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THE ANTI-MASONIC CONGRESS.

It is evident from the tenour of the article we quoted last week from the *Tablet* that the promoters of the movement for holding a congress towards the end of next month, at which Freemasonry and all its works are to be condemned without benefit of clergy, are already jubilant over the prospects of the assured success they consider is in store for them. It is, perhaps, just a trifle premature for people to count their chickens before they are hatched, and one might have imagined that the Romish clericals, being for the most part men of common sense, would have waited till their congress had been held, and the evidence they promise shall be forthcoming against the devilish machinations of all secret societies, but particularly of the Freemasons, had been produced and proved worthy of acceptance by an impartial public, before shouting "Io, triumphe" over a victory which has yet to be achieved. However, we do not grudge them their present ecstasies of delight. We are pretty much in the same position towards them as the burly navvy was towards his little wife, whom he allowed to pummel him to her heart's content—"It amuses her and it don't hurt me." When we hear of the fate that is reserved for us by a congress which has yet to meet, when we are told of the panic which has already overwhelmed us at the bare announcement of this intended congress, we are amused, but it does not hurt us. We are moved, no doubt, but it is by a sense of pity rather than of anger, that in this enlightened 19th century there are to be found people so silly as to imagine that the mere prospect of an Anti-Masonic Congress will annihilate an ancient and honourable Society which, in nearly all civilised countries, is known and respected of men of all classes and conditions. In ordinary things these people possess, as we have said, sound common sense, and, we might add, a keen intelligence, but they cannot stand a rival influence to that of their own church. It is far better, they think, to reign in a place unmentionable in polite circles than to serve in heaven. They are still as bigoted as ever they were at the darkest epochs in their history. They cannot bring themselves to realise that there are no longer only, in the main, two classes in the world, one the reputed repositories of all learning, and the other the ignorant masses, who can be gulled or coerced into accepting anything in the way of religious or civil dogma. In nearly every country there is now a strong force of healthy public opinion, which will at all times actively resent any attempt to compel people into sacrificing their cherished convictions. These anti-Masonic clericals are behind the age. They seem to fancy that people can still be deluded by a Papal bull or encyclical or other old-world invention of that or a similar kind into disbelieving the evidence of their senses. The world knows perfectly well that the Freemasons are a reputable body of men, who respect everything in the nature of true religion and constituted authority, and all the congresses that may be summoned to meet in Brussels and all the other capital cities in Christendom will not persuade people to the contrary.

But is it not childish for men who are possessed of an average amount of intelligence and common sense to talk of proving to the world, "by the most convincing evidence, the evils and disasters of which Freemasonry has been the cause to mankind at large, and to the Catholic Church in particular?" We are perfectly well aware that Freemasonry in some continental countries has deviated seriously from the original plan on which the Society was established in its present form. We know that

it has not held itself aloof from the political struggles of the day, but, on the contrary, has used much of the weight of its influence, indirectly, if not directly, in warring against the despotisms which held it, and every other society or body of men that was enlightened and reputable, in the most abject slavery. But, though in one or two countries the Freemasons may have deliberately ignored the fundamental principles of their Society, that is no reason why the whole body should be denounced as revolutionary and anti-religious. Nothing has ever been proved, or can be proved, as to the Masons of the United Kingdom, in the United States, in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Germany having forgotten or ignored their principles. Even the most ingenious inventor of the things that are not will have some difficulty in discovering "the evils and disasters" they have caused to "mankind at large," or "the Catholic Church in particular." In these countries, at all events, it is absurd to suggest that the action of our Society is in any way "sinister" or the Society itself "infernal." Only knaves or fools would dream of asserting that a body, which includes thousands of honest God-fearing men, from the Prince of the Blood to the reputable mechanic and artisan, was engaged in warring eternally against the authority of the State or the religious faiths of the people. The militancy of our Order is confined to its efforts to propagate the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, while as regards religion, the only sin that can be alleged against us is that we do not restrict our respect for it to members of one sect and creed only, but respect them all alike and equally. This being the case, we do not envy the promoters of the new movement the difficulty of their task when they undertake to prove, what is absolutely beyond their power, that the action of Freemasonry in these countries has been "detrimental to the cause of revealed truth by the discredit cast on Christian faith and belief in the Divinity and to the interests of Christian civilisation by its depreciation of all progress due to the influence of the Church, and its exaltation of everything done by paganism and the enemies of religion." None know better than those who make it that this statement is absolutely false; but the promoters of this congress, as many others have done before them, make up for the weakness of their arguments by the over-boldness of their assertions, and hence we have these old monstrosities doing duty again but in a more offensive garb. But again we say, the world is too enlightened to believe that a society which includes in its ranks kings, princes, church dignitaries, peers of Parliament, senators, legislators, judges, members of the various professions, prosperous men of trade and commerce, successful artisans and mechanics—the vast majority of whom are themselves members of one or other of the Christian sects—has nothing in common with "the enemies of religion." Christianity has nothing to fear from it, and the Romish sect if they persist in abusing us must not be surprised if they are occasionally reminded of those "infernal" episodes in its history, which form so large and hideous a part of its annals during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries of the Christian era.

As for the "Miss DIANA VAUGHAN, ex-Grand Mistress of the Luciferians or Palladians," her "Condemnation of the Satanic rites practised" by her former associates, and her consequent secession from their ranks, the leaders of the new movement will have to show first of all that the woman was ever a member of any branch of the Masonic Order, and then that the evidence of an apostate from Masonry possesses any real value, at all events until it has been fully corroborated in all its material points by that of unprejudiced persons of good repute. As a

matter of fact, we know nothing of a "Regenerated Palladium," and the chances are in favour of Signor LEMMI, who, we are told, is the "Grand Orient" of "the Triangles," being equally ignorant. However, as the promoters of this precious Congress have gone so far as to create a "permanent staff consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer," holds weekly sittings, and is compiling a programme to be laid before the Congress when it meets, as it has been provisionally arranged it shall meet, on the 29th September in Brussels; and as it has been resolved that the proceedings shall be public, or publicly reported, we can only await the issue with such patience as we may be able to command. We dare say the whole thing, in spite of the permanent staff and programme, will turn out to be a grotesque failure, such as have been all previous attempts by the Romish Church and its adherents to injure Freemasonry.

GRAND MASTER WHITE'S ADDRESS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

As a rule, the addresses which it is customary for the Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada and the United States to deliver at the annual Communications of those bodies treat of matters which are chiefly, if not entirely, of local interest. But occasionally in reading them as recorded in their respective Grand Lodge proceedings or in the local press, we find references to subjects which are generally interesting to the whole body of Masons, and opinions expressed thereon which, coming from men of great authority, of necessity carry with them a considerable amount of weight. In the address delivered by Bro. W. R. WHITE, Q.C., at the recent annual Communication in the Massey Hall, Toronto, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, two such matters were referred to. One of these, which Bro. WHITE declared he had found the greatest trouble in dealing with, was the question of "physical qualifications," and in the course he adopted with reference to this, he appears to have been guided by sound common sense. "In all such cases," said he, "I felt constrained to leave the matter to the W.M. or D.D.G.M., who could personally see whether the candidate could comply with the requirements of the Constitution or not. I regret very much that my views on this subject differ slightly from those expressed by some former Grand Masters. I favour a liberal interpretation of the Constitution rather than a strict one. I think, if a candidate possesses the necessary mental and moral qualifications, it would be a great hardship if he should be deprived of the benefits of Masonry because he has some slight physical defect which prevents him from absolutely, and in the most perfect manner, complying with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge." This, as we have said, is the common sense way of dealing with this question, and we consider Bro. WHITE has acted wisely in adopting it.

The other question—that of canvassing for office—comes more directly home to us just at this moment, when, as the letters which have recently appeared in our correspondence columns have shown, very unfavourable opinions have been expressed as to the methods adopted by candidates, or by their friends and supporters, in their efforts to be elected to the Grand Treasurership. On this question Bro. WHITE expressed his opinion with no uncertain voice. Representations had been made to him "that the practice of canvassing for office" was becoming "very prevalent in both private lodges and Grand Lodges," and in one particular case of appeal "against the election of an officer in a certain private lodge," he had become convinced that "the most open and unblushing canvassing" had taken place. Accordingly, he deemed it his duty to warn brethren against the adoption of these malpractices in terms of unqualified condemnation. Said Grand Master WHITE—"I deem it my duty to condemn as strongly as possible any such practice. Friends may speak well of one whose merit and ability entitle him to be promoted to office in either private lodge or Grand Lodge. But the making of slates, the pledging of brethren to vote one way or the other, and all the other wiles and dodges so well known to the politician are utterly foreign to the genius and spirit of Masonry, and should be most emphatically frowned upon and discountenanced by every true Mason."

We trust this strong expression of opinion, though addressed to the brethren of another jurisdiction, will not be without its influence on the members of our Grand Lodge when the time again comes round for the election of one out of several candidates to be the Grand Treasurer of England during the year 1896-7. Let "the making of slates," the "pledging of brethren to vote one way or the other," and "the other wiles and dodges" which are declared to be "utterly foreign to the genius and spirit of Masonry," be "most emphatically frowned upon and discountenanced" by all who have at heart the interests and well-being of our Order.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 4th prox.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th June for confirmation.

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

A brother of the Waveney Lodge, No. 929, Bungay	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, Upper Norwood	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, Birkenhead	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge Albert Edward, No. 1429, Newport, Mon.	100	0	0

3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Three Old Medals	L. F. Littell, Past G. Purst.
Twelve Volumes of Masonic Works	James Brett, Past G. Purst.
Six Photographs of Masonic Certificates	F. F. Schnitzer, P.M., P.M., &c.
Two Masonic Jewels	Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.
An American Tour	John Chapman, P.M., No. 1402, &c., P.P.G.D. Devon.
Minute Book of Lodges Nos. 12 and 54, 1756-1772	St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142.
History of Harmony Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia	John Curtis, P.H.P. Sec., &c.
An Essay on the R.A. Ceremonies	Dr. L. M. Bonn, P.M. No. 261, &c.
Historical Sketch of the Warrant of Lodge No. 7, Ireland	Dr. Chetwode Crawley, S.G.D. Ireland.
Twenty-five Volumes of Masonic Works	Thomas Fenn, P.P. Bd. Gen. Purps.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, 1858-1894	Hon. W. H. Upton, Grand Orator.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1880-1894	Stephen Berry, G. Secretary.
Some Account of a Short Tour in Canada, &c.	Henry Smith, P.G. Deacon, D.P.G. Master West Yorks.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of August instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £7435 11s. 2d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th August, 1895.

4. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Board beg to report that they have received from the District Grand Master of Canterbury, New Zealand, a formal notification that the following lodges, which had seceded from the United Grand Lodge of England and joined to so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, had, under the authority delegated to the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury by Art. 106 of the Book of Constitutions, been duly erased from the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, and that the warrants of the said lodges had all been returned to the District Grand Master of Canterbury.

The New Zealand Lodge of Unanimity	No. 604	The Ashley Lodge	No. 1877
The St. Augustine Lodge	609	The Lincoln Lodge	1918
The Southern Cross Lodge	760	The Malvern Lodge	1919
The Progress Lodge	1651	The Concord Lodge	1925
The St. George's Lodge	1856	The Phoenix Lodge	1959
The South Rakaia Lodge	1857	The Kaikoura Lodge	2230

The Board have further to report that: "The Bulwer Lodge, 891, Constantinople, having returned the warrant and having been duly summoned under Rule 73, Book of Constitutions, to show cause why it should not be erased, a letter has been received from its late Worshipful Master stating that the lodge was finally closed in February, 1894, and that the warrant had been returned with the consent of the members, who were unable to carry on the lodge any longer."

(Signed) GEO. D. HARRIS, Chairman.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
6th August, 1895.

5. RENEWED NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. WILLIAM WOODWARD, P.M. 1920.

That a Circular be issued from Grand Lodge setting forth the scheme suggested by him, under which the Freemasons of England would contribute to the Decoration Fund of St. Paul's Cathedral a sum sufficient for the completion of the Cupola and Transepts, that the opinion of the Craft be ascertained through such Circular, and that such steps be taken thereafter to secure the end in view as may commend themselves to Grand Lodge.

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

- No. 2566, The Buluwayo Lodge, Buluwayo, Africa.
 " 2567, The Acacia Lodge, Meiktila, Burma.
 " 2568, The Delavel Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 " 2569, The St. Trillo Lodge, Colwyn Bay.
 " 2570, The Llewellyn Lodge, Cardiff.
 " 2571, The Holmes Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 " 2572, The Tyldesley Lodge, Tyldesley.
 " 2573, The Corinthian Lodge, Childers, Queensland.
 " 2574, The Southern Cross Lodge, Southern Cross, Western Australia.
 " 2575, The Fairclough Lodge, Mandalay, Burma.
 " 2576, The Coorg Lodge, Coorg, Madras.
 " 2577, The Wynberg Lodge, Wynberg, South Africa.
 " 2578, The National Artillery Lodge, Piccadilly, London.
 " 2579, The Lewisham Lodge, Lewisham, London.
 " 2580, The Crouch End Lodge, Highgate, London.
 " 2581, The Empress Lodge, South Kensington, London.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday next, the 3rd prox.

