report that the "extravagance" is to be called "The Bohemian Buoy, or a Float on a Shore." That would have been very "fetching," no doubt, but, as a matter of fact, the title has not yet been selected.—*Globe*.

It is a wonderful number of the *Century Magazine* this month. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pennell's article on the Thames is well-written and beautifully illustrated. This is followed by one on "The Poison of Serpents." Then we come to the article by Henry Van Dyke on "The Bible in Tennyson," with a reproduction of Mrs. Cameron's splendid portrait of the poet. Further on is one of the terribly harrowing articles by Mr. George Kennan, on "Russian State Criminals." The story of Nathalie Armfeldt, in the July number, and of Dr. Veimar in the current one, are positively heartbreaking. Finally, we note "A Positive Romance," by Edward Bellamy, author of "Looking Backward," and one of Mr. Stillman's articles on "Italian Old Masters."

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.