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## "No Time to Read."

**T**HERE has not been, during the past week, any Masonic event of more than ordinary importance in connection with the Order or its Institutions, and we therefore, rather gladly than otherwise, avail ourselves of the circumstance to utilize the words of one of our Exchanges upon a subject which affects Masonic literature specifically, and the interests of Masonic journals generally. We allude to the assumption, on the part of many of our brethren, that Masons as a body are not reading men. Is this a truth, and, being so, a libel on many thousands who have accepted the exhortation to "especially study such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of their attainment, and thereby make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge?" We will admit that there may be some grounds for such conjecture, when we note the difficulties which the Masonic press has had to encounter in the past, and before it became a recognised fact that publication, the same being supervised by judgment and experience, is not injurious to Freemasonry. But we cannot accept the charge against Masonic intelligence quite so unreservedly as these detractors would have us do. There should be, and doubtless there is, a very large proportion of members of the Craft who are the superiors of others because of their adherence to the exhortations they receive at their initiation, and the information they gain day by day and week by week by the perusal of works prepared for their edification, and capable of contributing towards that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge which they are called upon to make. For these we naturally entertain a great feeling of respect; and for those who neglect the opportunities afforded a sorrowful pity.

It is to these latter that our valued contemporary, the *Masonic Advocate* of Indianapolis, refers in an article in

this month's number, and from which we freely quote. Says our interesting Exchange:—"From the very bottom of our heart we pity the Masonic Brother who says he 'has no time to read' a Masonic journal. Of course we know that this is not true, and is only an excuse for declining to subscribe to one, for he generally goes on to enumerate a long list of other publications that he is taking which take more time to read than all the Masonic journals would if put together."

Those are not our words, but we can endorse them, for our experience in the present day is similar, and whilst, "of course we know it is not true," a great shame overshadows a great pity that any disciple of the grand principle of Truth should so far forget himself, and the character of the Order to which he belongs, as to prevaricate in so paltry a fashion. Further says our Exchange:—"Our pity is not excited then because the brother has not time to read, but because he has not enough Masonry in him to give him an inclination to devote a little of his spare time to Masonic literature. The query often presents itself, why do men invest small fortunes in Masonic degrees, uniforms, and expensive charms to display upon their watch guards, and yet take no interest in keeping themselves informed of what is going on in the great domain of Masonry? What compensation do such Masons derive for the money thus invested? Is it all embraced in the pleasure of an occasional Masonic reunion and banquet? These men are but rarely, if ever, seen at stated meetings of the Lodge, or other Masonic bodies to which they belong, and perform none of the labour required to ensure their prosperity. Like drones in the hive, they are content to live upon and enjoy the fruits of the busy, working members." These are words pregnant with matter for earnest consideration by every man who has entered into Masonic union with his fellows; and, moreover, they are as strictly true as they are earnest. We do not hesitate to ask that many, at present, neglectful members of the brotherhood will ponder on them, and as a result take away from our detractors all reasons for stigmatizing our Order as a body of men caring less for intellectual pursuits in connection therewith, than the sensual pleasures of its social accompaniments.

The *Masonic Advocate* concludes its interesting article by stating that its volumes for the past twenty years contain no less than six hundred answers to questions on Masonic law and usage, such as are constantly arising in Lodges and other Masonic bodies. Its final words so aptly describe facts, and feelings of personal interest to ourselves, that we appropriate them *verb. et lit.* in the assurance that our contemporary will rather praise the freedom we take

with its pages than condemn us:—"We have before us a pile of Masonic journals, our exchanges received during the past month. They contain an epitome of recent Masonic events and happenings throughout the world. They embrace the best thoughts and ideas of learned, well-informed Masonic writers, and furnish a valuable compensation in the way of knowledge of Masonry which we could derive from no other source. They furnish monthly a Masonic feast far more beneficial and satisfactory than the viands of the most sumptuous banquet. Long before we engaged in the business of publishing a Masonic journal we were a regular patron of several, and learned to appreciate them from the great benefit we derived from them. We have in our library a fair collection of the best Masonic works, but our full files of most of the Masonic journals which have been published during the past thirty years are a constant source of pleasure and profit in our reading. Aside from any selfish motives we most earnestly urge all our brethren to become patrons and readers of one or more good, reliable Masonic journals. They will receive greater benefits from them than they can derive from any other source."

No comment of ours upon these words could add to their force, or their application to members of our Order who cover their unwillingness to support Masonic journalism by the transparent excuse of their having "no time to read!"

### COLONIAL.

#### THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

At a meeting of the Ponsonby Lodge, No. 708, S.C., held at Auckland, on the 14th May, at which there was a good attendance of brethren and visitors, a unanimous vote was passed in favour of the formation of the proposed Grand Lodge. The voting so far in this district for and against the movement is as follows:—

*For*:—Lodge Eden, 1530, E.C.; Franklin, 2138, E.C.; Coromandel, 456, I.C.; St. Andrews, 418, S.C.; Sir Walter Scott, 533, S.C.; Manukau, 586, S.C.; Te Aroha, 697, S.C.; Wairoa, 709, S.C.; Star in the Far South, 717, S.C.; Star of the North, 1647, E.C.; Ara, 348, I.C.; Ponsonby, 708, S.C.

*Against*:—Lodge Waitemata, 689, E.C.; Prince of Wales, 1338, E.C.; Corinthian, 1655, E.C.; Remuera, 1710, E.C.; Harmony, 2180, E.C.

As it is expected that the rest of the Lodges who have yet to record their votes will be practically in the same ratio, it may be assumed that the Auckland district is largely in favour of the movement, and as it is meeting with large support in the other districts of the colony, the ultimate success of the movement seems assured.

Letters have been received by the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Masonic Union from Masons in Queensland, congratulating this colony on the progress the Grand Lodge movement is making, and stating that a similar movement has been commenced in Queensland.

*Wellington*, May 7.—The New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, E.C., passed a resolution in favour of the Grand Lodge movement. The Masterton Lodge have also adopted a resolution recommending it.

*Christchurch*, May 10.—The Conyers Masonic Lodge, 1916, E.C., Sydenham, decided last night not to support the movement for a New Zealand Grand Lodge, deeming it inopportune at the present.

*Dunedin*, May 10.—Lodge St. Andrew, 432, S.C., passed a resolution unanimously that it does not at present see its way to move in the direction of a United Grand Lodge, but will adhere to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and regrets that the matter has been gone about in so un-Masonic and precipitate a way.