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 5th June, 1895.
2. Report of the General Board.
3. A motion will be made that the report be taken as read.
4. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.
5. Recommendation arising out of the report:
Fund of Benevolence—Grant recommended—£25 to Mrs. Radcliffe, widow of Bro. Col. H. Radcliffe, Lodge Henniker, No. 315.
6. A motion will be proposed that the report be adopted.
7. Presentation of Charity jewels to the Stewards of the last Benevolent Fund Festival.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on the 21st instant at the Central Hall, Northwich. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and there were also present Bros. his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. Master; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.P.G.W.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and a large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and members of lodges in the province, the total being about 400.

After the Prov. G. Officers had answered to their names and apologies for absence had been announced, the roll of the 46 lodges in the province was called over, and it was found that all were represented.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Birkenhead, having been adopted, on the motion of Bro. Sir HORATIO LLOYD, seconded by Bro. J. CLAYTON, P.P.G.W.,

Bro. T. H. ANNETT, P.P.G. Treas., moved the adoption of the Auditors' report, which showed that the balances standing to the credit of the province were as follows: Fund of General Purposes £114, as against £98 last year, an increase of £16; Fund of Benevolence £188, as against £167 last year, an increase of £21; Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution £303, as against £167 last year, an increase of £135.

Bro. T. C. THORBURN, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., seconded the motion, which was passed.

Upon the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. G.M., seconded by Bro. J. MORRIS, P.P.G.S.B., a vote of thanks was passed to the P.G. Treas., Bro. Enoch Evans, and the Auditors.

Bro. J. CLAYTON, P.P.G.W., presented the Charity report and the annual report of the Committee of Benevolence. He pointed out that a sum of 100 guineas, voted by the province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, had not yet been paid over. The amount would be paid that day, so that instead of a balance of £302 there would be in hand a balance of £197, consisting of £114 in connection with the General Purposes Fund, and £83 in connection with the funds of the Benevolent Institution. He thanked the brethren for the assistance they had rendered during the past year to the Masonic Institutions, and in particular for the support they had given to Lord Egerton of Tatton on the occasion of his presiding at the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when the Province of Cheshire contributed a sum of £2000 out of a grand total of £20,500. He moved that the reports be adopted, with the alteration to which he had referred.

Bro. J. COOKSON, P.P.G. Treas., seconded the motion, which was passed.

Bro. J. JACKSON, P.P.G. Treas., said that a Committee appointed some months ago to revise the by-laws of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution had now completed its labours, and in future the Institution would be governed under the new regulations. It only remained for the Prov. Grand Lodge to confirm the work of the Committee, and for the Prov. Grand Master to sign the revised by-laws. He moved that the by-laws as adopted by the Court of Governors be now approved.

Bro. G. H. BROWN, P.S.G.W., seconded the motion, which was passed, and the Provincial Grand Master then signed the by-laws, a copy being presented to him.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in his address, thanked the brethren for their numerous attendance. He said he thought there was a good deal of ground for congratulation in regard to some of the events which had taken place during the year in connection with Freemasonry in Cheshire. He was glad to find that the books of the various lodges were well kept. The number of members had only increased by 37, the total number of subscribing Masons in the province being 2235, as against 2198 last year. Although there had been no large increase of members, there had been a thoroughly

Masonic spirit shown, and all the lodges had worked harmoniously. No complaint had been brought before him, but it had been brought to his knowledge that a case of dispute between Freemasons had been tried before a judge of assize. Fortunately the judge was himself a Mason, and had been an officer of the Grand Lodge of England, and he (the Prov. Grand Master) believed his lordship publicly expressed regret that the matter in dispute should not have been settled in the ordinary way among Masons by the elder brethren of the lodge, or by being brought before the Prov. Grand Master. He trusted that if any case of dispute should again occur, which he did not anticipate, the Masonic course would be pursued, and the matter brought before him, so that he might endeavour to settle it. It was a satisfaction to him to find that the revision of the by-laws of the Cheshire Educational Institution had been completed. He felt satisfied that the future management of the Institution, under the new regulations, would be satisfactory to the province. The Freemasons of Cheshire had a most creditable record of late years in carrying out the work, which he was glad to initiate for the improvement of their benevolent institutions, and they had responded to his appeal in a noble and generous manner. He trusted that the response to the calls of benevolence which he had laid before them would not be merely spasmodic, but continuous and consistent. As an example of what could be done, he pointed out that in 1866 his predecessor, the late Lord de Tabley, took the chair at the Festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £5500 was raised—a sum which he had no doubt was thought very respectable in those days. On a similar occasion in the present year, when he (Lord Egerton) presided, the urging of the claims of that Institution was answered by the magnificent sum of £20,598 being raised, of which Cheshire contributed over £2000. He felt sure that the number of members of the Order would increase more largely than it did if the advantages of Freemasonry were more widely known. Not only were there advantages arising from the goodfellowship which Freemasonry brought about, but there were distinct advantages in the matter of provision for the aged and infirm and the education of the young. It was not a fact that those benefits were not appreciated, because they had now three widows of Masons and one aged member receiving annuities, and they had before them petitions from two widows, whom they hoped to elect on to the London Charity Fund next year. He thought those facts showed that there were many cases of distress which it should be the duty of the brethren of the province to assist. Unfortunately they did not secure the election of a girl into the Girls' School last year. The case was a very deserving one, and he had no doubt they would be successful at the next election. They also hoped to secure the election of another girl who had been recommended by the Committee. In conclusion, the Provincial Grand Master referred to the losses the Fraternity in the province had suffered by death during the year.

Bro. H. BRATT, P.P.G.D.C., proposed, and Bro. L. BENTLEY, P.P.G. Registrar, seconded, the election of Bro. A. G. Peterkin, P.M. 428, as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and Bro. PETERKIN expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him.

Bro. J. McLEOD, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, thanked the brethren of Cheshire for the aid they had given to that Institution at the recent Festival over which Lord Egerton presided, by contributing the sum of £2000, and thus helping to bring the total to the fourth largest amount ever received. He also desired to tender his thanks to her Grace the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos for distributing the prizes to the boys of the School on the day preceding the festival.

The following brethren were appointed Auditors, on the motion of Bro. Col. DEAN, P.P.G.D., seconded by Bro. J. MILLS, P.S.G.D., viz.: Bros. T. H. Annett, P.P.G.T.; A. E. Coveney, P.M.; H. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Simm, P.P.G.T.; and D. F. Bird, P.P.A.G.S.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd	...	...	Dep. P.G.M.
" H. Pratt, 428	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. Shaw, 2496	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, 321	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. E. R. Johnson, 1289	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. G. Peterkin	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Fred May, 295	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Newhouse, 1045	...	...	Prov. A. G. Sec.
" A. J. Pearce, 1357	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" William Hardy, 336	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" William Peers, 721	...	...	Prov. S.G. of W.
" W. Hooper, 1505	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Bailey, 361	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" H. Warren, 1908	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" H. Gordon Small, 2368	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Martin Stones, 1045	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Thomas Moore, 428	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Wainwright, 1408	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Frank Reed, 89	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. E. Sharpe, 1276	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" D. S. Higson, 324	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. Forsdick, 293	...	...
" J. Stevens, 295	...	...
" J. Laithwood, 533	...	...
" J. Morland	...	...
" T. A. Jackson, 2375	...	...
" S. S. Mellor, 428	...	...
" J. H. Whiteley, 293	...	...
" W. A. Richards, 308	...	...
" Thomas Thorniley, 287	...	...
" H. Capes, 428	...	...
" J. Huxley	...	...

Charity jewels and bars were presented to several brethren.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that he would hold the next meeting at Macclesfield.

Bro. T. LOCKETT, P.P.G.D., assured his lordship that every provision would be made for the comfort of the brethren on that occasion.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was afterwards closed.

Subsequently there was a procession to the parish church, where a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. R. JOHNSON, P.G. Chaplain, and an offertory taken, which was divided between the Cheshire Masonic Charitable Institutions and the Northwich Victoria Infirmary.

In the evening there was a banquet at the Drill Hall.

JUBILEE OF LODGE ST. MARTIN, No. 510,
AT LISKEARD.

ADDRESS BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

The jubilee of the above lodge was celebrated on Monday evening, the 19th instant, the lodge having been consecrated on August 19th, 1845. An emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Hall early in the evening, and advantage was also taken of the gathering to make a presentation to Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., in recognition of his unwearied labours as Secretary during the past 23 years.

Among the large number of members present were—

Bros. W. Hammond, W.M.; Richard Faull, S.W.; A. E. Morcom, J.W.; T. White, P.M., Treas.; R. A. Courtney, P.M., Sec.; C. Mitchell, S.D.; E. Venning, P.M., Org.; J. Harris, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Wenmoth and C. Drummond Smith, Stwds.; J. Cleave, I.G.; R. Penwarden, Tyler; R. H. Williams, P.M.; W. Ridgman, P.M.; G. P. N. Glencross, P.M.; W. H. Stanton, P.M. (Mayor); W. H. Huddy, P.M.; John Lobb, P.M.; J. H. Philp, P.M. 557; the Rev. J. Norris, T. H. Andrew, J. H. Peters, W. H. Blackall, S. Gourd, W. H. Stone, J. Davis, H. Hancock, E. C. Chudleigh, J. S. Dingle, A. Hancock, J. Gilbert, T. J. Gill, G. Beswarrick, J. George, T. E. Moon, G. G. Morcom, W. Henwood, and J. Congdon. Visitors: Bros. Major Shanks, 330, P.P.G.W. Devon; B. F. Edyvean, 330, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Truscott, 496, P.P.J.G.W.; J. G. Henwood, P.M. 970, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Thomas, P.M. 189; F. E. Sach, P.M. 189; F. Mabin, 105; and J. Crossman, 970, P.P.A.G.D.C.

Letters regretting inability to attend were read from the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe (who has gone to Denmark as a member of the Royal Commission on Coast Communication), from Bro. Sir Henry Waring, of Plymouth, who said he was one of the brethren who was driven by Charles Knapman (now at Webb's Hotel) in a four-in-hand coach to attend the consecration of the lodge with other members of Lodge Brunswick; from Bro. Anderton, the P.G. Sec.; and others. Bro. Hughan sent an address to be read.

Before proceeding with the business, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he thought they ought to acknowledge the presence that evening of the sole surviving founder of the lodge, Bro. William Henwood, who was initiated in the Bodmin Lodge in 1839, and was one of those who signed the petition for the warrant of St. Martin's. He had not been able to attend lodge for many years, but was persuaded to be present on that the jubilee of his signature to the petition. The brethren had unanimously requested him to allow his photograph to be taken on behalf of the lodge, to add to those hanging in the lodge-room. The W.M. added that they were all very pleased to see him present, and he moved that the fact be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Bro. J. HARRIS seconded the motion, which was adopted.

Bro. HENWOOD acknowledged the compliment. He was delighted, he said, to be able to attend the jubilee meeting, and he hoped the next 50 years of the lodge would be as successful as the last.

