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R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

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LITTLE Herts, with its ten Lodges, is generally among the contributors, and it is down for £26 5s. We must not be surprised at the smallness of the amount, seeing that, in May, it gave the Girls £68 5s, and to the Benevolent £645 11s 6d in February, this being the largest Provincial total. Last year Bro. Binckes obtained support to the extent of £59 17s, with one list still to be sent in, while £143 16s 6d was contributed to the Girls, and £176 8s 6d to the Benevolent. In 1876 Bro. Binckes received £82 17s from the Province, and Bro. Terry £102 13s; in 1875 the former £130 1s, and the latter £217 12s, while a contribution of £17 17s was handed to the Girls' School, making a total for the four years of over £1,671, with only one absence during the time. We must congratulate our Herts brethren on the steadfast support they extend to all our Institutions. Kent is one of our most influential Lodges, having, as was stated in our notice of its Provincial Meeting last week, forty-three Lodges. Six of its Lodges, represented by five Stewards, contributed among them £478, being the second largest amount from any Province, Bro. Emmerson's list yielding £151 9s, and Bro. Lukey's £136 10s. Up to last May it had contributed £3,508, giving an average of over £300 per Festival. Its total has now reached £3,986, which yields an average for the twelve Festivals of over £332. We do not think it necessary to enlarge on the merits of this statement, as it speaks for itself. We therefore move on to East Lancashire, with its array of eighty-six Lodges. Six of these sent up amongst them eight Stewards, and their total is £294 15s. As we remarked last May, this Province has an Educational Institution of its own, and considering the terrible depression of trade for a long time past, it would not have surprised us had the Province been less fully represented. However, it invariably contributes, though somewhat modestly it must be acknowledged, considering the number of its Lodges. Of the six, three are Bolton, and three Manchester; and Bro. Hine, who is chairman of the Provincial Institute just referred to, heads the list with a total of £200 5s. A single Liverpool Lodge, Ancient Union, No. 203, is the one representative of West Lancashire and its seventy-seven Lodges, the amount of its contribution being £57 15s. The same remarks apply to this division of Lancashire as to its Eastern neighbour, with this addition that its contributions last year and the year previous exceeded £2,000. Two Stewards from Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792 of Grimsby, sustain the honour of Lincolnshire, but one list only has been returned, the amount being £16 16s. It did not figure at either of the other two Festivals this year, but it contributed to all three Institutions in 1877 and 1876, its subscription to the Girls' School in the latter year reaching £543 14s, while in 1875 it gave £573 to the Benevolent, and smaller sums to the other Institutions. Thus it has done admirably on the whole, though it has not obtained the same prominence this year as it has enjoyed in former years. It must terribly miss "A Warden of the Fens," whose efforts were constantly being directed to helping our Institutions. Middlesex is another of our Provinces, which has figured at all the Festivals during the last four years. Eleven Stewards representing six Lodges and two Chapters—one, however, acting independently—gave among them £194 7s—or rather the seven lists sent