"N." writes in respect of the list of Lodges voting for the United Grand Lodge of New Zealand as follows:—"In the first place, it lumps together the Lodges of the three Constitutions, whereas these are perfectly distinct; the action of none of them having the slightest control, or even influence over that of the other two, least of all, perhaps, over the English. In the next place, the votes of the Lodges are given as of equal value—such small country Lodges as Franklin or Star of the North, which being newly-formed have but their two or three P.M.'s apiece, being reckoned as the equivalent of Waitemata and Prince of Wales, which, owing to their lengthened existence, possess long rolls of men of standing and experience. In the third place, the fact that the D.G.M., the Board of General Purposes, the centrally elected authority, as well as Grand Lodge itself, which, consisting as it does of the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, elected by the Lodges, together with the Wardens, represents the entire Constitution, has deliberately and definitely decided against the project, is not mentioned. Fourthly, no Constitution can go over as a body; individual members must resign their membership under their respective Constitutions, thus allowing the Lodge warrants to lapse, and this will not be permitted to take place, as there are quite enough Masons in every Lodge loyal to the mother Grand Lodge to avert any such catastrophe. It may be added that the leading members of the Craft here have stated that they would never become members under a severed and separate Grand Lodge, but that if each stood solitary and alone, and his Lodge fell in ruins round him, he should simply seek affiliation in some other Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, *Auckland Weekly News*, 18/5/89.

**NEW ZEALAND.**—A meeting of Masons of all grades and constitutions was held at the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, on the 18th April, to discuss the question of the proposed Grand Lodge for New Zealand. Bro. C. Braddell presided, and there was a fair attendance. There was no information before the meeting as to cost, &c., of the new system, and no data at all to guide the brethren in their deliberations: and throughout the meeting a feeling decidedly not in favour of any change was very manifest. In fact, among the dozen or so gentlemen who spoke not one had anything to say in favour of the proposed Grand Lodge, or could discover any advantage likely to accrue to the cause in New Zealand by its institution. The resolution "That the time has not come for the formation of a United Grand Lodge in New Zealand" was passed unanimously.

**AUCKLAND.**—Some time ago, when it became definitely known that the Earl of Onslow, G.S. Warden of England, was on his way to New Zealand in the capacity of Governor of the colony, and that his port of arrival would be Auckland, the Masonic brethren determined to give the illustrious brother a cordial and fraternal reception on his arrival, and when Lord Onslow reached Australia a cable message was sent to him inviting his presence to a Masonic banquet on his arrival at Auckland. His Lordship promptly and frankly accepted the invitation. Punctually at eight p.m., on April 23rd, His Excellency Lord Onslow, accompanied by Captain Saville, A.D.C., arrived, and was escorted to the post of honour by Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M.; Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C.; and Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M., I.C. Bro. Graham presided, and on his right was Lord Onslow (the guest of the evening), Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, Rev. C. M. Nelson, and Bro. M. Niccol. On his left were Bros. G. P. Pierce, the Rev. W. Tebbs, and W. Lodder. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Clark and Skinner. There were about 140 brethren seated at the tables in regalia, and on the stage were about 80 ladies. At half-past nine o'clock, just before the speaking commenced, the Countess of Onslow arrived, and was cordially received by the brethren, and escorted to the platform. Lord Onslow, on rising to respond to the toast of his health, was received with loud cheers. He said:—"Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren. I need hardly tell you how gratified I felt when I learnt of the early steps which you took to welcome me on my arrival as a Mason, for although I was assured of your loyalty, and knew that when fully invested I would not fail to meet with manifestations of loyalty, yet I felt some misgivings as to the manner of the reception which would be given to the humble individual who for the next five years is to do his best to represent Her Most Gracious Majesty in this colony. (Cheers.) When I found such an influential section of the community prepared to accord me such a welcome, it gave me encouragement to proceed with my task, and it proves, if proof were wanted, how the Craft gives welcome help when required. I recollect when I was initiated, I asked some of my elder brethren what was the use of Freemasonry. Of course I understood all about the dinners given at Oxford and Cambridge, but my elders then told me that the time would come when I would appreciate the benefits of belonging to the Masonic body, and brethren that day came to me on the 22nd of April, 1889, in the cordial welcome which I received from you and the citizens of Auckland. That cordial welcome and your invitation was followed by one from the Auckland Racing Club, and at their meeting I for the first time saw that ingenious machine you call the totalisator, and if I continue on the same favourable terms on which I commenced I shall have no reason to regret my acquaintance with it. (Laughter). Let me thank you and the citizens generally for the great kindness I have been met with. I have met with offers of sports and amusements from all quarters, but all my life I have been a man of business, and my duty is to proceed without delay to the seat of Government and take office. I have seen your magnificent town and harbour, and I learn that it has one characteristic with Wellington in that it possesses a Government House. (Cheers.) I think wherever Englishmen are found they will continue the same whether under the Northern Star or the Southern Cross, and none will be more anxious to lend help to each other than the brethren of the Craft. We all know the great interest which is now being manifested in drawing the mother country and the colonies together. Let us not overlook one of these bonds which has for its principles good fellowship and federation, which are those of the symbols and emblems of Freemasonry, and which shall combine throughout the whole empire of our Empress Queen. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)—*New Zealand Herald*, 20/5/89.

**AUCKLAND.**—A pretty little incident occurred at the May meeting of the Freemasons' Board of Benevolence. The board meets once a month to grant assistance to distressed brethren or their families, and this is done to a large amount. Some time ago they assisted a brother in bad health to go to New Zealand, and the board were informed that a letter had been received from him, thanking them very heartily for their aid, and adding that he was quite well, and that they had been the means of saving his life.—*Auckland Weekly News*, 4/5/89.

**TASMANIA—LAUNCESTON.**—At a meeting of the Tasmanian Masonic Union, held at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, on the 10th May, it was reported that arrangements had been made for some of the leading Masons at the capital to convene a meeting of the fraternity to meet representatives from the town and country lodges on that side of the island, and again exchange views on the subject of forming a United Grand Lodge of Tasmania. It was decided that Friday, May 31st, would suit the northern members, and that date would, it was stated, meet the convenience of the Hobart brethren. A number of names of members willing to proceed to Hobart were given in, and in order to facilitate preliminaries it was arranged that Bro. H. White should receive names of Launceston residents, and Bro. A. Kirkland communicate with the country lodges, the desire being to make the visitation to Hobart as large and as widely representative as possible. A sub-committee was also appointed to carry out necessary details.

**The Masonic "Poet's Corner."**

(Original and Selected.)

WHEN I WAS MADE A MASON.  
BY BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M. 146, P.Z.

Tune—"Twas in the good ship 'Rover.'" (Dibdin.)

WHEN I was made a Mason,  
(Now many a year ago;) I put my boldest face on,  
All fear to overthrow.  
I put my boldest face on,  
All fear to overthrow.  
But still it did not answer,  
I quak'd in ev'ry bone,  
And though a plucky man, sir,  
I stifled many a groan.  
*Chorus*—And though a plucky man, sir,  
I stifled many a groan.