Bro. COURTNEY, the Secretary, then reported, on behalf of the Trustees, that all payments had been made on account of the Building Fund, and that a deed of re-conveyance had been executed, so that the Masonic Hall was now, under the care of the Trustees, the property of the lodge free of debt. Bro. Courtney proceeded to read a long and interesting account of the history of the lodge. St. Martin's Lodge, so named after the patron saint of the Parish Church, was, he said, at the date of the granting of the warrant, numbered 750, and bears date the 5th March, 1845; but in 1863, when the lodges were re-numbered by Grand Lodge, it took the number 510. The warrant was granted on the petition of Edward Lyne, Simon Peter, Samuel Binney Serjeant, Wm. Henwood, Samuel Julian, Samuel Lang, Philip Lean, and others. Bros. Lyne, Peter, and Henwood were members of One and All Lodge, Bodmin, No. 330, whilst the other four belonged to Lodge Charity, No. 223 (Plymouth). Those worthy brethren, save one, had long since departed this life, but Bro. Henwood they rejoiced to see with them that evening. There is no record, nor could any brother say what led to the application for the warrant, but there was no doubt that several of the founders, especially Bros. Lyne and Peter, with Bro. Julian, at whose house the lodge was to be held, desired to establish a lodge in the town, which had then entered upon a state of prosperity and had an increasing population. The first meeting was held on the 20th May, 1845, when Bro. John M. Luckraft, P.M., No. 223, Charity (Plymouth), presided; five brethren were initiated, and Charles Buller, who had represented the borough in Parliament from 1832, was accepted as the first joining member. The first W.M. was Bro. Lyne, who was in practice at Liskeard as a solicitor, and was Master of One and All Lodge, Bodmin, in 1842, the S.W., Bro. Simon Peter, being his successor. The consecration of the lodge took place on Tuesday, August 19th, 1845, when the Provincial Grand Lodge met for the first time at Liskeard. The *Royal Cornwall Gazette* of August 22nd contained an account of the gathering, which stated, among other things, that Bro. Ellis, of Falmouth, P.G.S. and Past D.P.G.M., presided, in the absence of the P.G.M., and the forms peculiar to the establishment of a new lodge attracted a large number of brethren, and a "vast multitude" assembled in the streets to witness the procession to church. Previous to this, about nine o'clock, a band paraded the streets, the church bells ringing merrily, and at 10, "a splendid carriage from Devon, containing about 20 of the brethren of that province from Plymouth and Devonport, chiefly from Lodge Brunswick, entered the town, drawn by handsome greys, four in hand, with the coronet of the Grand Master of the province (Earl Fortescue), and the Masonic arms emblazoned on its panels and banners floating on the roof. The party alighted and partook of a champagne lunch at the residence of Edward Lyne, Esq., who was to be installed Master." The brethren afterwards walked in procession to church, where a learned and appropriate address was given by the P.G. Chaplain (Rev. H. Grylls, of St. Neot). The lodge was then held in the lodge room at the Fountain Inn, and subsequently about 80 brethren dined together at Webb's Hotel. On March 10th, 1846, the first minutes are recorded of a meeting of St. Martin's Mark Master Masons' Lodge, No. 750, but the present M.M.M. Lodge, No. 379, was not formally warranted till 1887. In 1847 a proposition was made in favour of forming a Royal Arch chapter, but the matter was allowed to lapse until December, 1863, and in the following year the present chapter was constituted, and has now a large roll of companions. Up to 1850 the lodge was held at the

Fountain Inn, when the brethren removed to a room in Bro. Lyne's office in Church-street, and subsequently to the London Inn (Bro. Channon's), where regular meetings were held for 21 years (1851-72). At the end of December, 1872, the lodge took possession of the present Masonic Hall, the site being purchased from the Devon and Cornwall Banking Company for £150. An appeal for the necessary funds was readily responded to, plans were prepared by Bro. John Paul, of Jordan Lodge, Torquay, and W. Bro. Lang erected the building, of which the foundation-stone was laid on August 27th, 1872, by W. Bro. Reginald Rogers, D.P.G.M. On December 11th, Bros. Lang, Coward, Courtney, Gerry, Chegwidan, Thorne, Beaglehole, Clogg, J. F. Childs, and Harris were appointed trustees; and on the 30th December (the Festival of St. John) the first meeting was held, at which Bro. White was installed W.M. Finally, on August 6th, 1873, immediately after his installation as Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe assembled the Prov. Grand Lodge at Liskeard, and, as his first official act, dedicated the hall to Masonry. The amount altogether spent on the Hall was £1171, part of which was raised on mortgage. The last instalment of £50 had that day been paid, and a re-conveyance of the premises made to the trustees, and the brethren of the lodge had now the satisfaction, on their Jubilee day, of occupying their Hall free of all charges and encumbrances. Bro. Courtney proceeded to describe the very considerable support given to the Masonic Charities by the lodge, chiefly during the past 20 years. Since 1872 they had subscribed over £600 to the Institution for Men and Women and the Boys' and Girls' Schools, receiving corresponding benefits, while the lodge had also attained the premier position in the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, and had regularly subscribed to the C.M.A. and B. Fund since its foundation. On one occasion, in the earlier days, the lodge assisted a brother who had lost three bullocks by the rinderpest, and also gave subscriptions to Hospitals, Palestine Exploration Fund, the Royal Lifeboat Institution, &c. In February, 1886, a Masonic library was formed, and many gifts had at different times been made to the lodge. During the 50 years they had had Masters whose names are held in the highest esteem, and had maintained a good standard of membership; 179 candidates had been initiated, and 44 members had "joined," there being now 76 members on the roll, the highest on record. He thought they might congratulate St. Martin's Lodge on its past career and present position, and wish it every success in the future; and when, he said, members yet unborn should celebrate the centenary of the lodge, might they look back on the records of that day, and say that the present and past members had maintained the honour and dignity of the lodge during the first 50 years of its existence. Bro. Courtney concluded by presenting the title-deeds of the Masonic Hall to the Master of the lodge (Bro. W. Hammond, P.M.).

A vote of thanks to the surviving trustees of the hall, Bros. Lang, Courtney, Chegwidan, Childs, and Harris, was unanimously passed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next moved—"That it be entered on the minutes that this lodge recognises the untiring energy of, and the truly Masonic work accomplished by, W. Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., and unanimously accords to him its best thanks on the completion of his work in handing over to the lodge the Masonic Hall free of debt, and trusts that he may live long to continue his 23 years' work as Secretary of 510." Bro. Hammond said he proposed that resolution, in the name of the lodge, in order to record their sense of the unwearied and invaluable services of Bro. Courtney, one of the best of Masons, mainly through whose efforts the lodge had attained its present high position. Bro. Courtney was initiated in 1868, and became W.M. in 1872, during which year nine brethren were initiated and four joined, being the largest increase in any year except that in which the lodge was founded. Since that date he had acted continuously as Secretary, and he (the speaker) trusted that for many years he would continue to guide, advise, and, if necessary, admonish his junior brethren. In Prov. Grand Lodge his worth had been recognised by the following offices: In 1873, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; 1874, Grand Director of Ceremonies, in which year the united lodges of Devon and Cornwall assembled at Plymouth to meet the M.W. the Grand Master on the opening of Plymouth Guildhall; in 1879, Senior Grand Deacon; and in 1890, Junior Grand Warden; while in 1875 he acted as Steward at the installation of the M.W.G.M. at the Albert Hall. In the Royal Arch Degree Bro. Courtney had also shown his excellent working as P. Prov. G.D.C., and had been a keystone to St. Martin's Chapter. To him was greatly due their present prosperity, the fact that their position on the Charities was second to none in the Province, the good working of the lodge, and that close fraternal feeling which should bind all the members together, making the motto of Cornwall the motto of the lodge—"One and All."

Bro. T. WHITE, Treasurer, the senior Past Master present, seconded the motion, and expressed the great pleasure he had felt in sitting side by side with Bro. Courtney during the last 21 years.

The vote was unanimously passed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then presented Bro. Courtney with a gold watch, suitably inscribed. Addressing Bro. Courtney, the W.M. said: W. Bro. Courtney, I as Master of St. Martin's, your mother lodge, and in the name of numerous brethren, both past and present, of this lodge (including the Prov. Grand Master), ask you to accept this gold watch, to be worn by you as a constant memento of their lasting regard and esteem. The W.M. also read the inscription engraved inside the case:—"1845. August 19th, 1895. Jubilee of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510. Presented to W. Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., Secretary for the past 23 years." The W.M. further mentioned that an illuminated address was in process of signature for presentation to Bro. Courtney, couched in the following terms: "St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, Liskeard, Cornwall. August 19th, 1845, to August 19th, 1895.—We, the undersigned, W.M., Past Masters, officers, and brethren of this lodge have, with the concurrence of our R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Dep. G. Master, presented a gold watch and this testimonial to W. Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.J.G.W. Cornwall, on this the Jubilee day of the lodge, as a small token of our fraternal regard and of the care and ability which he has ever shown during his 23 years in office as Secretary of No. 510. That he may live long to wear our token of affection is the constant prayer of—" and then followed the signatures.

The watch is a large and handsome English lever of the first quality, enclosed in a heavy 18-carat gold case. It is jewelled in 10 holes, adjusted for position, and compensated for temperature. The inscription appears on the dome, and on the back is engraved the monogram, "R.A.C." The engraving is very beautifully executed, and the watch altogether is a fine specimen of the horologist's art.

Bro. COURTNEY, in reply, said their kind expressions and flattering remarks, and the presentation of that watch in recognition of his humble

services, had placed him in an embarrassing position; and he could not adequately express his sense of the honour conferred upon him. He very sincerely thanked them. Both the present and the address would be highly valued, though he needed nothing to assure him of their regard. For 25 years he had been permitted to hold offices in that lodge, and he hoped he had endeavoured to discharge all of them with fervency and zeal.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.M. 131, P.S.G.D. of England, who had promised to deliver an address on the progress of the lodge during the past half-century, was unable to be present, but the W.M. read the following paper, which he had sent: "So many lodges in England have already been able to celebrate their centenaries that jubilee celebrations are not much in fashion. The manner in which St. Martin's Lodge is to commemorate the 50th year of its existence, however, is worthy of being followed by many of its contemporaries, for, to present to the Master and Wardens on behalf of the lodge the deeds of the Masonic Hall entirely free, and to be the proud possession of the members in perpetuity, is beyond question a truly Masonic form of commemoration, and a great credit to all concerned. The lodge was warranted 5th March, 1845, by the authority of the Right Hon. the second Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., and the parchment is duly signed by his lordship, as well as by the G. Sec., V.W. Bro. Wm. Hy. White. Lord Zetland was G.M. in my time, having acted in that honourable capacity from 1844-1870, and was Prov. G. Master of N. and E. Yorkshire for even a longer period. The Right Hon. the Earl Howe, who was Deputy G. Master in 1845, was Prov. G.M. Leicestershire 1856-1869. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., one of the G. Chaplains 1844-45, is, I believe, the only Grand Officer of that term whose name is still on the roll. The Grand Sec., Bro. W. H. White, was first appointed to that office to assist his father, Wm. White, in 1810, being sole Secretary from 1813 (save after the union for some years) until his resignation in 1856. His death occurred in 1866. St. Martin's is the ninth oldest of the existing lodges of Cornwall, and has long been noted for its steady adherence to the laws and customs of the Fraternity, both locally and generally. One of its best and truest friends, Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., has been its Secretary for nearly half the period of its existence, and I hope will be spared to serve at least the silver anniversary in that most useful office. As a Secretary he has no superior and few equals, and much of the prosperity of the lodge has been due to his unremitting attention and able management. The members may well be proud of the position which the lodge holds in the county for the high character of its work, the good social status of its brethren—(the present Mayor is my esteemed friend W. Bro. W. H. Stanton, P.M., other Past Masters having also honourably filled the civic chair)—and the satisfactory financial basis on which it rests, owning as it does the Masonic Hall, furniture, and other effects on the completion of its jubilee. Its support of the Provincial and Central Masonic Charities has long been most generous (as I know well from an experience of the lodge extending over 30 years), and I have never known the lodge to fail once in its duty, or decline to meet any fair demand on its funds. The prosperity of our beloved Fraternity has been most marked during the last 50 years. When No. 510 was warranted in 1845, there were nine lodges in Cornwall with some 500 members, and under Grand Lodge of England but 680 lodges or so. Now Cornwall has 30 active lodges returning 1771 members; and, notwithstanding that so many have left to form new Grand Lodges, the English Register still contains nearly 2100 lodges. Our Charities abound, over £250 a day being spent in England for their maintenance alone, and since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (our beloved Duke of Cornwall) became M.W.G.M., our danger arises from having too many members, the Craft being so popular that there is greater need than ever to guard portals, and admit only "good men and true." Fraternity, loyalty, and Charity are our watchwords; God grant that we may all become more worthy of our privileges."

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Public Rooms, Bro. J. Cleave, of the Stag Hotel, catering in his usual good style.

The W.M. gave the usual toasts.

Bros. EDYVEAN and TRUSCOTT responded for "The Prov. Grand Lodge," the former remarking that Bro. Courtney's name was known from one end of the county to the other for the services he had rendered to Masonry.

For "The Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodges," Bro. Major SHANKS said he had visited almost every lodge in the province, and he could safely say that in no other lodge had he derived greater pleasure and profit than in Lodge St. Martin. He did not wish to introduce politics, but certainly in that gathering they were "all for Courtney."

Bros. HENWOOD, CROSSMAN, SACH, THOMAS, and MABIN also acknowledged the toast.

The meeting was a great success, the W.M., Bro. Hammond, making an excellent president throughout.

BLACKBALLING.