in, up to the day of the Festival, amount to this sum, for there are still four outstanding, so that there is plenty of room for a considerable increase. It has twenty-seven Lodges, and up to February, including the Festival of this year, its contributions amounted to over £3,770. If we add to this the £177 3s 6d handed to the Girls' School in May, and this present £194 7s, we obtain a total of over £4,141 raised towards the last twelve Festivals, or an average short of £350 per Festival. Monmouthshire (eight Lodges) was represented by its Provincial G. Master, Lieut. Col. Lyne, and the total of his list is £166 19s. It contributed modestly to the Girls in May, and last year gave two hundred guineas to the Benevolent, while conjointly with South Wales it gave £464 10s to the Girls in 1875. Thus Monmouthshire, which gave birth to our Harry the Fifth, has done admirably. Norfolk with fourteen Lodges was represented by four Stewards, of whom its Provincial Grand Master, Lord Suffield, was one, and the aggregate of their lists is £279 6s. This is its first appearance during the present year, but in 1877 it supported its Prov. G. Master when he presided at the Festival of the Girls' School to the extent of £210, and it gave the Benevolent £82 17s the same year, and supported the Boys and Benevolent in 1876. The two Lodges which appear in the list are both of Norwich. The next in order is Oxfordshire which with Apollo University as one of its eight Lodges exercises a very considerable influence throughout the Fraternity. Its four Stewards—three for Apollo University, No. 357, and one for the Churchill, No. 478, of Oxford likewise—together gave £75 11s 6d. In May the same two Lodges with three others were down for £144 6s 6d, and in February again the same two gave between them £47 10s 6d to the Benevolent. Last year it supported all the Institutions, the Boys receiving £40 7s 6d, the Girls £62 9s with one list outstanding, and the Benevolent, when, but for indisposition, its Provincial G. Master H.R.H. Prince Leopold would have presided, £279 13s. In 1876, £93 11s was the amount it gave the Boys, £50 went to the Girls, and £100 7s to the Benevolent. In 1875, its contributions were £170 3s, with two lists still to be received, to the Boys, £52 9s to the Girls, and £70 6s to the Benevolent, making for the twelve Festivals, a total of over £1,186. Somersetshire (nineteen Lodges) has a representative for one of them in the list, but the amount of his contribution is not given. However, in May, when its Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon occupied the chair, the total of its subscriptions was £318 3s. In February last it figured for £85 18s. At the Boys' Festival in 1877 it was down for £58 16s, and at that of the Benevolent for £253 14s. In 1876 it gave to the Boys £72 9s, to the Girls £31 10s, and to the Benevolent £66 6s. At the Festival of the Boys' School in 1875, when the Earl of Carnarvon likewise presided it figured still more conspicuously, the total of its lists being £540 12s 6d, and one outstanding. Twenty guineas was its contribution to the Girls' in the same year, but at the Benevolent it was not, if we remember, represented, this being the only occasion of its absence during the four years we have been dealing with. Staffordshire with its twenty-one Lodges has a representative in the person of Bro. James Walker of the St. Peter's, No. 419, of Wolverhampton, and his list amounts to £35 14s. It was likewise represented at the Benevolent in February, when it contributed £156 7s. Last year our Boys received £149 2s, the Girls £161 3s, and the Benevolent £145. At this last Festival, as our readers will doubtless remember, its Prov. G. Master, the late Earl of Shrewbury and Talbot, took the chair at the very last moment,