I wonder'd what the dickens  
They'd do to me the first!  
My heart was not a chicken's,  
But oh, I feared the worst!  
My heart was not a chicken's,  
But oh, I feared the worst!  
Low murmurs all around me,  
And solemn music, too,  
In the darkness did confound me,  
And I was in a stew!

*Chorus*—In the darkness, &c.

If I live to be a hundred,  
I'll ne'er forget that night,  
Nor how I felt and wonder'd  
When first I saw the light.  
Nor how I felt and wonder'd  
When first I saw the light.  
Some secrets, then, and myst'ries,  
Word, symbol, grip, and sign,  
With our all ancient hist'ries  
Of Brotherhood were mine.

*Chorus*—With our all ancient, &c.

Since then, I've been a rover,  
And many a goblet quaff'd,  
But nothing could discover  
So glorious as "The Craft."  
But nothing could discover  
So glorious as "The Craft."  
I'll sing her praises ever,  
With honest pride and glee,  
And life throughout endeavour  
A Mason true to be.

*Chorus*—And life throughout, &c.

[The music to the above song is found in No. 26 of the "Sixpenny Musical Library," F. Pitman, 20, Paternoster Row, E.C.]  
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**OPENING ODE.**

COME, Brothers, assemble, the pleasures to share,  
Where we meet on the Level and part on the Square,  
Where the watchword is love, and strife is unknown,  
Save striving to honor the widow's lone son.  
Where the poor and the rich unite on the Plumb,  
Inviting and welcoming others to come;  
Come place on the altar a sprig that is green,  
To mark the loved spot where a Brother had been.  
If we meet in our place and live by the rule,  
And walk by the lights which encircle the soul,  
We'll all find a Lodge and a temple of rest,  
Where the Grand Master rules o'er the loved and the blest.  
Come then, with the Trowel and spread the cement,  
Of Brotherly Love with the common intent,  
Presenting the Chief of the Grand Lodge above,  
With richest of jewels, all brightened with love.—*Exchange.*

**THIRD DEGREE LEGEND.**

ONE finds, in Master Masons' Lodge,  
The truths of hoary centuries his;  
The lore he learns, an heritage  
From all the ancient mysteries.  
Light! from an age of night and doubt,  
Of eyes so blind they would not see!  
Man's mightiest hope, in ages dark,  
Our Legend of the Third Degree.  
Brethren, I hope we learned it well—  
This lesson that the past can teach:  
That into every word and deed  
The potency of its power shall reach;  
That we shall lay our actions square,  
Building for immortality;  
Keeping in sight God's kindest truth—  
His Legend of the Third Degree.  
When unto men the end shall come  
The things of earth forever o'er;  
When I shall find, where'er I turn,  
Death waiting for me at my door;  
Leave me, Great Master, not alone;—  
Stoop down from highest heaven to me,  
And prove creation's corner-stone,  
The Legend of the Third Degree.—*Exchange.*

**ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.**

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The fifteenth Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday. The Companions present included the Grand Superintendent (Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W., Rep. for G. Lodge of Ireland). Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., Prov. G. Second Principal: Comp. J. H. F. Woodward, P.P.G.S.E., as Prov. G. Third Principal: Comp. W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E.: Comp. Laxton, P.G. Reg.: Comp. Bentley Hayne, P.G.A.S.: Comp. Kentish, P.G.S.B.: Comp. Dunkley, P.G.A.: Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S.E.: Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent of the Prov. of Essex: Comp. Frank Richardson, G.D.C.: Comp. Cama, P.G.S.B.: Comps. J. M. Stedwell, P.P.G.J.: Greenwood, P.G.S.E., Surrey; Burgess, P.P.G.P.S.: Forge, P.P.G.P.S.: Oekenden, P.P.A.G.D.C.: Cordwell, P.P.G. Reg.: Hopwood, P.P.G. Reg.: Briggs, P.P.G.P.S.: Lingard, 1691: Collick, 1793: Sapsworth, 1793: Langton, 1691: Gregory, 2048: Vincent, 1777: Jolliffe, 1194: Roberts, 1298: Hackford, 1549: Austin, 1793: J. Willing, 2048: Spaul, 382: Higerty, 946: Jacobs, 940: Porter, 1793: Tegg, 1237, W. W. Lee, 1524: and W. W. Morgan. The Provincial G. Chapter was opened in due form. The roll of the Chapters was then called, all being represented with the exception of one. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the audit committee, which was very satisfactory, showing a balance of nearly £50, was read and adopted. The Grand Superintendent then said he had much pleasure in announcing that he had appointed Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp as Prov. G. Second Principal, and Comp. E. Y. Jolliffe as Prov. G. Third Principal. Comp. Gregory, 2048, was proposed, seconded, and unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The Grand Superintendent then invested the Prov. Grand Officers as under:—Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, H.: E. Y. Jolliffe, J.; W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E.: Spancl, P.G.S.N.: G. Gregory, P.G.T.: Dr. Roberts, P.G. Reg.: A. Lingard, P.G. 1st P.S.: Elliott, P.G. 1st A.S.: J. Willing, P.G. 2nd P.S.: Capt. Vincent, P.G.S.B.: W. Tegg, P.G.S.B.: R. R. Collick, P.G.D.S.: F. C. Austin, P.A.G.D.C.: G. Stevens, P.G. Org.: J. Gilbert, P.G. Janitor. The Grand Superintendent appointed the audit committee as last year. There being no further business the Chapter was closed in ancient form. The Companions then adjourned to the new dining hall, from the windows of which a magnificent view of the chesnut avenue in Bushey Park is obtained, and sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by Comp. J. B. Mella, whose catering was justly appreciated. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, Col. Shadwell Clerke replying for the Supreme Grand Chapter, and Comp. Philbrick for the visitors. The Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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THE MONTEFIORE CHAPTER, No. 1017, was consecrated on the 10th inst., at the Café Royal Masonic Hall, Regent Street. The ceremony was performed by Ex. Comp. Col. Shadwell-Clerke, Grand S.E., who was assisted by Ex. Comps. Charles E. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C., and Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj. The founders are Comps. S. V. Abraham, Lewis Jacobs, John A. Gartley, H. J. Phillips, and S. Pollitzer. There were present Comps. H. Massey, P.Z. 619; Charles Beckett, 2000; A. M. Cohen, P.Z. 188, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 1928; Lewis M. Myers, C.C., M.E.Z. 188; Richard J. Harnell, 2021; Max Mendelssohn, P.S. 1839; John Hodges, 2182; J. M. Bockbinder, 188; Fred. H. Cozens, 907; J. Bayne, 733; W. Wright, 1602; and J. W. Harvey, M.E.Z. 25. Comp. S. V. Abrahams was installed as First Principal, and Comp. S. Pollitzer Second Principal. Comp. W. Wright presided at the organ during the ceremonial, the vocalists being Comps. John Hodges, Fred. H. Cozens, C. Beckett, and J. Bayne.