The black ball should be used only for defence, never for offence. The fact that it is available for use should, in any well-regulated lodge, render it unnecessary to use it. There should be no necessity for blackballing if brethren rightly understood their obligations towards each other, towards the Craft, and towards society outside its portals. A Mason should respect the rights and feelings of others, as he expects his own to be respected. It is the privilege of every member of a lodge to propose for initiation or affiliation any man or brother, as the case may be, whom he honestly and conscientiously believes will reflect honour upon the choice. Upon the necessity for nice discrimination and careful consideration in the exercise of this right of proposal, we need not dwell. It is safe to assume that brethren fully recognise their responsibility. But no brother has a right to force upon the Craft, or upon a lodge, anyone whom other members deem objectionable. The proposal may be made in all good faith, but be made in ignorance of disqualifying circumstances within the knowledge of some other brother. The objection may be personal—a disinclination to associate with the proposed as a member of the same lodge, or radical, as based on reasons why the person proposed is not fit to be admitted to the inestimable privilege of brotherhood. In no ordinary case should the black ball be used as a primary means of exclusion. The objector should seek the Worshipful Master of his lodge, and under the sacred seal of confidence communicate to him the objection entertained. Then it rests with the Worshipful Master

to communicate with the sponsors of the candidate, informing them that objection is taken to their proposal, and affording them an opportunity of withdrawing it, always carefully guarding the identity of the objector. If the proposal is, after such an intimation, pressed to the ballot, the responsibility rests with those who so press it. The objecting brother has done his duty, and is free to use the black ball without compunction in defence of his just rights as a member of the lodge or of the Craft. Blackballing in a Masonic lodge involves a serious slur, which should not be cast on anyone, be he already a Mason or not, without the strongest reason, and every effort being made to avoid such an extreme step. The person proposed may be a most estimable man, one who, if not already a Mason, would do honour to the Craft, and yet there may be good reason why some member should object to his being forced to lodge association with him. Under such circumstances it would be a cruel abuse of privilege and power to use the black ball, when the same end can be attained by other means. And even if within the knowledge of the objector the candidate may not be a desirable person to be made a Mason, consideration is due to the feelings of the brethren who have proposed and seconded him in all good faith. It is a nasty rebuff for any member of a lodge to find the candidate for whose suitability he has vouched, summarily blackballed. The proposer and seconder in such a case have a right to feel aggrieved that an open slight has been cast upon them, and their recommendation been ignored without notice to them of the nature of the objection, that they might have an opportunity of withdrawing the proposal. Amongst a society of friends and brothers, such a thing should not be possible. It will not be possible if each member realises the nature of his Masonic obligations, and act upon the golden rule of doing as he would be done by. To use the black ball without notice or effort to avoid the need for its use, is to use a weapon of defence like an assassin's knife—to inflict a stab in the dark. As a matter of policy, it is bad for any lodge when blackballing takes place within its precincts. Many a once prosperous lodge dates its decadence from the improper use of the black ball. Members become unwilling to expose their friends to the slur of being blackballed, and themselves to the slight and discourtesy involved in such a refusal to accept their judgment, so that gradually proposals become few and far between, and probably each fresh case of blackballing without notice or reason leads to retirements from the lodge. Worshipful Masters of lodges should ever impress it upon members that the use of the black ball is only properly allowable as a last resource, to prevent an objectionable character being forced upon their association. In a well-regulated lodge, the members of which understand their privileges and their duties in a true Masonic spirit, such cases will, happily, be of very rare occurrence.—*New Zealand Craftsman.*

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

The annual meeting of the Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed Priory was held at Darlington under the banner of the St Cuthbert's Preceptory on Wednesday, the 21st instant. Considering that at this time of year so many are away on their holidays, there was a good attendance of sir knights.

The Provincial Prior, Sir Knight the Rev. Canon Tristram, and the Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, were received under an arch of steel.

The Prov. Priory being opened, the minutes of the last meeting, held at West Hartlepool, were read and confirmed.

The roll of preceptories was then called, when representatives of each communicated, and gave favourable reports of the state of their respective preceptories.

The PROVINCIAL PRIOR then gave a short address, and alluded to the great loss the province had recently sustained in the death of the venerable Sir Knight Hotham, a Past Sub-Prior of the province, and the oldest Knight Templar in the world.

The Prov. Treasurer's statement of accounts were presented, showing a good balance in hand both for the Prov. Priory and the Prov. Almoner.

The report being received and adopted, the Prov. Treasurer, Sir Knight Hans B. Olsen, was unanimously re-elected.

The Prov. Prior then re-appointed his officers as follows:

Sir Knight	Dr. Hill Drury, J.P., G. Std. Br.	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
"	Rev. C. Jackson, B.A.	...	Prov. Prelate.
"	C. S. Lane	...	Prov. Chancellor.
"	J. J. Forster	...	Prov. Constable.
"	C. H. Backhouse	...	Prov. Marshal.
"	H. B. Olsen	...	Prov. Treasurer.
"	E. Hudson	...	Prov. Registrar.
"	W. C. Bell	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
"	Rev. J. Walker	...	Prov. Chaplain.
"	H. Lamb	...	Prov. Almoner.
"	Rev. R. Coulton	...	Prov. Herald.
"	H. Warwick	...	Prov. Banner Bearer.
"	J. Robinson	...	Prov. Aide-de-Camp.
"	J. A. S. Scott	...	Prov. Capt. of Guard.
"	W. C. Barron	...	Prov. Swd. Br.
"	C. Biddlecome	...	Prov. Organist.

The Prov. Priory was then closed.

Afterwards the sir knights met at the Meece, where, under the genial presidency of the Canon, dinner was served, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON (Bro. Sir Joseph Renals) having notified Baron de Courcel, the French Ambassador in London, that he would have much pleasure in accepting an invitation to visit the Bordeaux Exhibition and that on his way through Paris he should be glad to pay his respects to the President of the French Republic, has been informed in reply that the French Government will regard his lordship's visit with the utmost satisfaction, and that he will be received at the Elysée. It is expected that after a short stay in Paris, his lordship will go on to Bordeaux and remain there from the 5th to the 10th prox.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

From the paper of Agenda which appears in another column, it will be seen there is no very important business to occupy the attention of Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, the 4th prox. The Colonial Board reports that 12 of the lodges in the District of Canterbury, New Zealand, which had seceded from the Grand Lodge of England and joined the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, had been struck off the roll, the warrants having been duly returned to the District Grand Master; and that the

warrant of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, Constantinople, has been returned to Grand Lodge, a letter having been received from the late W.M. to the effect that the lodge was finally closed in February, 1894, with the consent of the members, who were unable to carry on the lodge any longer.

There is also a notice of motion by Bro.-W. Woodward, P.M. No. 1920, relative to the contribution by the Freemasons of this country towards the Decoration Fund of St. Paul's Cathedral of a sum sufficient for that of the cupola and transepts. We have already expressed a favourable opinion of the scheme propounded by Bro. Woodward, and to that opinion we still adhere. If precedents are needed for such a contribution, they will be found in the assistance rendered by the Freemasons of Gloucestershire towards the restoration of Gloucester Cathedral; of those of Northamptonshire towards that of Peterborough Cathedral; and of the Hertfordshire and other brethren towards that of St. Alban's Cathedral. What was done in these cases might be done in the case of our great Metropolitan Cathedral, more especially as, though there is no absolute proof, there is a moral certainty that Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's, was a member of our Society.

The list of new lodges for which warrants have been granted by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master since the June Quarterly Communication is an unusually long one. Four of them—the National Artillery, No. 2578; the Lewisham, No. 2579; the Crouch End, No. 2580, and the Empress, No. 2581—are located in the Metropolitan District, and five in the Provinces, namely, the Delavel, No. 2568, and the Holmes, No. 2571, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the Province of Northumberland; the St. Trillo, No. 2569, at Colwyn Bay, Province of North Wales; the Llewellyn, No. 2570, Cardiff, Province of South Wales (E.D.), and the Tyldesley, Lodge, No. 2592, at Tyldesley, Province of West Lancashire. There are also seven located abroad, namely, the Bulwayo, No. 2566, at the town of the same name, in Matabeleland and the Wynberg, No. 2577, meeting in the town bearing that name, in South Africa; the Acacia, No. 2567, Meikela, and the Fairclough, No. 2575, Mandalay, in the District of Burma; the Coorg, No. 2576, Coorg, in the District of Madras; the Corinthian, No. 2573, Childers, in the District of Queensland and the Southern Cross, No. 2574, at Southern Cross, in the District of Western Australia. These make up a total of 16, all told.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 3rd prox., but the business to be transacted is not of a very formidable character. According to the Report of the General Board, which will be submitted, as usual, 283 Mark and 78 Royal Ark Mariner certificates were issued during the quarter ended the 30th June last, while warrants for one new Mark Lodge—the Star of Bethlehem, No. 486, Bethlehem, Orange Free State, to be attached to the District of Natal—and one Royal Ark Mariner Lodge—the Abbey, to be attached to the Abbey Mark Lodge, No. 225—have been granted, while Bro. the Earl of Onslow has been appointed Prov. G. Mark Master of Surrey in succession to the late Bro. Col. Gerald N. Money, C.B. We notice also that Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, has been re-appointed Prov. Grand Mark Master of Middlesex for a further term of three years. Two Mark warrants and one Royal Ark Mariner have been returned, namely, those of Economy, No. 52, and Finnemore, No. 358 (Mark), and Finnemore, No. 358 (Royal Ark Mariner).

We mentioned in one of our Notes last week that the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire had decided in the case of a brother who had remained an E.A. for several years and then desired to be advanced to the higher Degrees that before acceding to his wish inquiries should be made as to whether or not he was in the same position as at his initiation, and also if his character and moral standing were such as to render his further advancement desirable. The *Voice of Masonry* mentions a case in which a brother was initiated in a lodge at Oroville, in California, in 1861. Owing to his wife's opposition he forbore to seek further advancement. But his wife died, and something having happened to remind him of his old connection with Masonry, he made the necessary application to his lodge, and on the 2nd July last was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Thus about 34 years elapsed between the date of his initiation and of his becoming a full fledged M.M. Cases of this kind are by no means of very frequent occurrence.

There is a passage in the address delivered by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, at the recent annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, which, if correctly reported, is liable to very serious misinterpretation. The passage is as follows: "He felt sure that the number of members of the Order would increase more largely than it did if the advantages of Freemasonry were more widely known. Not only were there advantages arising from the good fellowship which Freemasonry brought about, but there were distinct advantages in the matter of provision for the aged and infirm and the education of the young."

If this passage has been correctly reported, we have no alternative but to assume that his lordship did not express what he intended to say with his usual perspicuity. All Masons, even the youngest amongst us, know full well that every candidate pledges himself upon his honour that he is influenced in his desire to obtain the mysteries and privileges of our Order by no mercenary or other unworthy motive. But if the words we have quoted have any meaning at all they mean this—that more men would join our Order if only they knew the advantages they would gain by joining it, the advantages specifically mentioned by his lordship being "the provision for the aged and infirm and the education of the young."

This is so obvious that we imagine there must have been *hiatus valde deflendus* in the reporter's notes and that what his lordship did say was somewhat to this effect—that more men would join our Order if only they knew that in addition to the advantages they would derive "from the good fellowship which Freemasonry brought about," they would enjoy the further advantage of being privileged to support our Institutions "for the aged and infirm and the education of the young." We consider the context justifies us in this assumption, for his lordship, after mentioning certain facts in connection with the benefits derived from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by the Province in return for their numerous contributions, went on to say that "he thought those facts showed that there were many cases of distress which it should be the duty of the Province to assist."

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held in the Town Hall, Bootle, on Friday, the 20th September. We understand that in addition to the usual business, proposals will be brought forward for granting substantial donations to the three Provincial Institutions—the Educational, the Hamer, and the Alpass.

The paragraph we quoted last week from the *Chicago Legal News* that Bro. T. S. Parvin, Past G. Master, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, had met and sat in the same lodge in the City of Mexico with his son, Bro. T. W. Parvin, and his son's wife, Mrs. T. W. Parvin, the latter being at the time W.M. of the lodge, inclines us to ask the very pertinent question—Will those Grand Lodges which have recognised the Grand Lodge of Mexico and exchanged representatives with it continue their relations with it as heretofore? It is clear the latter has violated the laws of the Craft by admitting women as members, and by so doing has forfeited its Masonic status. We shall wait with no small amount of curiosity to learn what will happen.

It appears from the summary of the proceedings, contained in the "Masonic Gleanings" of the *Voice of Masonry* for the present month, at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia in the late autumn of 1894 that considerable progress was made during that year. Charters for 10 new lodges were granted, and three lodges under dispensation were continued. Two charters, however, were forfeited, though the causes of forfeiture are not stated. According to the statistical returns the number of lodges on the roll is given as 398, and the number of subscribing members as 16,664. Bro. Andrew M. Wolihin remains at his post of Grand Secretary, but the newly-elected Grand Master is Bro. John P. Shannon, whose immediate predecessor, Bro. John S. Davidson, died during his term of office.