Prince Leopold being unable, as we have said, to preside, as he had promised to do. In 1876, the Province gave £289 16s to our Boys, and £115 10s to the Girls, and in 1875, £221 to the former, and £271 5s, including £100 from its late P.G.M., who was Chairman, to the Benevolent. Thus, it has taken part in nine out of the twelve Festivals, and has contributed on these several occasions sums amounting together to £1,544 17s. Next stands Suffolk (nineteen Lodges), its Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia, the present Grand Sword Bearer, appearing for the Royal St. Edmunds, No. 1,008, the elder of the Bury St. Edmunds Lodges, with £120 15s, as the very creditable result of his labours. In May it gave the Girls sixty guineas, in February £94 2s to the Benevolent, making a total for the year of £277 17s. In 1877, it somewhat exceeded this total, as it gave £115 10s to the Boys, £91 19s to the Girls, and £111 14s to the Benevolent, making together £319 3s. In 1876, its present Dep. P.G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, was Steward for the Boys and Girls, and two Lodges gave between them £77 to the Benevolent, while in 1875 it gave to our Boys £102 18s, Bro. Lucia being one of the two Stewards, and the sum of £64 19s 6d to the Girls, so that it has only been out of the list once in the four years. The eighteen Lodges of Surrey sent five Stewards, one being General Brownrigg, the Prov. G. Master, and there is still one list to be returned, but a total of £195 5s 6d has already been reached, £141 15s being the amount of Gen. Brownrigg's list, which, we presume, must be taken as representing the whole Province. £42 10s to the Girls' School in May, and £66 18s to the Benevolent in February make the total thus far for the current year £304 13s 6d. In 1877, its donations to the three Institutions amounted to £242 5s 6d. In 1876, it gave the Boys £210 15s 6d, £31 10s to the Girls, £65 5s to the Benevolent; while in 1875, £27 16s 6d went to the Boys, £75 13s to the Girls, and £27 0s 6d to the Benevolent. Thus it has been represented more or less effectively at all twelve Festivals. Sussex, with nineteen Lodges, sent Stewards from two of them, and they raised between them £89 5s. It had already in the present year given £29 8s to the Girls, and £84 10s to the Benevolent. It distinguished itself greatly at the Festival of the Boys' School last year, when its representative, the Deputy P.G.M. and a member of the Royal Clarence, No. 271, the oldest of the Brighton Lodges, took in a list of £270 18s. Following as this did on a contribution by three Stewards of £233 7s 6d to the Girls, and of £158 13s, we think the Province was greatly to be commended. In 1876 it gave £206 5s 6d to the Boys, and £106 to the Benevolent, and in 1875 £112 7s to the Boys, and £77 2s to the Girls, so that it has been represented at ten out of the last twelve Festivals, and last year it gave among them no less than £662 17s 6d. Warwickshire, as we know, has done great things on sundry of these occasions, and the manner in which it supported its respected Prov. Grand Master, Lord Leigh, when he occupied the chair at the Boys' Festival will always be remembered to its credit, the sum being exactly £2000, and all but one of its twenty-six Lodges being represented. These have since increased to twenty-nine, and two Birmingham Lodges, the Solihull, and one of the Warwick, by the hands of five Stewards, send together £215 15s 6d. This is in addition to the sum of £207 18s given to the Girls in May last. Last year it was represented at each of the Festivals, £467 5s 6d being the sum of its subscriptions to the Benevolent, while the total for the three was only a little short of £600, or to be exact £598 10s 6d, there being in one case a list to be accounted for. We have already alluded to its contribution of £2000 to the Boys the year previous, and the Girls were benefited to the extent of £262 10s. In 1875 it was entered at the Boys' Festival for £380 2s, at the Girls' Festival for £21, and £70 to the Benevolent. The total for the eleven Festivals reaches £3,755 16s, or an average per Festival of over £341. Three of the twenty-five North and East Yorkshire Lodges sent up Stewards, and their lists made a total of £85 5s, £31 10s having been handed to the Benevolent in February, and an amount, not stated, to the Girls' School in May. It figured at the Festival of the Boys and Benevolent last year, at the Benevolent in 1876, and at the Boys and Girls in 1875; but, as we have said more than once before, we scarcely think the amount of its contributions is worthy of its position in the Craft. We trust, therefore, that the year 1879 will be more productive. Let it be noted, however, that the Eboracum, No. 1611, the junior Lodge of the City of York, which was only constituted