**MARK MASONRY.**

DERBY.—On the 8th inst. the Mayor of Derby (Bro. A. Woodiwiss) was installed Worshipful Mark Master of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, where there was a large and influential assemblage. Bro. Woodiwiss was installed by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Cawthorne Webster, and afterwards invested his officers in the following order:—W. Bro. C. Webster, I.P.M.; Bros. R. L. Homer Mole, Prov. G. Std. Br., S.W.; John Walker, J.W.; W. J. Piper, M.O.; W. B. Woodforde, S.O.; S. Taylor, Prov. G. Std., J.O.; Rev. T. Orrell, Prov. G.C., chaplain; W. Bro. J. O. Manton, P.P.S.G.O., treasurer; Bros. T. Oldham, Reg. of Marks; C. D. Hart, secretary; J. P. Fearfield, S.D.; T. E. Yeomans, J.D.; W. Bro. E. Horne, P.P.J.G.O., org.; Bros. E. J. H. Hoskyns, M. of C.; W. H. Wheeldon, I.G.; and W. Stone, tyler. The P.G. Mark Master Mason, Wm. Kelly, afterwards held Provincial Grand Lodge, and conferred upon Bro. Woodiwiss the rank of Provincial Senior Grand Warden. Every lodge in the united province of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland was represented. The P.G. Mark Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as under:—Bros. Thomas Cox, Deputy P.G. Master; Abraham Woodiwiss, P.G.S. Warden; J. H. Thompson, P.G.J. Warden; Brook Sampson, M. Overseer; J. C. Webb, S. Overseer; F. S. Preston, J. Overseer; the Rev. S. W. Wigg and Thomas Orrell, chaplains; S. Cleaver, treasurer; S. A. Marris, registrar; Miles J. Walker, secretary; J. E. Whitehead, S.D.; John Fletcher, J.D.; R. Michie, Inspector of Works; J. Harrison, D. of C.; W. Prince, Asst. D. of C.; A. Oran, Swd. Br.; R. L. H. Mole, Std. Br.; Isidore de Solla, org.; W. J. Curtis, I.G.; J. B. Waring, Severn Taylor, W. Frost, and the Hon. C. W. Trollope, stewards; Derrick and W. Stone, tylers. It was resolved to again nominate Bro. Kelly to the Prince of Wales as P.G.M. Afterwards 80 brethren partook of a sumptuous repast provided by Bro. Thomas Day. Bro. W. L. Dodd had charge of the musical arrangements, and Bro. Percy Wallis was Director of Ceremonies.

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### CONSECRATION OF THE LENNOX-BROWNE LODGE, No. 2318.

The province of Essex is to be congratulated on the formation, under most brilliant auspices, of a new lodge, the consecration of which took place at the "Roebuck," Buckhurst Hill, on Monday last, and which was attended by a numerous and important body of the Craft. As was truly remarked by one of the speakers during the evening the gathering appeared rather to be like the assembly of a Provincial Grand Lodge than one associated with the business of a private lodge, and that, necessarily at the moment, the youngest. To the well-known reputation of the distinguished brother whose name the lodge will bear, and the great esteem in which he and the master and wardens designate are held, must be attributed the attendance of some two hundred brethren, and the installation of the W.M. designate in a Board of fifty installed masters. Probably also, the intimation that the ceremonials of the day were to be performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Rt.-Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., and his deputy the V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., had something to do with the magnitude of the gathering, and it is most satisfactory to chronicle that the entire proceedings gave universal satisfaction. The Prov. Grand Master having opened a lodge, the ceremony of consecration was conducted throughout according to the customary programme, with which most of our readers must be familiar. There was not a hitch in any part of the work. The area and elevation of the spacious detached building in which the lodge was held, and its chapel-like interior, assisted materially to increase the solemnity which should ever accompany one of the most touching and effective ceremonials of the Craft, whilst the quiet manner in which W. Bro. A. Lucking, P.P.G. Reg. and Prov. G.D.C. Essex, discharged his duties as D.C., and the excellent musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Dr. James F. Haskins, who had the assistance of Bros. Dutton, Bartlett, Pritchard and Franklin Clive, gave to the religious character of the Prov. Grand Master's work, and the orations and dedications of the V.W. Bro. Thomas Cochrane, Grand Chaplain, an impressiveness which will not readily leave the memories of those who had the good fortune to be present on this occasion.

The consecrating officers in addition to those named were W. Bros. George Harrison, P.P.G., as S.W.; Richard Clowes, P.P.G., as J.W.; T. G. Ralling, P.G.A.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Essex, as Secretary; and Andrew Durrant, P.G. treas., Essex, as I.G. The visitors' attendance book was signed in the following order:—Bros. Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; C. H. Devoir, P.G.S. of Wks.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Edward Simmons; J. Tanner, P.P.S.D. Essex; Andrew Durrant, P.G.T. Essex; B. Lyons, P.M. 1227; M. J. Harris, P.M. 65; F. H. Meggy, 278; A. G. Pritchard, 9; P. Chang, 1743; Emil Behnke, 2108; A. W. Orwin, 1491; Lewis Ferguson, 1997; E. T. Landon, 1457; J. C. Hopwood, 1457; W. J. Shadrake; G. M. W. Farquharson, 2256; E. G. Cherry, 861; L. C. Haslip, 813; J. W. Cachet, 2256; C. H. Webb, 174; Richard Sandell, 1719; J. J. Buginshaw, 2256; J. Newton, 174; Fredk. Carr, 1607; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; Walter Goulding, 1446; T. F. Numm, 1457; C. E. Skinner, 1457; Charles G. Foster, 1457; Walter J. Cuttler, 1457; Benjamin Nicholson, 1768; G. Geo. Cutchey, 1685; John Greig; John Godwin, 55; Henry Magee,