Comp. the Rev. C. H. Briggs, D.D., G.H.P., presided at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, which was held in St. Louis on the 26th April last, and there was present a large attendance of Grand and Past Grand Officers, as well as the representatives of 56 chapters. The proceedings appear to have been generally of local interest, but we note that upwards of 2000 dollars have been contributed by the chapters in the jurisdiction towards the Masonic Home and Sanatorium. Comp. A. Haynie was elected G.H.P. for the ensuing year, while Comp. W. H. Mayo retains his office of Grand Secretary. The number of chapters on the roll is 95 with an aggregate membership of 6485.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

BOARDS OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am excessively obliged to you for devoting so much of your last issue to my humble self, in connection with the old-established ceremony of opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters. I must, however, demur most emphatically to your insinuation that any method of working an installation ceremony is my own; nor do I claim to be "the accepted authority on ritual in this country," nor any other country, as you unwarrantably assert.

Suffice it to say that the ceremony which you so strongly oppose has been worked in England for at least the whole of the present century, and has never been declared "irregular" by Grand Lodge. On the other hand, if successive Grand Secretaries, who are London Masons necessarily, and as a consequence thick and thin advocates of the Emulation working, like to condemn the opening and closing ceremony of a Board of Installed Masters, it is entirely their own business, and can have no effect on Installing Masters in the country lodges, brethren who, no doubt, to quote your own words, duly appreciate Grand Lodge in its being "prepared to show respect for established usage."

You advise me to carefully study Bro. Sadler's "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation." I did so when the book was published, and thought then, as I do now, that the author's conclusions as to the origin of the ceremony in question were and are mere assumptions; while, much as I value Bro. Sadler's herculean labours and his natural abilities as a Masonic student, he will, I think, be ready to admit that his most interesting compilation is written from a purely Emulation point of view, and for the especial delectation of Emulation enthusiasts.

It may interest you to know that, many years since, when the guest of the late Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., in the Lake District, this very subject cropped up, and he gave it to me as his opinion that the ceremony belonged to the "Ancients," who installed their Masters in a very complete way, whereas the "Moderns," up to the first or second decade of the present century, practically had no installation ceremony, but simply and formally placed their Masters in the chairs, as was the custom in Scotland up to a very few years ago. I can add to this, that an old Past Master, about the same time as the foregoing incident, assured me that he had been told, in his younger days, by an eighteenth century Mason, that the ceremony was very common in the North of England.

Is it not possible that Bro. Sadler might ferret out the truth or otherwise of these assumptions, by searching the records of the Atholl Grand Lodge? And, by the way, there was a most interesting discussion on the point in the *Freemason* some 15 or 16 years ago.

As to the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Victoria on the subject at issue, it is as well to explain that the ceremony of opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters practically stands where it did. That is to say, the ceremony has not been prohibited in that territory; the Grand Lodge merely deprecates the practice, which makes all the difference.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

August 24th.

Reviews.

"THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF LINCOLNSHIRE, 1895-96."—Though small compared with many of the provincial Masonic annuals, it is so well arranged that much valuable information is compressed within the 34 pages of this ably edited directory, compiled by Bro. B. Vickers, Prov. G. Secretary, assisted by Bro. William Dixon, the Honorary Librarian of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Being published at a later date than many, the calendar contains the Grand Officers of England (Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter) for April and May, 1895, as well as the roll of officers for the Prov. Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. Grand Master. There are 24 lodges in the Province, eight Royal Arch chapters, and eight Mark lodges. There were 12 more lodges meeting in the county, dating from 1726-30, of which a list is given, but full particulars as to these and all other matters appertaining to the province, whether Craft, Arch, or any other Degrees, as also the Charities, &c., may be obtained by consulting Bro. Wm. Dixon's "History of Freemasonry in Lincolnshire," published at half a guinea. This large work is one of the best of the kind ever published, and moreover has an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, &c., who has made a special study of such works, and speaks very highly of this handsome volume, which treats of the progress of the Craft for over a century and a half. The early minutes are of a most valuable character.

THE RECENT BURGLARY AT BROS. GEORGE KENNING AND SON'S WEST-END BRANCH IN GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.

We briefly notified the fact last week that a burglary was successfully committed on these premises some time during the small hours of Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, the 21st and 22nd instants, respectively. The premises were secured as usual on the Wednesday evening, and the resident manager of the Jewellery Department, before retiring to rest, made his customary round of inspection, and found everything safe and in order. Nor was he in any way disturbed during the night. But on descending into the shop between 6 and 7 a.m., he found sundry of the jewel trays and cases had been moved from the counter, while the glass shades and contents of others were on the floor or in other parts of the shop. A further examination showed that an entrance had been effected at the rear of the premises in Parker-street by removing the panel of a window. This gave the burglars access to the machine room, whence they made their way through the composing room into the shop. Here it is evident they must have at once set about appropriating whatever was worth carrying off. Four trays filled with rings and other jewellery were found to have been emptied of their contents, while a large case was moved into the machine room and similarly rifled. Apparently they must have been in some way disturbed in the course of their operations, there being another large case which bears marks showing that attempts had been made to force it open, while in yet another instance the glass shade which covered a valuable set of solid silver-gilt consecrating vessels had been placed on the ground, while the vessels themselves were fortunately left intact, the burglars being doubtless under the impression that as another receptacle in the case which they tested was brass, the others were made of the same metal. The thieves must have gone about their work deliberately, as there was plenty of evidence on the jewel cases and elsewhere that they had with them lighted candles.

It will be seen from the list of articles taken that the loss to Bros. George Kenning and Son is very considerable, and must amount to between £600 and £700. Indeed, it does not need to be an expert in the trade to realise that when gold and silver-gilt jewels, ranging from two guineas to 10 guineas, gold rings, gold and silver-gilt charms, gold and silver jewels, are carried off by twenties, forties, fifties, and the hundred, the mere intrinsic value, to say nothing of the labour bestowed upon them, will soon foot up to such an amount.

We may add, that immediately on discovering what had happened, the manager placed himself in communication with the police, but as yet the latter have been able to discover no trace either of the goods or the burglars.

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6	" 100 gold charms	Various Masonic designs.
7	" 50 silver gilt charms	Various Masonic designs.
8	" 8 sets gold studs	Engraved various Masonic designs, some enamelled.
9	" pair gold solitaires	Engraved square and compass.
10	" 100 jewels, gold and silver	Various Masonic designs (all stamped G.K. at back).
11	" 10 sets of silver levels and tassels	All stamped G.K.
12	" 10 gold pins and charms	Various Masonic designs.
13	" large silver square and compasses	Stamped G.K.
14	" 20 silver-gilt founders' jewels	Stamped G.K.
15	" silver medal	Monogram N.N.L.P.S. thereon.
16	" Jewels—1 bronze medal	Monogram N.N.L.P.S. thereon.
17	" Jewels—silver oblong medal	Arms of the Weavers' Company engraved thereon.
18	" Jewels—gold Past Masters	Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, in enamel, thereon.
19	Medals—1 small round silver athletic club	C.C.M. thereon.

FORMATION OF FIRST LODGE IN MANITOBA.

At the recent session of Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Grand Master Tweed presented the following letter which he had received from Sir John E. Schultz, Lieut.-Governor, relating to the formation of the first lodge in the province:

"With reference to your enquiries regarding the lodge of Freemasons, first established here, of which I was the W.M., I had hoped to have found time enough to have searched out for you among some very old papers packed away in boxes, the dispensation under which the lodge in question worked. As you are aware, there was at that time no political or other connection in Canada, and power could only then be obtained from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and to which application was made in the spring of 1864. This application was supported by a lodge working under the dispensation of the Grand Lodge in question, having been established at Pembina, and was maintained during the time Hache's battalion remained at that point. As there were not here a sufficient number of Freemasons to make the necessary application, several of those who joined with me in doing so at first had to be made Masons at Pembina Lodge, and among those were Messrs. A. G. B. Bannatyne, W. B. Hall, of Headingly; Wm. Inkster, of St. John's, and one or two others who went to Pembina for that purpose in March, 1864. These gentlemen joined with Mr. Curtis, of Sturgeon Creek, afterwards of Portage la Prairie, and who, like myself, had been a Mason elsewhere, and myself applied with others for the dispensation, which we obtained, and it is fair to notice in this connection the good offices of Capt. C. Nash, Quartermaster of Hache's battalion, and his brother, Mr. W. Nash, who were both St. Paul Masons, in persuading Mr. Pearson, then Grand Master of Minnesota, that notwithstanding the difference of political boundary, it would be, as Masonry knew no political barriers, proper for the Grand Lodge to assent to the request of the Fort Garry Masons. On receipt of the dispensation authorising the formation of Northern Light Lodge (which I hope yet to be able to find, and send to you for such disposal as a matter of record, as you may deem fit), a room was arranged as a lodge over the trading house of Mr. A. G. B. Bannatyne, and a novelty it was indeed in this country at that time. It was spoken of far and wide, and the descriptions, which did not decrease in detail, or increase in accuracy as to what was done therein, were listened to with much curiosity, and in some cases with awesome wonder, which was enhanced by the jocoseness of Mr. Bannatyne's clerks, who spoke knowingly of the whereabouts and propulsive propensities of the goat, and who pointed out from the room below, to wit, the trading house, exactly in what part of the upstairs room the W.M. hung up his hat while the lodge was at work. The lodge room itself was made as tasteful as the circumstances of that day would admit, and it may interest the curious to know the exact cost of some of its furniture as given in a memorandum which I happen to have near me. . . . The jewels were borrowed ones from the Pembina Lodge, used till the following January, the lodge having commenced work in November, 1864, when these were replaced by fine ones procured from Chicago, through the good offices of N. W. Kitson. Among those who were enrolled as Apprentices and raised to the Degree of Master Mason were the following: Rev. Mr. Taylor, of St. James; Rev. Mr. Smith, of St. John's; Mr. Hector McKenzie, an Arctic voyageur; Mr. Thomas Bunn, Dr. Curtis, J. Bird, Mr. Wm. Caldwell, Ven. Archdeacon Hunter, Chief Factor W. MacMurry, Mr. Macdonald, and Mr. Davis, of the Hudson's Bay Company, and Mr. Morgan, of Headingly, and of these who served as officers of the lodge at various times were A. G. B. Bannatyne and Wm. Inkster, as Senior Wardens; W. B. Hall and Mr. Curtis, as Junior Wardens; and Mr. Morgan, Tyler, and the Chaplaincy was occupied by the rev. members in succession. Again promising to hand you as soon as I can find them all the records of the lodge, and trusting that your present meeting may be a pleasant and successful one."—*Canadian Craftsman*.

THE DIAMOND.

From sandy streams in India's clime,
A pebble oft is brought,
Which, valueless to trivial sight,
The practised eye has sought.
Unpolished, rough its outward form,
Yet, from the matrix there,
The diamond is brought to light
By lapidary's care!
Radiant as Beauty's face unveiled,
Worthy her diadem,
Like dew drops from the heavens distilled,
Condensed into a gem.
Such is the Christian—he whom men
Would pass unheeded by,
And lightly scorn the precious gem
Concealed from human eye.
But God His jewels can perceive,
Though wrapt in rudest guise;
And place them, freed from earthly dross,
Resplendent in the skies!

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M.

62, Lancaster Road, Notting Hill, W.

MASONIC CHURCH SERVICE AT KNOTTY ASH.

The second annual Masonic service under the auspices of the Bootle Wilbraham Lodge, No. 2463, will take place at St. John the Evangelist Church, Knotty Ash, on the afternoon of Sunday, the 8th prox., when the offertory will be devoted to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. Frank Powell, M.A., vicar, Chaplain of the above-named lodge. The patronage of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M., and other influential brethren has been readily accorded to the scheme, and a strong Committee (of which Bro. W. T. Oversby, W.M. 2463, is chairman, and Bro. W. Rawsthorne, P.M., is Secretary), has been formed for the purpose of making arrangements in connection with what promises to be an imposing Masonic gathering.

At a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 23rd inst., satisfactory reports were given as to the progress of the arrangements for the church festival, which are now nearly completed. Miss Thompson has kindly granted the use of the Village Hall, Knotty Ash, for the assembly of the brethren, and several lodges will allow their banners to be employed for the purpose of decorating the interior of the church.

The brethren meet at three o'clock, and for their conveyance to Knotty Ash a special train leaves the Central Station at 2.20 p.m., while an extra number of tram cars will start from the Pierhead to Old Swan every two minutes from two to 2.30 p.m.

WELL DONE.