towards the end of 1876, has done its duty admirably as a young Lodge. It has subscribed twenty-five guineas out of the total £85 5s contributed to this Festival. A like sum was given to the Boys last year, and it has been represented at the two Benevolent Festivals which have taken place since its foundation, £19 5s being the amount of its Stewards' lists in 1877, and £11 10s that of its representative in February last. Thus, in less than two years this small but healthy Lodge has given an aggregate of £83 5s at the four Festivals referred to—a notable example, and one well worthy to be followed by the other Lodges in the Province. West Yorkshire heads the list of the Provinces with a subscription of five hundred guineas (£525), there being twenty-one—or, if we add Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Wordsworth—twenty-three brethren representing the Province. Add to this £900, given to the Girls in May, and £603 5s to the Benevolent in February, and we have a total result for this year of £2,028 5s. The total for the three years 1875, 1876, and 1877 amounted to £4,684, so that since January, of the first of these three, West Yorkshire has contributed over £6,712, which gives an average per Festival of nearly £560. North Wales and Salop (twenty-five Lodges) is represented by three, the aggregate of their lists reaching £169 1s—Bro. R. J. Sisson's list accounting for £137 11s of this total. There is a small contribution by the same brother in May last, and it gave the Boys £175 7s in 1877, and something to the Girls, while the Sir Watkin Testimonial is still in course of being raised, so that we must congratulate the Province on its liberality on the present occasion. As for the Eastern Division of South Wales, with its eleven Lodges, it is down for £84; and it gave the Girls £117 12s in May, as well as £132 15s to the Boys last year; and it had figured likewise at other Festivals in 1875 and 1876. We must add that the Provincial Grand Lodge, Royal Order of Scotland, for Lancashire and Cheshire, contributed £105 by the hands of Brother J. F. Tweedale, so that the 111 Provincial Stewards have, so far, raised among them £5,152 18s 1d. Foreign parts give £71 10s, of which fifteen guineas is from Hong Kong, and £55 15s from the Punjab, £50 10s being the amount of Major Ramsay, the Dist. G. Master's list. The Grand Mark Lodge per Bro. C. Fitz Gerald Matier has sent £68 6s, and presuming we ought in justice to add this to the Metropolitan total, we raise that from £4,876 8s to £4,944 14s. There are still several Provincial lists to come in, so the latter, like the Metropolitan, stand a good chance of being increased by a few hundred pounds.

Such, with the figures as announced at the Festival itself, is the result of a year's labours on behalf of the Boys' School, and we repeat we are by no means satisfied with the result. We think it should, all things considered, at least have equalled that of last year, and there is no reason why it should not have been greatly in excess. One or two other points must be mentioned. Her Majesty, who is Patron of the Institution, gave fifty guineas, and His Royal Highness the Chairman contributed a similar amount. It was also the first occasion on which an allusion was made publicly to the approaching marriage of the Duke of Connaught with the Princess Louise of Germany, and the mention of her name was enthusiastically applauded. The arrangements gave general satisfaction, and indeed we feel justified in congratulating everybody on everything save the matter to which we have alluded, and which is the one solitary drawback to the pleasure it has given us to prepare this analysis.

JAMAICA.

Two new Lodges have been established at Kingston, Jamaica; one under the English Constitution, called the "Jamaican," working under a dispensation. A meeting was held on 7th June, at the Friendly Rooms, when Wor. Bro. Dr. Allen as Master, Bro. Hancock S.W., Bro. Dadson J.W. were installed. Several Past Masters of sister Lodges were present and assisted. The other, under the Scottish Constitution, the St. John's; a meeting was held at the Sussex New Lodge room on 20th, when Wor. Dr. Oglivie as Master, Bro. Paine S.W., Bro. Pierce J.W. were installed. The R.W. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, has been appointed by His Excellency the Governor as an unofficial member of the Legislative Council of this Island. The District Grand Master having decided that a fresh election should take place for a Master in the Phoenix Lodge, Port Royal, an election took place in June, when Bro. E. P. Myers, having now served twelve months as a Warden, was elected Master. The installation will take place in July.

FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Annual Festival held to forward the interests of the Mark Master Masons Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday last, at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, under the presidency of the M.W. the Grand Mark Master Mason of England, Lord Skelmersdale. The meeting was not so numerous as had been expected, but we think many of those who had intended to be present were deterred from attending by the awful event which took place on the morning prior to the Festival, when one of the Stewards fell down dead; in addition to this we must not forget that the Masons of London have just now many calls on their time, and that many others are enjoying themselves in the Provinces. Still, in spite of all these disadvantages, it is our pleasure to record that the amount subscribed exceeds that of last year by nearly £100, with seven lists still outstanding, so that by the time the accounts are closed, we think the executive will be enabled to record an increase of 50 per cent. over the result of last year. At the conclusion of the banquet, the noble Chairman proceeded with the toasts of the evening, that of the Queen was followed by the National Anthem. The next on the list was that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of English Freemasons, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The speaker regretted that neither the Prince of Wales nor his brother, the Duke of Connaught, had yet joined Mark Masonry, but he believed they had one of the Royal family in their ranks, viz., Prince Leopold. He hoped the Prince of Wales might be induced to join them. He was certain that if he did so, he would take as great an interest in the Mark degree as he did in the Craft. Rev. Bro. Hatch then sang the ode composed by himself in honour of the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. Matier next rose to propose the health of the M.W. the Grand Master of Mark Masons. He considered it the principal toast of the evening. It was not the first time he had had the pleasure of proposing the health of Lord Skelmersdale in connection with Freemasonry, but he felt that he had never had occasion to do so under more auspicious circumstances than the present, occupying, as the noble Lord did, the position of G.M. and President of their Benevolent Fund. After a most cordial reception, Lord Skelmersdale rose to respond. He thanked the party for the hearty way in which his health had been proposed and received. He regretted there was not a more numerous attendance, and hoped that the result of the Festival would be much greater than the number of the party might lead them to anticipate. He considered that at the present time there were too many dinners held in connection with the various charities of the country, and considered that if the money spent in dining could find its way into the coffers of the various institutions their annual subscription lists would show much greater results. He felt that in this matter there were many who would not agree with him, but still he must express his opinion on the point. Another evil of our English custom was the amount of talking required on such occasions as the present, and in this respect Freemasons were particularly exacting. Still they were not so bad as on one occasion he could remember, where in a party of four, there were fourteen toasts honoured. Passing down the list of the day, he found that the next thereon was that of the Past Grand Masters of Mark Masonry, of whom they could boast seven, viz.—the Earl of Limerick, Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, Rev. G. R. Portal, and Earl Percy. He had particular pleasure in giving this toast, as he believed that all of them were alive and in good health. He considered it a good omen for Mark Masonry that its rulers should be spared so long to guide and counsel them. Lord Leigh had stated that there was a time when he considered the incorporation of Mark Masonry with the Craft was certain, but owing to the opposition of the late Grand Master, Lord Zetland, it had not been carried out. He regretted this, as he felt that both Craft and Mark would benefit by such a union as was proposed. But for other engagements, he was sure Lord Donoughmore would have been with them that day, as also Lord Henniker, whom they had expected up to the last; still he felt that brother could give a good reason for his absence. With the toast was coupled the health of the Deputy Grand Masters, and other members of Mark Grand Lodge, Bro. Roebuck being called upon to respond. That brother replied to the toast with great pleasure; being mindful of the Chairman's remarks as to short speeches, he would not detain them. He referred to the progress lately made by Mark Masonry, and concluded by thanking those assembled for the compliment paid to the Grand Officers. Lord Skelmersdale next rose. Bro. Matier, in proposing his health, had referred to it as the toast of the evening; in this matter he disagreed with Bro. Matier. He considered the one he now had to introduce—Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund—was in reality the grand one of the evening. It was only lately that he had taken any interest in the Mark Degree, and he was pleased to find that it had made such a firm start. It had a Benevolent Fund of its own, which, though young, was prosperous. The present was the 10th anniversary of its establishment, £50 having been granted by Grand Lodge as its basis in 1868. The total which had been received since then was £1,263 9s 9d, out of which 28 cases had been relieved, and an amount of £850 invested, in addition to this they had a sum of £50 in hand. This balance he was aware was a small one, but they must remember that the calls on their funds had lately been numerous and frequent. The income arising from their invested property was also small, and he therefore felt justified in making a strong appeal for support, which he hoped would be accorded them in sufficient force to place them one day on a level with the Boys' Institution, and entitle them to rank as one of the great Masonic Charitable Funds. Bro. Dewar, the Assistant Grand Secretary, then read the following list of Stewards and amounts collected, the announcement of the total being enthusiastically received.