174; T. Baillie; J. C. Bolton, 73; F. Franklin Clive, 1319; Jno. Bartlett, 2030; H. Beardshaw, 1228; R. G. Poulton, 1237; G. D. Lester, 969; Henry J. Dutton, 1706; James Hallows, 1662; J. Zacharie; H. Young, 1202; James Start, 1743; F. W. Fenman; J. R. Brading, 453; F. J. Oliver, 1056; T. Franklin, 1662; W. Mollett, 765; Geo. Kebbel, 1662; Wm. Nicholls; J. H. Jewell, 1223; S. G. Vaughan, 2005; Thos. J. Shutt, 2023; J. Grant, 140; Percy S. Jarkins, 1385; Richard Kershaw, 2256; E. C. Massey, 1297; Egbert Cooper, 196; C. Bendaring, 1816; R. S. Cushing, 1607; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; John B. Monckton, P.S.W. of Eng.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.S. Org.; C. Beton, P.G.D.C.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex; Thomas Jessy; James Speller, 2256; Wm. Lake, 131; Thos. Cochrane, 10; T. Bullock, 101; Geo. J. Westfield, 813; Edward Terry, G. Treas., &c., &c., &c.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Consecration Ceremony, Bro. Philbrick, P.D.G.M., at the request of the Prov. G.M., installed into the chair of K.S. the Worshipful Master designated in the charter granted by the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Bro. T. Scoresby-Jackson, M.D., J.W. 2256, who, having been greeted and saluted in ancient form, appointed and invested Bro. Lennox Browne, P.R.C.S., P.M., &c., as I.P.M. Bro. J. Pinder, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and was duly invested. The following were also invested as officers for the year:—Bros. H. French Bromhead, S.W.; W. Shurmur, P.M., J.W.; T. H. G. Wrighton, P.M. Sec.; W. E. Dring, S.D.; H. J. Drane, J.D.; A. Schneider, I.G.; W. M. Butcher, D.C.; W. P. Allen, Asst. D.C.; G. Ashton, Steward; A. Ambrose, M.D., Asst. Steward; J. G. Cachett, Org.; and—Young Tyler. The remaining founders who signed the petition were Bros. Thomas Courtenay Warner, W.M. elect 2256; G. Hurley, 2256; J. H. Clare, 193; E. Gray, Jun., 65; and A. Brown, 869. The Ceremony of Installation was completed by the delivery of addresses to Master, Wardens and brethren by Bro. Philbrick in his usual effective manner. Honorary Membership was conferred upon each of the consecrating officers, and handsome duplicates of the Founders' Jewel were presented to the Prov. Grand Master and his deputy, both of whom replied in acknowledgement of the recognition their services had met with, and trusting that the labours of the day would be profitable to Masonry in general as well as to the new lodge in particular. W. Bro. W. Shurmur, P.M., J.W., was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and the principal officers were selected for framing the by-laws of the lodge. Several propositions for initiation of approved candidates at the next meeting, and of brethren desirous of joining were made; and after a number of apologies from distinguished brethren for absence on account of more pressing engagements had been submitted—notably one from the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston addressed to Bro. Lennox-Browne—the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

Just prior to the banquet, Bro. C. G. Cutchey, of Buckhurst Hill, availed himself of the opportunity for taking instantaneous and other photographs of the large body of Freemasons assembled in the grounds of the hotel; and it is anticipated that these will form interesting memorials of the important occasion.

The banquet was served in the large assembly room of the hotel, and reflected much credit on the host. The menu was not too pretentious, the supply was ample, the wines of good quality, and the service effective, altogether giving general satisfaction. The lodge stewards performed their duties in no perfunctory manner, and consequently the comfort of the guests was assured throughout the entertainment. A continuance of such service during their year of office will conduce to obtain for the new lodge a reputation for hospitality, second only to the good Masonic work which will certainly characterise its proceedings. After the cloth had been cleared and grace sung, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically received. To that of "The M.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the R.W. the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past," V.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton responded. Bro. H. J. Dutton sang in admirable style Bro. Ganz's song, "I seek for thee in every flower," and Bro. Ganz, P.G.O., himself being present, kindly accompanied the vocalist. The health of the Provincial Grand Master having been proposed in appropriate terms, and honoured with acclamation by the brethren, the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke expressed his acknowledgements for the reception accorded to him, and his great pleasure in being amongst them during and after the performance of a duty which had given him so much satisfaction, and which he hoped would largely promote the interests of Freemasonry, especially in the province over which he was called upon to rule. He had never before seen so large an assembly in connection with a private lodge, or so many distinguished brethren gracing its proceedings by their presence. The company had just listened to a capital song by Bro. Franklin Clive, "The Fine Old English Gentleman," and he might be permitted to say that he lived in anticipation of the time when they and others might be disposed to apply that honourable designation to himself. After a brief allusion to the increase of lodges in the province of late years, and hearty wishes for the success of the Lennox-Browne Lodge, his Lordship resumed his seat amidst loud cheers evoked by the apt sentiments he had expressed. An excellent recitation by Bro. Emil Behnke caused much amusement. The V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick responded for the toast proposed in his honour and that of the Provincial Grand Officers, in a speech of some length and of considerable interest, to condense which would do the speaker an injustice. As our columns cannot at present admit of our recording such speeches *in extenso*, we refrain from mutilating Bro. Philbrick's admirable address, which was listened to most earnestly, and was much applauded. He concluded by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, remarking that his selection for the honourable position of W.M. designate by the founders of the lodge was an evidence of the merits possessed by him, and the great esteem in which he was held by them. Bro. A. G. Pritchard followed with a diverting "musical sketch;" and the W.M. then briefly responded.

Bro. Lennox-Browne, on his health being proposed, with the prefacing remark that the date of consecration of the lodge was also the anniversary of his birth, received an ovation on rising to respond which almost took his breath away. Fortunately it did not entirely do so, or we should have had to deplore the loss of a highly esteemed man and a thorough mason, alike in practice as in theory, instead of rejoicing that it is yet competent for all his friends to wish him "many happy returns" of a day which must during his future life be associated with two pleasant and important events. The remaining toast, including that of "The Visitors," had to be hurriedly given, "time for the trains" having to be observed; and the brethren separated amidst expressions of considerable satisfaction with the entire proceedings connected with the consecration of the Lennox-Browne Lodge, No. 2318.



"For the Master to lay lines and draw designs upon."

A new lodge, under the title of "The Scots' Lodge," No. 2319, to meet at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Fleet Street, London, and of which the R.W. Bro. Lord Euston is the W.M. Designate, has lately been formed, and will be consecrated on the 27th inst., when a large and distinguished gathering may be expected. Its members must all have some connection with Scotland by birth, marriage, or property; and it is anticipated that many Scotsmen in London, who are members of our Order but not yet affiliated with any metropolitan lodge, will join the new lodge.

We regret to learn that an accident to our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, prevented his attendance on Saturday last at a meeting in connection with the Royal Order of Scotland. We are not in possession of any particulars, and as in that respect "no news is good news," have reason to hope that the accident is not of a very serious character. Whatever it may be, we shall all be glad to hear of his convalescence.

The *Court Journal* says that the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the invitation of Lord and Lady Brooke to visit Easton Lodge, Dummow, early in August. It is said that His Royal Highness will attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge for the Province of Essex, which will be held at Easton Lodge, under the banner of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, on Tuesday, August 6th. After the usual business meeting a banquet will be served in a marquee on the terrace. The private grounds will be illuminated in the evening. It is expected that the meeting will be the largest Masonic gathering ever held in Essex.

The foregoing paragraph is, however, contradicted in some provincial journals. At the time of our going to press we cannot certify our readers as to the correctness of the rumour or its contradiction.