We know of one woman at least who is to-day congratulating herself that she is the wife of a Mason, says the *Masonic Record*. She arrived in St. Paul, Minn., one day last month on one of the overland trains from the West en route to the South, to visit her parents. Aboard the train she was robbed of her valuables, transportation money, &c., and arrived at the Union Depot in a delicate and penniless condition—a stranger in a strange city, without money or friends—no, not without friends, for Bro. Frank Ribler—great big-hearted Frank—who is Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge, met her, and noticing her evident distress, inquired the cause. She informed him of her loss, and told him her husband was a Mason and a member of a certain lodge in Montana, Frank immediately wired the Secretary of the lodge and a reply came that the woman's story was true, but that her husband was out of town, and his whereabouts unknown. Bro. Ribler, however, took her under his protecting wing, bought her a ticket to her home in the South, provided her with money necessary for the trip, and saw her safely started on her journey. In the course of a couple of weeks he received a draft from the woman's husband reimbursing him for his outlay, and thanking him for his courtesy. If this is not Masonic Charity we do not know what the word means.—*Masonic Review*.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF THE YORK MARK LODGE, No. 483, AT JUBBULPORE.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Jubbulpore, C.P., India, on Monday, July 15th. The interesting ceremony was performed by Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise, P.G.D., D.D.G.M. Bombay, assisted by Bros. A. Paxton, D.D.G.M. Bengal; Dr. H. L. Batliwalla, P.D.J.G.W. Bombay; E. R. Dale; and Surgeon-Captain W. H. E. Wade.

The D.D.G.M. assumed the chair, and, having appointed his officers *pro tem.*, opened the lodge. He then addressed the brethren on the object of the meeting, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on such an important occasion—a pleasure which, he was sure, was also felt by Bro. Dr. Batliwalla, who had accompanied him from Bombay. He said he knew the D.G.M., Bro. the Hon. H. J. Parsons, was desirous of being with them and performing the important duty himself, but as the High Court was sitting, it was impossible for him to get away. He (Bro. Wise) felt very pleased that, in the absence of the D.G.M., the duty of assisting to add a new lodge to the roll of Mark lodges in the District of Bombay had devolved upon him.

The petition and warrant were read, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the ceremony was pro-

ceeded with, and the new lodge solemnly dedicated and constituted in accordance with ancient custom.

Bro. Major Thomas Hamilton, W.M. designate, was then duly installed into the chair by Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise, D.D.G.M., and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. D. Walbach, S.W.; E. R. Dale, J.W.; Surgeon-Captain W. H. E. Wade, M.O. and Treas.; J. Christie, S.O.; W. Clarke, J.O.; C. O'Driscoll, Sec.; A. J. Reid, S.D.; A. Barratt, J.D.; and J. Coad, I.G.

Bro. Wise gave the address to the W.M., and Bro. BATIOWALLA the addresses to the Wardens, Overseers, and brethren.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER expressed his thanks to the Consecrating Officers for coming such a long distance to perform the ceremony; and, on the motion of the S.W., they were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and each returned thanks in appropriate terms.

A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Dale, J.W., for the many presents he had made to the new lodge, was carried unanimously, and the same to Bro. Clarke, J.O., for the work he had done in preparing the lodge and banquet-rooms for the occasion.

The appointment of a Permanent Committee and propositions for several candidates terminated the proceedings, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served in the dining room adjoining the hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The proceedings were enlivened by the band of the Royal Irish Regiment, which played a nice selection of music during the dinner, and the party did not break up until a late hour, when the brethren accompanied the D.D.G.M. to the railway station to bid him farewell on his return to Bombay by the Calcutta mail.

Craft Masonry.

Industry Lodge, No. 48.

The regular monthly meeting of this thriving lodge was held on Monday evening, the 26th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Gateshead, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Adam Dodds, who was supported and assisted by Bros. W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; W. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; J. T. Stark, S.W. 1676, as S.W.; H. Jackson, J.W.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., as Sec.; T. Chegwidan, S.D.; W. Holzapfel, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; J. T. Pragnell, Stwd.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler; G. S. Boote, Wm. Towers, R. Surtees, W. E. Peacock, A. W. Blacklock, T. W. Dickinson, J. J. Pattinson, J. Lightbown, W. L. Young, R. Forsyth, C. G. Nichols, J. Charlton, J. Carr, Geo. Humble, W. Gillespie, J. A. Morris, A. Dodds, J. Denwood, T. Cash, and others. There was a capital muster of visiting brethren, including Bros. W. Anderson, W.M. 1342; G. Ayling, S.W. 1342; J. S. Roy, W.M. 1643; J. Munro, I.P.M. 1643; J. Waters, Stwd. 1643; H. H. Arnott, 1643; Isaac Taylor, 1342; J. Adamson, S.W. 424; R. Robinson, 424; J. J. Clegg, S.D. 1643; J. Rigby, W.M. 119; and many others.

Mr. Wm. Core, previously balloted for, being in attendance, was initiated by the W.M., Bro. Adam Dodds. The working tools and the charge incidental to the Degree were given by the J.W., Bro. H. Jackson, after which Bro. W. Brown, P.M., explained the tracing board applicable to the ceremony. Bros. J. A. Morris, J. Denwood, T. W. Dickinson, W. Laws, and J. J. Pattinson were passed in the Second Degree as F.C.s by Bro. W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treasurer. Three propositions were made, and after other business and the good wishes of the visitors, the proceedings terminated and an adjournment took place to the refreshment board.

John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the usual meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. J. R. Reep presided. The attendance, considering the time of the year, was a large one, including as it did several visitors. The business, which was ably carried through, consisted of raising Bro. Sommerfield, and also by special request of the W.M. Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, Bro. Goodwin, a member of that lodge, who is about leaving this country for Japan, to the Third Degree, and of initiating Mr. William C. Hall into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The Wardens' chairs, during both the ceremonies and throughout the evening, were filled by Past Masters, of whom no less than six evinced their interest in the proceedings by being present, though like the Wardens, resident at the seaside and elsewhere for vacation purposes. The business concluded with two important alterations in the by-laws of the lodge, both of which were carried. The lodge was then closed.

The following day, Thursday, the 15th inst., the customary summer outing of the lodge was held, the route chosen being a river trip from Windsor to Hampton Court. Punctually at 10.50 a.m. the brethren and their Masonic visitors, 33 in the aggregate, left Waterloo in specially reserved first-class saloon carriages, and reached Windsor at 12 o'clock. Here Messrs. Immesh and Co's splendid electric launch, Viscountess Bury, received the party on board, and a most agreeable run down the river was made, the weather being perfect, and Old Thames putting on his usual festive look, especially at Staines, where the regatta was in full progress, as the yacht slowly passed down stream. Hampton Court was reached about five o'clock, and here a move was made under the direction of the W.M., to the River Garden, where a group of the brethren and other visitors was formed, Bro. Potter, P.M., being present with his camera (as on many previous occasions) to photograph the party, so as, later on, to offer each one with an interesting memento of the trip in the shape of a copy of the negative. At six o'clock the brethren (at this time numbering 36) sat down to a *recherche* banquet at the Mitre Hotel, Bro. Sadler appearing to have lost none of his cunning as a *chef* and host, but almost to have surpassed himself, the viands and wines being of the choicest quality, and the waiting excellent.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, after which "The Healths of the Initiate and Visitors" were proposed and briefly responded to, as time was getting short and moving swiftly by.

The return journey was made by the 8.50 train, landing the brethren at Waterloo at 9.30, after having passed a most enjoyable day, without a single hitch or incident to mar the happiness and comfort of all who were able to attend.

Obedience Lodge, No. 1753.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the lodge room at the White Hart Hotel, Okehampton, on Monday, the 28th inst., when Bro. William Palmer Moon, J.W., was installed in the chair in succession to Bro. Charles Piper. Bro. Wm. A. Gregory, P.M. 1254, P.P.G. Treas., who has for so many years installed the Masters of the lodge, again performing that duty. The brethren present numbered 60, the Board of Installed Masters consisting of Bros. S. Jones, P.M. 112, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Yeo, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. C. Pierce, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. Truscott, P.M. 1254, P.P.G. Reg.; Charles Piper, I.P.M.; H. Pratt, P.M. 106; W. H. Rowe, P.M.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.T., P.G.D.C.; J. Wonnacott, P.M.; J. Reddaway, P.M.; J. P. Chapman, W.M. 282; A. Hope, I.P.M. 39; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025, P.P.G.S.B.; John Leonard, P.M. 202, P.P.G.D.C.; P. Hannaford, W.M. 223; W. H. Dillon, P.M. 1099; W. Allesford, P.P.G.T.; and George Dunsterville, P.M. 189. There were also present Bros. W. P. Moon, J.W., W.M. elect; Geo. J. Gibson, Asst. Sec.; W. P. Perkins, S.D.; T. Edwards, J.D.; W. L. Palmer, I.G.; A. R. Bray, Stwd.; Rev. G. Reed Lucas, Rev. T. Ward Brown, W. H. Cornish, A. Amand, A. J. Verdi, W. Pollard, Jas. Ellis, T. K. Bickell, J. D. Johnstone, J.W. 282; F. Newcombe, 39; J. E. Boon, 1254; D. McLeod and T. R. Fry, Stwds. 1284; C. H. Ball, Stwd. 223; T. Rowe, S.W.; J. Wellington, J.W., F. J. Helmore, D.C., and A. E. Churcher, all of 1332; W. Bedford, J.W. 1831; G. Luscombe, 39; T. O. Latimer, 1284; F. J. Prout, J.D. 70; T. A. Sale, A.D.C. 1254; A. G. Burridge, 39; T. H. Bannister, 1436; J. Banks, Sec. 1332; W. Nicholas, S.W. 2337; and M. Hicks, 282.

Much regret was expressed at the prolonged illness of Bro. J. W. Reed, S.W., and a resolution of sympathy with him that this cause had, at his own request, prevented his becoming W.M., was passed. Hearty wishes were expressed for his restoration to health. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. C. Piper, I.P.M.; W. E. Perkin, S.W.; F. Edwards, J.W.; J. Powlesland, Chap.; W. Yeo, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., Treas.; Rev. G. Reed Lucas, Reg.; G. J. Gibson, Sec.; A. J. Verdi, S.D.; Rev. T. Ward Brown, J.D.; W. Palmer, I.G.; J. C. Pierce, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Org.; A. R. Bray, D.C.; W. Pollard, A.D.C.; H. Rowe and V. A. Amand, Stewards; and J. Coombe, Tyler.

The brethren, to the number of 55, afterwards attended the installation banquet in the Assembly Room of the hotel, Bro. John Verdi providing a *recherche* repast, including all the delicacies of the season, and reflecting much credit upon the resources of the hotel.

The newly-installed Master, Bro. Moon, presided, and the toasts were—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W.P.G.M. of Devon, Viscount Ebrington; the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. G. C. Davie; and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past;" "The W.M., Bro. W. P. Moon;" "The Installing Master, W. Bro. W. A. Gregory, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.;" "The Past Masters of the Lodge;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Visiting Brethren and Success to Sister Lodges;" and "The Wardens and other Officers."

Bro. J. C. Pierce, P.P.A.G.D.C., Org., presided at the organ during the ceremony, and Bro. G. Luscombe, 39, at the piano, and some capital songs and glees were rendered by various brethren.

Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, when there were present Bros. H. Monson, W.M.; O. Newmann, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; T. Wilson, D.C.; T. J. Phillips, I.G.; T. J. Patrick, Stwd.; H. Evenden, Tyler; H. Ramsbottom, C. G. Ridgway, Sillitoe, A. A. Hunt, Frith, Wright, Elvin, Greening, Passenger, Bennett, Kobert, Mendelssohn, Cryer, Roberts, and Willis. Visitors: Bros. M. Mendelssohn, P.M. 212; W. T. Winsor, W.M. 1950; G. Angold, S.D. 212; J. Bailey, 948; and F. Grosvenor, 185.

Lodge having been opened, Bros. Passenger, Wright, and Frith were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. Sillitoe, Elvin, and Greening were passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Cryer, Kobert, and Mendelssohn, which proving unanimous in each case, they were duly initiated.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Olive, W.M.; M. Matthews' S.W.; White, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Thomas, S.D.; Royle' J.D.; Goonertine, I.G.; Nichols, and Fleming.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Goonertine, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Royle, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Marriott-Matthews was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. H. Weston, W.M.; D. Baker, S.W.; E. Lewis, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Jabez Mason, Sec.; G. Drewell, S.D.; H. Mills, J.D.; H. Roberts, I.G.; J. Thom, P.M.; Johnson, and Dickson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The 3rd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being the candidate. Bro. Dickson answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when Bro. Baker, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., W.M.; A. J. Turner, S.W.; A. F. Taylor, J.W.; George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; M. Moss, J.D.; Charles Ortnier, I.G.; C. G. Hatt, P.M.; W. Hillier, P.M.; H. G. Danby, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; J. H. Neville, W.M. elect 1767; and A. J. Clayton.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed in its entirety, the lodge being opened and resumed as occasion required, Bro. Cox acting as W.M. elect, and Bro. Hillier as D.C. Bro. Williams, the Installing Master, gave the three addresses incidental to the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The lodge being opened in the First Degree, Bro. Neville offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. A. J. Turner was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

Scotland.