Rev. W. K. R. Bedford	R.W.P.G.M. Stafford and Warwick	14 10 0
John Wordsworth	R.W.P.G.M. West Yorkshire	10 10 0
Jas. Gardiner	Whitwell, 151	17 5 0
Jas. L. Thomas	Thistle, 8	17 18 0
Wm. Nicholl	St. Andrew's, 34	10 10 0
Alfred Scargill	Britannia, 53	5 5 0
John Fawcett	Do.	5 5 0
Francis Trickett	Do.	5 5 0
E. G. Tattershall	Hiram, 13	21 10 6
Captain J. Ritchie	Excelsior, 226	18 0 0
W. G. Brighten P.G.S.	Grosvenor, 144	25 13 0
Henry Bagot	Furness, 36	10 10 0
Richard Eve	Aldershot, 54	21 0 0
Chas. Harding	Carnarvon, 7	10 10 0
J. R. Goepel	West Lancashire, 65	70 5 0
A. Gorton	Dover and Cinque Ports, 152	
Richard Boggett	Lincolnshire	20 0 0
A. Thrale Perkins	Keystone, 109	
Thomas Cubitt	St. Mark's, 1	10 10 0
J. Cattley Mason	Southwark, 22	12 12 0
Rev. J. Hatch	Do.	
Col. J. Whitwell	D.P.G.M. Cumberland, &c.	
J. D. Sugden	D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire	
Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D.	Remigius, 17	5 15 0
John Barker	Fearnley, 58	
George Ward Verry	Macdonald, 104	12 12 0
J. T. Robinson	Humber, 182	

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Seven lists yet to come.

Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, afterwards replied to the toast, referring to the remarks made by the Chairman as to the amount spent by Freemasons and others at their Charity dinners. He could not agree with the noble Chairman's remarks. His experience was that those who did not enjoy themselves at the banquet table seldom gave much for the help of their unfortunate fellow-creatures, and when they considered the infinitesimal amount spent on their dinners compared with the result of their labours, he thought few could wish to deprive them of this little enjoyment. As to the smallness of their fund, why should they despair? he could remember the time when £600 collected by thirty or thirty-five Stewards for the Boys' School was considered a grand result; surely there was no reason why they should not do as well as had been done before. The result of the labours of the Stewards of the day would enable them to increase their funded property to £1000. The health of the Stewards was next given, and with this toast the chairman had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. Goepel. That brother tendered his thanks for the honour thus conferred on him, a compliment no doubt paid him in consequence of his list being the largest of the day. He was specially pleased with this result, as it was in his Lodge that his Lordship, the president of the evening, was advanced to the Mark degree. Bro. Thomas now rose. There had been a contention, he said, as to which was the toast of the evening. First Bro. Matier had announced his as worthy of that position, then their chairman had advanced the claims of their Fund to that distinction, but he (Bro. Thomas) thought that the principal one had still to be given. He felt that the presence of the ladies had given a certain charm to the gathering which could not have arisen in any other way. He therefore called on the brethren to drink heartily to their good health, and to that of Bro. Brighten, whose name he would couple with the toast. Bro. Brighten had especial pleasure in responding to this toast. He felt that their summer meetings were among the most pleasant of the year, as thereat they were often able to enjoy the company of the ladies. He felt sure that more life would be given to Freemasonry in proportion to the interest taken in the Craft by the ladies, on whose behalf he acknowledged the kind remarks of Bro. Thomas. Bro. Levander concluded the toasts of the evening by giving that of the Press, to which Bros. W. W. Morgan and E. Massey responded. The whole of the arrangements of the Festival showed that its conduct had been placed in good hands. The company were indebted to Miss Binckes for presiding at the piano during the evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to the letter of Bro. Mortlock, I beg to state—

- 1st. That there is no Metropolitan District in Mark Masonry.
- 2nd. That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey was constituted in 1870.
- 3rd. That the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173, was consecrated in 1874.
- 4th. That the Temple Mark Lodge meets at Stepney, in the county of Middlesex, and is therefore within the Province of Middlesex and Surrey.
- 5th. The Temple Mark Lodge refuses to pay dues or acknowledge the Provincial Grand Lodge in any way.
- 6th. That the Provincial Grand Lodge contests the so-called decision of the Temple Mark Lodge, and the matter has yet to be otherwise disposed of.
- 7th. That my report to the Provincial Grand Lodge was therefore correct.