The announcement that the Earl of Jersey has resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons in the Province of Berks and Oxon, has been received with great regret by the Mark Masons throughout the two counties. From the date of the formation of the province at Reading some years since, the noble Earl has presided over its affairs with much ability and geniality, and under his lordship's rule Mark Masonry has made most satisfactory progress in this and the sister county of Oxford. It is considered probable that the Earl of Jersey will be succeeded in the office by Viscount Valentia.

We have had a copy of *Murray's Illustrated Penny Pocket Guide for London* sent to us by its publisher, John Paul Murray, of Queen's Head Passage, Paternoster Row; and although we do not find in it anything that may be termed masonic, and therefore pertinent to our pages, we are not inclined to pass it by without a recommendation. That wonderful penny again! What it can do in the way of support to those who "lay themselves out" for the spread of information, whether generally or particularly, if only numbers will aid the effort! Murray's guide is a marvel at the price, if it be only in respect of the sixteen sectional maps which it contains, and without taking into account its ten views of important localities, and the sixty-odd pages of general useful information. We put this guide into our pocket for frequent reference, and advise our provincial brethren when visiting London to do likewise. They would save its cost, we are afraid to say how often and after what rate, if only by reference to its columns of cab fares.

ORDER OF SECRET MONITOR.—The summer meeting of the University of London Conclave No. 2 was held at the Greyhound, Hampton Court, on Saturday, July 13th, 1889. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. Ernest Pocock, S.R., the Conclave was ably presided over by Bro. W. J. Spratling, B. Sc. the Grand Recorder, as S.R., assisted by Bro. W. G. Lemon, B.A., LL.B., Grand Treasurer, as Concessor; Bro. Charles Gross, M.D., Grand Concessor, as Guide, and Bro. Frank E. Lemon, M.A., LL.B., as Guard, Dr. Juler and Norton. Letters of apology for absence were read from the S.R. (Dr. Zacherie), Bros. Dr. Sansom, T. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.A., Dr. Jackson, and various other brethren. Bro. A. C. Maybury, D. Sc., M.D., was duly admitted to the rank of a brother of D. and J. and the order of the S.M. Reports from the visiting deacons and other friendly business brought the proceedings of the evening to a pleasant termination.

PROVINCIAL.

BERKS AND BUCKS.—The Provincial Grand Lodge held its annual meeting in the Assembly Rooms, Reading, on the 11th inst., when the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Deputy P.G.M., presided, in the absence, through indisposition, of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart. The reports read by the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Robert Bradley) were of a satisfactory character, and a strong feeling was expressed that in consequence of the spread of Masonry in the two counties, and the number and strength of the lodges, the time had arrived when the province might with advantage be divided. The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested, the highest honour falling upon Bro. Edwd. Margrett, who was appointed Senior Grand Warden. The officers and brethren subsequently partook of a banquet, admirably served by Bro. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND—WHITEHAVEN.—SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE, No. 119.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, College Street, Whitehaven, on the 1st inst. There was a good attendance of members of the lodge, amongst whom were Bros. J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; R. W. Moore, P.M.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. Pagen, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Studholme, P.M.; J. Cant, S.W.; G. Starkey, J.W.; Rev. James Anderson, chaplain, P.P.G.C.; S. Broadbent, sec.; S. Hinde, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; D. H. Cook, org., P.G.O.; H. Meageen, I.G.; Joseph Musgrave, S.; W. Gaffney, S.; T. Richardson, T.; E. Thornburrow; W. W. Mulcaster; J. C. Todd; W. A. Thornber; A. Sisson; R. D. Metcalf; B. Cowie; C. J. J. Harris, W.M. Elect; R. Miller, A. Moordaff, J. P. Bennett, H. Burns, J. W. Taylor, James Lachlison, and A. Henderson. The following visitors were also present:—Bros. M. A. Simpson, 133, Comber Lodge, Ireland; Thomas Steele, 349, St. John and St. Paul Lodge, Malta; Dr. Muir, W.M.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G.St.Br.; H. Burns, P.M., P.P.G.Purst.; D. Atkinson, J.W.; F. Farquharson, S., and F. J. Kerr, Lewis Lodge, 872; Isaac Dickinson, W.M., Rev. E. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.C., A. Ashmore, S.W., and J. Cottier, Sun and Sector Lodge, 962, Workington; G. W. Roll, Hindpool Lodge, 1225, Barrow-in-Furness; W. Armstrong, W.M., J. Wilson, P.M., P.G.St.Br., J. A. Parker, I.G., and Thomas Miller, S., Kendis Lodge, 1267, Egremont; H. Murphy, Rising Sun Lodge, 1401, Japan; H. Hartley, W.M., Arleedon Lodge, 1660; J. McHarry, W.M., E. Irving, L. Rummy and James Quayle, Stirling Lodge, Cleator Moor; A. W. Turner, sec., Eden Lodge, 2285, Workington; &c. A vote of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. Edward Tyson, P.M., having been unanimously recorded, Bro. C. J. Harris was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested by the W.M., viz., Bros. G. Starkey, S.W.; S. Broadbent, J.W.; W. C. Johns, treas.; Rev. J. Anderson, hon. sec. and chaplain; J. Thompson, S.D.; H. Meageen, J.D.; Joseph Musgrave, I.G.; W. H. Chapman, D.C.; E. Thornburrow, almoner; D. H. Cook, org.; B. Cowie and J. Roan, stewards; and T. Richardson, tyler. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the toast of the evening, "The newly installed Master of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Bro. Charles J. J. Harris," being warmly received. During the pleasant evening which ensued, Bros. Starkey, Kerr, Cowie, Thompson, Cook, and Cant, contributed some capital songs.

SUSSEX—HASTINGS.—DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.—The monthly meeting of this thriving lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., there being present:—Rev. J. Pattick, P.Prov.G.C. W.M.; W. S. Allen, S.W.; F. C. Edwards, J.W.; J. Pearce, P.M., sec.; Geo. Rendell, S.D.; C. J. Titchhurst, Acting J.D.; G. H. Gage, I.G.; T. W. Markwick, I.P.M.; W. M. Glenister, P.G.Std.Br.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Russell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Plowman, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; E. J. McCormick, J. H. Tendall, W. Cooper, L. J. Jukes, J. Whitehouse, S. T. Weston, and S. Plowman. Mr. S. Plowman, F.R.C.S., Lecturer, &c., at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, was initiated by Bro. F. Plowman a P.M. of the lodge, in his usual able manner. The S.W. (Bro. Allen), gave the charge very impressively. The secretary having formally drawn attention to the enlarged picture of Bro. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D., &c., which had been prepared for the lodge, and which was pronounced a very faithful likeness, Bro. Glenister, P.G.Std.Br., gave notice that he would propose at the next lodge that a similar picture and an illuminated address be presented to Bro. Dr. Trollope as a small acknowledgment for the many and great services rendered by him to the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. Russell mentioned the arrangements made by Bro. Rossiter, the treasurer, for the distribution of the fund granted to Mrs. Fewns, widow of the late Bro. Fewns, by the Board of Benevolence. Dr. Marshall was proposed as a joining member.