Lodge Dramatic, No. 571.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Glasgow, on Thursday, the 15th inst., Bro. E. T. de Banzie, R.W.M., being in the chair. After the work of the First Degree, performed on a candidate by Bro. W. M'Kean, I.P.M., the R.W.M. informed the members that that day they were honoured by the presence of one no less distinguished in the Masonic Fraternity than in the theatrical profession, namely, Bro. Edward Terry, 29, Past Grand Treasurer of England. In his own art he stood alone, whether playing "Kerry" or the inimitable "Captain Ginger." In Barnes, where Bro. Terry resided, his name was a household word, and many poor people there and elsewhere know the extent of his goodness. He is also one of the local Board of Guardians. In fact, he had risen to great eminence socially, artistically, municipally, and Masonically, and the lodge, being proud to own him as an old honorary member, welcomed him back to the lodge and to Glasgow.

Bro. Terry thanked the R.W.M. and the lodge for his reception. As he was equally proud of being a member of this lodge, he was glad to see the lodge in better premises than when he last visited it. Since last visit he had been to Australia, and was very pleased to see how many lodges there, as also in India and Ceylon, were working and prospering under the Scotch Constitution. The office of Grand Treasurer of England was the only elective office in Grand Lodge, and he was also proud of having held this unique position in Masonry. He concluded with conveying the fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of England.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, September 7, 1895.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

RAFT LODGE.

144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

189, St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

139, Panmure, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Michael's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
Zeland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Colonial Board, at 4.

GRAND MARK LODGE, at 6 for 7.

RAFT LODGES.

1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1002, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cleapside, at 7.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, at 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgecumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE, at 6 for 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

208, Temperance-in-the-East, Town Hall, Stratford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney, 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, The Clock Hotel, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tavern, 7, Newington Causeway, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-riders-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-rd., S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
St. Leonards, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitzo-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

RAFT LODGES.

1155, Excelsior, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel, Upper Norwood.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
1903, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Countess, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
St. John's, Court House, Haresden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tredgar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

RAFT LODGES.

1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grave, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.30.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 87, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8.
Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitzo-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, September 7, 1895.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

RAFT LODGES.
Halifax ... 61
Harrogate ... 85
Dukinfield ... 89
North Walsham ... 102
Preston ... 113
Whitehaven ... 119
Bridgwater ... 135
Plymouth ... 150
Barnstaple ... 251
Batley ... 294
Bradford ... 302
Heldens Bridge ... 307
Torquay ... 328
Turro ... 331
Halesworth ... 388
Haworth ... 428
Northwich ... 428
North Shields ... 431
Brightlingsea ... 433
Oldham ... 497
Handsworth ... 482
Worcester ... 529
Stokesley ... 543
Southport ... 613
Wimborne ... 622
Chacewater ... 699
Gloucester ... 830
Ashbourne ... 850
Ipswich ... 959
Fowey ... 977
Altrincham ... 1045
Lancaster ... 1051
Saltash ... 1071
Sherborne ... 1108
Leeds ... 1211
Sheffield ... 1230
Exeter ... 1254
Liverpool ... 1291
Bradford-on-Avon ... 1271
St. Ives, Corn. ... 1272
Saffron Walden ... 1280
Bocking ... 1312
Woodstock ... 1399
Nottingham ... 1434
Woking ... 1594
Swansea ... 1573
Market Drayton ... 1575
Alford ... 1600
Henley ... 1895
Wadebridge ... 1954
Maldon ... 1977
Sunderland ... 2030
Southall ... 2103
Calstock ... 2160
Henfield ... 2187
Walsend-on-Tyne ... 2497
Newcastle ... 2520
Peterborough ... 2533
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Bristol ... 68
Exmouth ... 100
Whitby ... 312
Dewsbury ... 827
MARK LODGES.
Portsmouth ... 2
South Molton ... 9
E. Stonehouse ... 35
Tenby ... 250
Gateshead ... 293
Shoreham ... 380
Blackburn ... 493

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

RAFT LODGES.
Norwich ... 52
Plymouth ... 70
Bristol ... 103
Durham ... 124
Burnley ... 126
Sheerness ... 158
Rochford ... 160
Windsor ... 209
Keighley ... 265
Brighton ... 315
Neath ... 364
Miford ... 396
Huntingdon ... 373
Berwick ... 393
South Molton ... 421
Northwich ... 428
Monmouth ... 457
Gloucester ... 493
Liskeard ... 510
Folkestone ... 558
Brith ... 615
Burton-on-Trent ... 624
New Malton ... 660
Liverpool ... 673
Bridlington ... 734
Launceston ... 780
Havant ... 804
Crewkerne ... 814
Honiton ... 847
Bradford ... 974
Crewe ... 979
Neyland ... 990
Cockermouth ... 1002
Manchester ... 1134
Wymondham ... 1193
Ilminster ... 1197
Bartley ... 1214
Blandford ... 1266
Harrow ... 1310
Wrexham ... 1330
Ilkley ... 1532
East Grinstead ... 1019
Bognor ... 1720
Southampton ... 1780
Padstow ... 1785
Bedlington ... 1902
Frodsham ... 1908
South Shields ... 1970
Bakewell ... 2129
Bishops Stortford ... 2136
Newcastle ... 2200
Fairfield ... 2200
Southport ... 2295
Blackwater ... 2475
Amphill ... 2490
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Liverpool ... 203
Lincoln ... 297
Ringwood ... 384
Wells ... 874
Gosport ... 993
Birmingham ... 1031
Liverpool ... 1086
Hull ... 2134
MARK LODGES.
Hanley ... 45
New Brompton ... 69
Bury ... 130
Ringwood ... 384

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

RAFT LODGES.
Birmingham ... 74
Sunderland ... 94
Bury ... 128
Poole ... 137
E. Stonehouse ... 159
Hockmowdike ... 258
Tavistock ... 282
Stockport ... 287
Rochdale ... 298
Mottam ... 320
Bristol ... 320
Wigton ... 327
Huddersfield ... 332
Sandbach ... 368
Huddersfield Salterton ... 372
Morley ... 380
Shipley ... 387
Ramsgate ... 420
Newport, Mon. ... 471
Cleaton ... 533
Framlingham ... 555
Ormskirk ... 580
Caernarvon ... 606
Kearsley ... 678
Lower Brough ... 992
Jersey ... 1003
Hull ... 1010
Liverpool ... 1013
Maldon ... 1034
Derby ... 1085
Aldwick ... 1107
Chester-le-Street ... 1274
Wigan ... 1335
Leigh ... 1354
Salford ... 1431
Woolston ... 1491
Cannock ... 1520
Carlisle ... 1532
Dunmow ... 1543
Cambridge ... 1544
Frizingham ... 1660
Rayleigh ... 1734
Halifax ... 1736
W. Hartlepool ... 1862
Liverpool ... 2042
Alderley Edge ... 2368
Hay ... 2382
Cardiff ... 2453
Longsight ... 2494
Booth ... 2495
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Scarborough ... 200
Staford ... 726
Sowerby Bridge ... 1283
MARK LODGES.
Devonport ... 91
Ivybridge ... 100
Worthington ... 282
Wootton-under-Edge ... 299
Seaton ... 372
Birmingham ... 430

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

RAFT LODGES.
Newcastle ... 24
Canterbury ... 31
Hull ... 57
Merthyr Tydvil ... 110
Richmond ... 123
Ringwood ... 132
Bournemouth ... 195
Hastings ... 215
Devonport ... 230
Liverpool ... 249
Coventry ... 254
Heywood ... 266
Blackburn ... 269
Leeds ... 287
Beverley ... 294
Manchester ... 317
Stalybridge ... 324
Hyde ... 391
Wells, Somerset ... 446
Hitchin ... 449
Uttoxeter ... 450
Accrington ... 462
Spalding ... 490
Stockton ... 509
Hartlepool ... 531
Glossop ... 625
Blackpool ... 703
Grimsby ... 792
Lostwithiel ... 856
Bruton ... 970
Elland ... 1231
Tosham ... 1284
Horncastle ... 1304
Ripley ... 1324
Widnes ... 1394
Booth ... 1473
Padham ... 1504
Barnsley ... 1513
Lindley ... 1514
Thornton Heath ... 1790
Brighton ... 1820
Woking ... 2317
Bradford ... 2321
Kelvedon ... 2342
Hindley ... 2350
Chester ... 2380
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Southampton ... 130
Hebden Bridge ... 307
Salford ... 325
Liverpool ... 1393
MARK LODGES.
Birkenhead ... 11
Rochdale ... 20
Plymouth ... 76
Falmouth ... 94

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

RAFT LODGES.
Manchester ... 44
Leeds ... 300
Huddersfield ... 531
Huddersboro' ... 602
Hollmuth ... 652
Ledbury ... 751
Ripon ... 837
Aldborough ... 936
Eccleshill ... 1034
Kirkby Lonsdale ... 1074
Barnard Castle ... 1230
Chorlton-cum-Medley ... 149
Starcross ... 444
Plymouth ... 1550
Gravesend ... 2205
East Molesey ... 2473

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

RAFT LODGES.
Manchester ... 44
Leeds ... 300
Huddersfield ... 531
Huddersboro' ... 602
Hollmuth ... 652
Ledbury ... 751
Ripon ... 837
Aldborough ... 936
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WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

GAITY THEATRE.
At 8, THE SHOP GIRL.
At 8, PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.
At 8, GENTLEMAN JOE.
LYRIC THEATRE.
At 8.30, AN ARTIST'S MODEL.
STRAND THEATRE.
At 8.15, NEW YORK DIVORCE.
TERRY'S THEATRE.
At 8.30, THE PRUDES PROGRESS.
GRAND THEATRE.
At 7.30, THE MASQUERADERS.
SURREY THEATRE.
At 8, THE GOLDEN LADDER.
BRITANNIA THEATRE.
At 7, THE BELLS OF HAZLEMERE.
ELEPHANT AND CASTLE THEATRE.
At 7.30, FRIVOLOUS.
EMPIRE.
At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
ALHAMBRA.
At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
LONDON PAVILION.
At 7.15, AN UNSURPASSED VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
TIVOLI.
At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
OXFORD.
At 7.15, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
CANTERBURY.
At 7.10, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
PARAGON.
At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
THE ROYAL, HOLBORN.
At 7.15, A BRILLIANT COMPANY OF STAR ARTISTS.
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THE SHRIEVALTY.—The design for the badge and chain of office to be presented by the Ward of Aldgate to Mr. Alderman and Sheriff elect Pound, submitted by George Kenning and Son, Manufacturing Goldsmiths, has been selected by the Presentation Committee.

ALL OUR READERS will be delighted to hear that Bro. J. L. Toole has completely recovered from his recent protracted illness, and will re-appear as Mr. Rimple in "Thoroughbred" on Tuesday next.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING and Miss Terry will leave Southampton to-morrow (Saturday) on board the American liner New York to undertake with the Lyceum Company a tour through the States, which has been organised by Messrs. Abbey and Grau, of New York.

DAMAGE TO THE EXTENT of many thousand pounds and very serious injury to two firemen have resulted from a fire which broke out at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly-circus, early on Thursday morning last. The injured firemen are making fair progress towards recovery.

BLACKHEATH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The duties of this lodge will be resumed at the Milkwood Hotel, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 2nd prox., at 8 p.m. Bros. J. Hooper, P.M. 1320, Preceptor; T. R. Cass, P.M. 1320, Treas.; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, Sec.

THE RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE and Miss Helen Gladstone left Hawarden Castle on Wednesday to pay a visit to Bro. Lord Norton, at Hams Hall, near Birmingham, and to-morrow (Saturday) they will proceed to Hagley, Stourbridge, where they will be joined by Mrs. Gladstone, on a visit to Lord Cobham.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—The regular convocation of this chapter will be resumed on Friday, the 6th prox., at 8 p.m., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, under the able Preceptorship of Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, who will rehearse the installation and exaltation ceremonies. Comp. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z. 1275, S.E.

THE QUEEN held a Council at Osborne on Saturday last, at which the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Coventry, and Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., were present. Subsequently the Marquis of Salisbury had an audience of her Majesty, and Bro. Lord A. Hill presented the address from the House of Commons in reply to her Majesty's Speech from the Throne.

MASONIC EXCURSION.—Members of the New Southgate Lodge of Instruction paid a visit to Hertford on Wednesday, the 21st inst., when fine weather greatly enhanced the pleasure of the trip. The party left the Railway Hotel about mid-day, and were taken to Hertford in brakes. High tea was partaken of towards evening at the Railway Hotel, Hertford.