Yours fraternally, W. G. BRIGHTEN,
Prov. G. Mark Sec. Middlesex and Surrey.

4 Bishopsgate-street-without, E.C.
18th July 1878.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH AFRICA.

[COMMUNICATED.]

ON the afternoon of Saturday, the 22nd June, the Italian steamer "Caprera" anchored in the midst of the beautiful Bay of Tunis, which washes the shores rendered famous in history as the site of the once flourishing City of Carthage. The arrival of the "Caprera" had been anxiously expected by our brethren of Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, who had assembled at the seaport of the Goletta to receive their worthy D.G.M., R.W. Bro. William Kingston, of Malta, and several of his Grand Officers, who had, with true Masonic zeal, and a courageous disregard of the inconveniences of an Oriental summer, travelled from Malta to pay an official visit to this young but prosperous Lodge, and at the same time to inaugurate the Mark Lodge Kingston, No. 222, and to consecrate the Royal Arch Chapter Ancient Carthage, No. 1717. The D.G.M., D.G.J.W., D.G. Reg., &c., were met at the Goletta by the W.M. Bro. Broadley, the S.W. Bro. the Rev. E. B. Frankel, the J.W. Bro. Barker C.E., the Chaplain Bro. the Rev. E. H. Shepherd B.A., the J.D. Bro. Pentecost, &c., and the party proceeded to Tanis by the evening train. On the following day a great number of the brethren (including the D.G.M.) attended divine service at the English Church dedicated to St. Augustine, where an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the D.G. Chaplain Bro. E. B. Frankel S.W. 1717. On Monday the 24th June (by a happy coincidence the Feast of St. John the Baptist), a goodly number of English and foreign brethren assembled in the commodious Masonic Hall, situated in a street bearing the Oriental name of Strada Si Aly Azuz. The Lodge-room had a peculiarly elegant appearance, and is furnished throughout in a complete and satisfactory manner. It is nearly 45 feet long, and will contain with ease about eighty brethren. The walls of the Lodge are covered with appropriate fresco, almost elaborate in design, and the whole house is brilliantly lighted with gas. A refreshment room, waiting room, &c., are comprised in the general arrangements. The Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, was opened by W. Bro. Broadley (Barrister at Law) at 4 p.m. The following W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present—W. Bro. N. Lenghi 33° P.M. of Lodge Caprera at Alexandria (P.M. 1717), W. Bro. P. Ghiani-Mameli 32° P.M., and W.S. of the Lodge and Chapter Vittoria Fedelta at Cagliari, and Deputy for that City to the Parliament of Italy, W. Bro. Vais 33° deg. P.M. and W.S. at Leghorn, W. Bro. Dr. Mugnaini 31° deg. P.M. of the Lodge Carthage and Utica at Tunis, W. Bro. the Baron James Castellnuovo W.M. of the existing Italian Lodge Risorgimento at Tunis, and W. Bro. P. Sulema 18° deg. P.M. of the Italian Lodge Concordia and Progresso at Tanis. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W., J. E. L. Barker C.E. J.W., A. Blanch acting Treasurer, S. Souiller Secretary, A. Perini M.D. S.D., G. Pentecost J.D., Rev. E. H. Shepherd B.A. Chaplain, P. Paleologo I.G., V. C. Clement D. of C., M. Lombroso and M. Schembri Stewards, and H. Haylock Tyler, together with Bros. the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie Consul General of the German Empire, J. J. Gardiner C.E., N. Cassanello M.D., and nearly fifty others, including the Officers of the newly founded Italian Lodge, Il Risorgimento. On an alarm being given that the District Grand Lodge of Malta sought admittance, a procession entered the Lodge in the following order—Bro. Beck D.G. Pnsr. and Bro. Paleologo D.G.S. bearing the greater lights, Bro. Pentecost D.G. Steward bearing the D.G.L. Banner, Bro. Rev. E. B. Frankel D.G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Charles Riechelman D.G.J.W., the R.W. Bro. William Kingston D.G.M. The D.G.M. was received with the honours due to his exalted rank. The D.G.M. assumed the gavel, and the W.M. Bro. Broadley his place as D.G.S.W. The other D.G. Officers assumed their posts, and D.G. Lodge was declared open in ample form. The D.G. Chaplain having offered up a prayer, the W.M. tendered the Books of the Lodge for the inspection of the D.G.M., and addressed that brother as follows:—