CRIPPLEGATE LODGE, No. 1613—Bro. J. F. Bell, W.M.—The members of this Lodge, with their ladies, there being altogether a company of about fifty, held their summer outing on the 9th inst. The excursionists journeyed to Windsor by the noon train, two saloon carriages being placed at their disposal by the Great Western Railway authorities. At Windsor brakes were in waiting for the purpose of taking the company for a drive through the forest. On arrival at Virginia Water the company alighted, partaking of dinner, provided at "The Feathers." Music and dancing were subsequently indulged in, after which, in the cool of the evening, the company drove back to Windsor, returning to town well pleased with the day's outing.

We understand that the resignation of R. W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, has been tendered to and accepted by the M.W.G. Mark Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and that R.W. Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W. and Assist. Grand Secretary, has been nominated as Grand Secretary. A special Grand Mark Lodge will be held at 4 p.m., on the 24th inst., at St. Red Lion Square, W.C., for the investiture of the newly-appointed Grand Secretary.

Questions and Answers.

\* \* *Querists will please note that we shall in future decline to pay attention to enquiries made anonymously, or otherwise forwarded than in closed envelopes. In some instances it may be found impolitic to publish replies, but answers may be assured by the enclosure of a stamped and addressed cover.*

Q.—Will you kindly inform me why a Master Mason's son is styled a "Lewis," and what connection that word has with Freemasonry?—A YOUNG MASON.

A.—The word "Lewis" is a term belonging to operative masonry and signifies an iron cramp which is inserted in a cavity prepared for the purpose in any large stone, so as to give attachment to a pulley and hook, whereby the stone may be conveniently raised to any height, and deposited in its present position. It is a symbol of strength in speculative Freemasonry, and the symbol is extended to allude to the son of a mason because it is his duty to bear the heat and burden of the day, that his parents may rest in their old age, thus rendering the evening of their lives peaceful and happy. In other words his strength should, if needed, be their support.—Ed. M.S.

Q.—Why are some Installation Meetings called Masonic Festivals of St. John?—A YOUNG MASON.

A.—A full answer to this would necessarily be lengthy, and it would be also interesting. We can now only briefly state that originally speculative Freemasonry was a Christian institution, and lodges were dedicated to and called after one or other of the "Holy Saints' John," namely St. John the Baptist, whose festival falls on the 24th June, and St. John the Evangelist, whose festival occurs on the 27th December. The connection with these festivals and the installation meetings of many of our present lodges is still maintained, especially in the provinces.—Ed. M.S.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties was held on Saturday last, the 13th inst., at 33, Golden Square, W.C. The chair was taken by Very Illustrious Bro. Frank Richardson, in the absence of R.W. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, through the effects of an accident. The following candidates were admitted—Bros. R. Berridge, W. H. Kempster, M.D., H. P. Hay, J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., Rev. R. Peck, M.A., Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, H. C. Heard, and A. K. Prescott, *Dep. Surg. Genl.* The duties of Mareschal were discharged by Bro. C. F. Matier. Bro. W. B. Williamson, of Worcester, was installed T of the Royal Bruce Chapter. At the termination of labour the brethren adjourned to the Zoological Gardens, where they dined under the presidency of Bro. Richardson, and spent a most agreeable evening.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY—METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation of the above college was held at the Masonic Hall, 16a, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., Bro. Dr. Wynn Westcott, Master of the Temple, presided, and was ably supported by Bros. Dr. Woodman (Supreme Magus), J. Lewis Thomas 8°, S. Lardner, S. L. Macgregor Mathers 8°, Robert Key, W. G. Lemon, Dr. Cockle, Rev. T. W. Lemon, and other brethren. After Bro. Robert A. Gowan had been advanced to the grade of Zelator, a very able paper on the Ten Sephiroth was read by V.W. Bro. Dr. Woodman. The symbolism of the sacred names was dwelt upon at some length and with great erudition; and the mystic teaching of the three columns adorned with the Sephiroth was unfolded. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas further pointed out some analogies between the mystic names of the Deity as contained in the Pentateuch and the three Welsh words denoting the Supreme being. Bro. MacGregor illustrated a similar trine in Gaelic. Further observations were made by Bros. Dr. Wynn Westcott and W. G. Lemon, the latter of whom showed that the several names by which the Supreme being was known and worshipped were indicative of the dominant idea of the peoples at the time of user, changing as the habits, virtues and vices of their worshippers changed. The conclave was then closed, and the Fratres adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for refreshment.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. There were present Bros. Hugh Cotter, W. H. Hubbert, G. Bolton, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; H. Garrod, David D. Mercer, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Charles J. Perceval, E. West, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; A. Forsyth, W. H. Making, H. Cox, J. Newton, C. G. Hill, S. Haslip, Samuel Brooks, Charles Lacey, Charles Kempton, A. H. Tattershall, E. Mead, W. Smith, James Brett, P.G.P.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants (one male and two widows).

The Warden's Report for the past month having been read, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the House Committee of the Boys' School for their kindness in granting permission to the school band to attend on the occasion of the Stewards' visit to the Institution.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The recommendation as to the appointment of an accountant was agreed to, and also that he be requested to examine the books of the Institution and report thereon.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland gave notice of a motion for the next meeting, and the proceedings then concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

We Notify that:—

—The installation meeting of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, W.M., will be held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday next. Lodge will be opened at 1 p.m. The ceremonies of passing and raising will precede the installation of Bro. Charles William Baker, the W.M. Elect. The lodge will banquet at 6 p.m. Frequent trains from Waterloo.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

*Australian Keystone*, Melbourne; *South Australian Freemason*, Adelaide; *Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis; *Voice of Freemasonry*, for July, Chicago; *Freemasons' Chronicle*, Sydney; *South African Freemason*.

THEATRICAL.

Messrs. Groves and Bacon's matinee of *My Uncle* takes place at Terry's, on Tuesday, July 16th; and at the same theatre, on Wednesday afternoon, July 24th, Miss Muriel Wylford will produce *The Catspaw*, a new play by John Tresher.

*Sweet Lavender* will reach its 500th performance on Friday, August 2nd, when the following ladies and gentlemen will appear in it:—Messrs. Edward Terry, Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, H. Dana, H. R. Smith, Sant Matthews, P. Miller; Mesdames M. A. Victor, Blanche Horelock, Annie Irish, and Carlotta Addison.

GLEANINGS.