THE GREAT IRISH HORSE SHOW was opened at Ball's Bridge, Dublin, on Tuesday, the number of exhibits being 278, or 72 in excess of the highest number in any previous year. Moreover, the quality is declared of the best, and, as the weather promises to be fine, a record attendance is looked forward to. The Lord Lieutenant was among the visitors on the opening day, and went in state on Wednesday.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT occurred at the Brechin terminus of the new direct line from Forfar on Tuesday morning. When the morning train was approaching the terminus the Westinghouse brake failed to act, and the train crashed through the buffer stops and the boundary wall into the street. Many of the passengers were more or less severely injured, but no one was killed.

THE PRINCESS BEATRICE visited Bembridge on Saturday last on board the Royal Yacht Alberta, and as captain of the Ladies' Golf Club there, presented the cup, of which her Royal Highness is the donor, to the winner, Miss Jessie Gordon. The Princess was afterwards presented with an ebony putter by the members of the club, and having lunched with Colonel and Mrs. Moreton, returned to Osborne.

THE CHINA CHALLENGE CUP, which was this year won at Bisleigh by the Devon team, was formally handed into the custody of Lord Clinton, Lord Lieutenant of the County, at the Exeter Guildhall on Tuesday, and his lordship requested the Mayor to have it placed in the Albert Memorial Museum until the next contest. Subsequently his lordship entertained the winning team and other guests at luncheon.

ACCORDING TO THE Registrar-General's Returns, the health of London has been steadily improving, and stands now at the rate of 17 per 1000 as compared with 21.4 four weeks ago. It is only in respect of scarlet fever that the number of fatal cases is in excess of the corrected average. The death-rate at Brighton has risen from 12.4 to 19.6, while it stands at 11.8 in Croydon. At Hull the rate is 35.6 per 1000.

THE ROYAL DORSET YACHT CLUB'S races were held at Weymouth on Saturday, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Britannia achieved another victory over the Ailsa in the race for over 60-tonners, but only on her time allowance by the narrow margin of 23 seconds. Mr. Donaldson's Isolde won the first prize in the match for 40-tonners, and the American Niagara that in the twenties, Lord Dudley's Inyoni being second.

YACHTING.—The Britannia has finished racing for the season, and has gone into harbour at Cowes to dismantle. She was flying 40 winning flags, including her successes in British waters this year. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has presented Mr. Carter, her skipper, with a large silver jug in recognition of the able way in which he has handled the yacht. His Royal Highness has made gifts to other members of the crew.

MR. G. T. WHITE, Traffic Superintendent of the London and South-Western Railway, has been presented, through the Earl of Lonsdale, with a handsome gold pencil case in recognition of his courtesy and attention and the excellence of the arrangements he made for the landing of the Emperor William at the Southampton Docks, and his Majesty's subsequent departure for the north en route for Lowther Castle.

ON WEDNESDAY NEXT a Children's Regatta, which was held for the first time last year and proved a great success, will take place at Twickenham. The races are to be confined to boys and girls, and will include—for boys, double sculls, single sculls, pair-oared and four-oared races, single punting and dongola races, and a pair-oared race for choir boys; and for girls pair-oared and four-oared races and single and double sculls.

THE FORTNIGHTLY SHOW of the Royal Horticultural Society was held in the Drill Hall, Buckingham-gate, on Tuesday. The exhibits, which included gladioli shown by Messrs. Kelway and Sons, of Langport, asters by Mr. James Veitch and Messrs. Dobbie and Son, of Rothesay, and dahlias by Messrs. H. Cannell and Son and Mr. Charles Turner, were of a high class, and there was likewise a very fine display of fruits. The visitors were more than usually numerous for the time of year.

ON SATURDAY LAST Bro. Dr. C. D. Hill-Drury, of Darlington, celebrated his silver wedding. Bro. Drury's marriage took place whilst he occupied the position of senior resident surgeon at Sunderland Hospital, his wife being a Sunderland lady, a Miss Ferry. For 10 or 11 years after his Sunderland appointment Bro. Drury practised in Norfolk, from whence he came to Darlington, where his professional skill and his many genial qualities have gained him a very large circle of friends, who will congratulate the worthy doctor on this auspicious event, and trust that he and his beloved partner in life may live to celebrate their golden and even diamond weddings. Bro. Drury is a prominent Mason, a Past Officer of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk, P.M. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379, Darlington, a joining member of the Universities Lodge, No. 2352, Durham, and P.P.S.G.W. Durham; P.Z. Vigilance Chapter, No. 111, Darlington, and Past Prov. G.H.; P.M. Darlington Mark Lodge, No. 250, Past Prov. S.G.W. Northumberland and Durham; P.E.P. and Prov. Sub-Prior Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed, in the Order of the Temple; P.M.W.S. Royal Kent Rose Croix Chapter, No. 8, and 30th in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, &c.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE is often a pleasant surprise, especially when it brings us relief from pain. Holloway's Ointment will be found to fulfil both these conditions to those who have faith in its merits. Its success induced the medical profession to introduce it into the hospitals and their private practice, and in many instances where the sufferer was considered incurable, Holloway's Ointment, in conjunction with his Pills, healed the most desperate cases. They are also unequalled for the cure of scrofula, scurvy, and all diseases of the skin, and the cures they effect are not temporary or imperfect, for by their purifying powers they bring about a marvellous and beneficial change in the whole system.

IT MAY BE AS WELL for us to announce that the meetings of the Board of Benevolence, on the under-mentioned days, will commence at six o'clock in the evening punctually, instead of at five p.m., viz.: Wednesday, 18th prox., and Wednesday, 23rd October.

IF ALL GOES WELL, there is every reason to expect that Parliament will be prorogued on Friday, or, at the very latest, on Saturday of next week.

BRO. D. NAOROJI will occupy the chair at the banquet which the London Indian Society propose to hold at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday next, the 4th prox.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING visited the Richmond Theatre on Wednesday for the purpose of witnessing the performance of his son, Mr. Henry B. Irving as Claude Melnotte in the "Lady of Lyons."

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA has contributed 1000 francs to the subscription which is being raised for erecting a monument to the memory of Marshal Canrobert. The sum already obtained amounts to 50,000 francs.

THE CHAT MOSS ESTATE, near Manchester, comprising nearly 2600 acres, has been purchased by the Manchester Corporation of Sir Humphrey F. de Trafford for £137,532. The estate will be devoted to sewage works.

THE SOUTH-WEST LONDON POLYTECHNIC, which has lately been erected in Manresa-road, Chelsea, at a cost of £40,000, will, it is announced, be formally opened next month by the President—Earl Cadogan.

BRO. COL. THE HON. H. BYNG, Equerry to the Queen, who has been in attendance on the Shahzade since his arrival in England, has been succeeded by General Sir M. Biddulph, Groom-in-Waiting, who will attend his Highness until he leaves England for the Continent.

THE ANNUAL FETE of the League of the Cross, the great Roman Catholic total abstinence organisation, which was founded many years ago by the late Cardinal Manning, was celebrated at the Crystal Palace on Monday, when members were present to the number of some 25,000.

THE 47TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the representatives of the Wesleyan Reform Mission has been held at Wellingborough during the present week, under the presidency of Mr. T. Johnson. The delegates assembled from all parts of the country, and met with a most cordial reception.

THE FIFTH SESSION of the International Statistical Institute was opened at Berne on Monday, under the presidency of Sir Rawson W. Rawson. Those present included six English and two American members, while all the chief nations of the Continent were represented. A hearty welcome was addressed to the members by Federal Councillor Ruffy.

THE SHAHZADA, NASRULLA KHAN, with his suit of Afghans, will leave Victoria Station by special train for Dover about the hour of noon on Tuesday next, arriving in Paris the same evening. His Highness, who paid a short visit to the Duke of Cambridge on Wednesday, will winter in Candahar, whither he will be accompanied by Sir Acquin Martin.

THE 31ST ANNUAL REPORT of the Registrar-General for Ireland, which was issued on Tuesday, shows that during the year 1894 the number of marriages was 21,602, of births 105,354, and of deaths 83,523, the marriage and death rates being slightly above and the birth rate slightly below the average of the last 10 years. The estimated population in the middle of the year is set down as 4,600,599.

THE MARRIAGE OF Viscount Grey de Wilton, only son of the Earl of Wilton, with the Hon. Mariota Thelussou, youngest daughter of Lord Rendlesham, was solemnised in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on Wednesday, the bride being given away by her father, while Bro. Viscount Dungarvan acted as best man. The wedding party were afterwards entertained at Willis's Rooms by Lord Rendlesham.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Rural Labourers' League was held under the presidency of the Marquis of Lansdowne at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Tuesday, among those present being the Earl of Stamford, the Hon. A. Bathurst, M.P.; Lord Lawrence; Major Jones, M.P.; Bro. J. W. Maclure, M.P.; Colonel Long, M.P.; Mr. Chaplin, M.P.; Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P.; and Bro. W. Hume Long, M.P.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME to Earl Cadogan as the new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland were presented to his Excellency on Monday afternoon by deputations from the Royal College of Surgeons, the Royal College of Physicians, and the Royal Dublin Society. The ceremony took place in the Throne Room, the Lord Lieutenant being accompanied by the Countess Cadogan and attended by the members of his staff and household.

A LARGE NUMBER of well-known athletes were on the platform at Euston Station on Tuesday to witness the departure of the teams which were leaving for America by the steamship Aurania, which sailed from Liverpool the following day. The teams consist of members of the L.A.C. who will take part in the match arranged with New York on the 21st prox., and of Cambridge men, who will meet the picked representatives of Yale University on the 5th October.

AN ATTEMPT was lately made on the life of Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, head of the great banking firm of that name in Paris. Fortunately the Baron was absent at his country seat at Trouville, but his private Secretary, M. Jodkowitz, who opened the registered letter containing the explosive intended to injure his principal, was very seriously damaged about the eyes, face, and hands, though we understand there are hopes that his sight will not be affected. The outrage is attributed to Anarchists.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and her children, and Prince Arthur of Connaught, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of her Court, left Osborne on Tuesday evening for Scotland. The Royal party crossed from East Cowes in the Royal Yacht Alberta to Gosport, where a special train was in waiting. They reached Bal-ater on Wednesday afternoon and drove to Balmoral, where her Majesty will remain till about the middle of November, when the Court will return to Windsor.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE inspected the cavalry at Aldershot in the manoeuvres under Major-General Luck, Inspector-General of Cavalry. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. General Sir Reginald Gipsy, Bro. General Sir Evelyn Wood, and Col. Viscount Downe. The cavalry, which comprised the 2nd Life Guards, the Scots Greys, the 7th Dragoon Guards, the 9th Lancers, and the 4th, 8th, and a portion of the 3rd Hussars was formed into three brigades, and after being inspected, went through divisional drill.

AS THE CRICKET SEASON is fast approaching its termination, great interest is excited as to which of the counties will succeed in winning the Championship. The leading counties are Surrey, which has won 15 and lost four matches and has still two to play with Sussex and Hampshire; while Lancashire has won 13 and lost four and has still to play Leicestershire. The result will be decided in accordance with the new rule which was passed in May last at Lord's—that the county which in finished matches has won the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned Champion County. All, therefore, depends upon the results of the matches which have yet to be played.

HALF-DAY IN SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.—The London and North Western Railway Company announce that they will run half-day trips from London to Shakespeare's Country on Thursday, the 5th prox., and again on Saturday, the 14th prox. The return fare, third class, will be 3s. 6d. in each case. On both dates the train will leave Euston Station, 12.30 p.m., Chalk Farm, 12.9 p.m., Kilburn, 12.15 p.m., Chelsea, 11.52 a.m., West Brompton, 11.50 a.m., Kensington (Addison-road), 12.12 noon, Uxbridge-road, 12.14 noon, Clapham Junction, 11.46 a.m., Battersea, 11.49 a.m., and Willesden Junction, 12.40 p.m.; returning from Stratford-on-Avon at 7.40 in the evening.

THE CARNIVAL which has been in progress at Hastings during the present week has thus far proved a great success. On Wednesday, after the Mayor and Mayoress of the town had entertained a large number of their friends at luncheon, a procession was formed for the purpose of taking part in the floral fete and battle of the confetti. The great feature of this pageant was the historical car drawn by six horses, on which was the representation of Queen Elizabeth attended by her Court giving the charter to the town of Hastings. The procession wended its way through the principal streets, and afterwards prizes were awarded for the best appointed carriages, &c. In the evening there was a large gathering in the Alexandra Park, when the people disported themselves to the strains of the Royal Marine Artillery Band and the St. Leonards' Pier Orchestra.