If education have no religious tendency, then is our civilization a failure, and all instruction goes for naught. Better for man to remain in slavery and degradation than to use the forces of education which result in nothing but barren hopes and fruitless endeavour. Happily we experience a different result. The forces of education have elevated man to the moral and intellectual being of to-day. Among these forces we recognize Masonic knowledge, which has participated in this great work, until now we find the test of true Masonic character applied to the highest type of developed manhood. Unmasonic conduct must, therefore, be the resultant operation of an impure mind—a soul devoid of true manhood, and influenced by unholy desires and passions.—*Grand Master of West Virginia, U.S.A.*

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

"All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES."—General Laws and Regulations.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(THIS DAY) (3rd) THURSDAY, JULY 18th.		
HOUSE COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.30.		
1227	Upton ... ..	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1320	Blackheath ... ..	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1321	Emblematic ... ..	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1963	Duke of Albany ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
R.A.C. 63	St. Mary's ... ..	E. M. H.
(3rd) FRIDAY, JULY 19th.		
HOUSE COMMITTEE, BOYS' SCHOOL, AT 4.		
1118	University ... ..	E. M. H.
(3rd) SATURDAY, JULY 20th.		
1185	Lewis ... ..	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
1539	Spains ... ..	Surrey M. H., Camberwell New Road
R.A.C. 1185	Lewis ... ..	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
Mark. 251	Tenterden ... ..	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(4th) MONDAY, JULY 22nd.		
Nil.		
(4th) TUESDAY, JULY 23rd.		
AUDIT COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.		
Mark. 352	Borough of Greenwich ... ..	William the 4th, Trafalgar Rd., Greenwich.
(4th) WEDNESDAY, JULY 24th.		
BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, AT 6.		
GENERAL COMMITTEE G. CHAPTER, AT 4.		
753	Prince Frederick William ... ..	Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood
754	High Cross ... ..	Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham
(4th) THURSDAY, JULY 25th.		
GENERAL COMMITTEE, GIRLS' SCHOOL, AT 4.		
1623	West Smithfield ... ..	E. M. H.
Mark. 13	Hiram ... ..	Greyhound Hot., Richmond

NOTES FROM AN OLD FREEMASONRY PUBLICATION.—I came across a publication in book form the other day (writes a correspondent), of the year 1809, written in a very quaint style, and purporting to be an "authentic key to the door of Freemasonry." The writer is what is known in masonic circles as a "Cowan," but the work itself is entirely flattering to the order. Although an eaves-dropper, his finding on what he saw and heard is:—"I am inclined to think that the chief design of the establishment is to rectify the heart, inform the mind, and promote the moral and social virtues of humanity, decency, and good order, as much as possible in the world." Among other items of interest in the book, I find that St. Alban formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain in A.D. 287. In 926 Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York, and though through a long vista of years there is little recorded of the order, it seems to have been growing in power, for in 1425 Masons' assemblies were prohibited by Parliament. Twenty-five years later Henry VI. was initiated into Masonry, and in 1690 the secrets were revealed to William III. privately. The Freemasons inaugurated the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, London in 1657, and completed it in 1713. The office of Grand Secretary for England was first established in 1723, and the following year a Grand Treasurer was appointed. It was in the two succeeding years that a "general fund for distressed Masons" was proposed, and a "Committee of Charity" appointed, who founded a system which has grown till now it has assumed proportions of great magnitude. Indeed, so firm a hold has it obtained, that at a meeting held recently in London over £50,000 was subscribed by those present for Masonic charitable purposes. The plans for a Freemasons' Hall in London were approved by Grand Lodge of England in 1769, but it is not till four years later that any definite steps seem to have been taken. A Hall Committee was appointed in 1773, and the year following a site for the building was purchased. The first stone of this building was laid in 1775, and the same year five thousand pounds towards the building of the hall was raised by means of a tontine. The hall was dedicated in 1776, and the following year the anniversary of the dedication was ordered to be kept. It was not always merry with the Masons, however. It is recorded that in 1757 fourteen persons were expelled the order for irregularities, and that in 1762 several others shared the same fate. In 1777 several Masons had to submit to the indignity of imprisonment at Naples, but on what pretence it does not appear. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was elected Grand Master in 1782, and during his tenure of office (1788) the Royal Cumberland Freemason School was instituted. At his death in 1790, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, initiated in 1787, was elected to the vacancy. It is worthy of note that at the date on which the book was published (1809), H.R.H. George Augustus Frederick, the then Prince of Wales, filled the office of Grand Master of England, a position which is held in this year of grace, 1889, by Albert Edward Prince of Wales.—*Glasgow Evening Press.*

SYMBOLISM.—Among the uninitiated there are those who complain because Masonry is so symbolical, and what to us are characters in the alphabet of love and fraternity, to them is empty mummery. Yet the great brotherhood only conforms to the universal law, that which teaches men to express their dearest thoughts by signs and tokens. The plain golden band which encircles the finger of the young bride is eloquent in its symbolism. The Psalmist affirms: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." Nature is full of symbols that talk English to us. Individuals and nations are constantly expressing some great idea by the use of symbols.—REV. J. W. RICHARDSON, in the *New York Dispatch.*

WORTHY AND WELL QUALIFIED.—Among the prerequisite qualifications for admission into Masonry, there is none more important than that a candidate should be worthy and well qualified. He is so declared to be by the Stewards at the door of the lodge before he is permitted to enter. In his passage through the several degrees the question is often asked, "Is he worthy and well qualified?" and it is always answered in the affirmative. When he first stands before the altar of Masonry, it is asserted that we receive none knowingly into our ranks who are not moral and upright before God and of good repute before the world, and this point is emphasized in all the lectures and charges of the work. It would seem almost impossible, with such an examination and safeguards at the entrance to Masonry, that any who are not worthy and well qualified could gain admission. So it would be, if the letter and spirit of these were always observed and carried out. If the moral and mental qualifications of a candidate were scrutinized as closely as his physical ones always are; if the heart and head were subjected to the same test as the hands and feet, there would be less chance for a bad man to cross the threshold of a lodge. Physically it is required that a candidate must be able to comply literally with all the ceremonies of Masonry, and mentally he should be able to comprehend and comply with the obligations he assumes, and to display in his life the tenets of his profession and to practice the cardinal virtues of Masonry. The weak point in this examination of the fitness of candidates to become Masons, we apprehend, is that it is too often regarded more as a matter of form than of real inquiry. Committees on character are too often derelict in their duty. They perhaps have a slight acquaintance with the candidate, and as his general reputation in the community is fair, they without further investigation, take it for granted that he is all right, and report favorably. The Lodge is poor and needs the initiation fee, and the work is needed to keep up an interest by bringing the members out to Lodge meetings. A Mason is thus often made, hoping that no harm will result from his admission, when the better judgment of many of the brethren told them that the Lodge would be better off without him. Such mistakes have proved fatal to many Lodges whose charters now repose in the archives of the Grand Lodge. When a candidate is said to be worthy and well qualified it should not only mean that there is nothing special against him, but that there is something in his favor which recommends him as worthy to become a Mason.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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