R.W. Sir,—Allow me, on behalf of myself and the Officers and members of this Lodge, to bid you welcome to "Ancient Carthage." We are deeply sensible of the honour you have done us to come amongst us, and of the great sacrifices made by yourself and your Grand Officers to accomplish this visit, so important in the annals of my Lodge, and, I feel sure, so much calculated to advance our prosperity. I feel almost justified in saying that your presence in Tunis to-day has a deep interest, not only for this Lodge and this District in particular, but for the Masonic world in general. Few spots possess greater attraction to the historical student of Masonry than the site of that mighty city from which we derive our name, the ruins of which are almost visible from the place on which we now stand. Founded by the countrymen of our Grand Master H. B. seven centuries before the Christian era, it was adorned and embellished by the "cunning workmen" of the Phœnician race, and finally, when Tyre itself fell before a victorious foe, it afforded a refuge to the descendants of those great men who originated, as our traditions inform us, the secrets and mysteries of our honourable order. The ruins of that once powerful city contain many a mark and many a symbol familiar to all workers of our Craft, and strange to say these marks and these symbols have been perpetuated by the Moslem conquerors whose children now possess those beautiful hills sloping down to the Mediterranean, once crowned by the Mistress of the World. It is to a Lodge and a country possessing these almost unrivalled associations that I welcome you to-day. You find in our midst many representatives of the G.O. of Italy, who join with us in thanking you for the honour you have done us to visit this distant part of your district. Italy and England have enjoyed a long and unbroken friendship, and I can truly state that the most cordial and fraternal feelings exist between the Italian and English Masons in Tunis. We all of us are determined to overcome the difficulties engendered by diversity of race and creed, and unite together in upholding by example as well as by precept the great doctrines upon which Freemasonry is based. The progress of our Lodge up to the

present time has surpassed all our expectations. We owe much to the encouragement afforded us by yourself and your excellent D.D.G.M., W. Bro. Rosenbush, and your presence amongst us to-night fills our cup of gratitude to the brim. Your visit will always form an important epoch in the history of this Lodge, and will serve as an impetus to one and all of us to put forth fresh exertions in the Masonic cause. The Supreme Grand Chapter of England has lately given us a proof of its confidence in granting us a charter to open a Chapter in connection with our Lodge, and we are fully determined to justify the trust so kindly reposed in us, that neither the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter may ever regret extending their jurisdiction and that of your District to the shores of North Africa, and thus enable English Masons to work English Masonry in the country which will always be associated with the fame and glory of the mighty Tyrian nation, to which, in all probability, we owe the very existence of our Order. The R.W.D.G.M. replied as follows: W. Bro. Broadley, W.P. Masters, Officers and Brethren,—I thank you very much for the cordial reception accorded by you this evening to my Grand Officers and myself. In coming amongst you I have done nothing more than fulfil my duty as D.G.M., and I must say that in the present instance my task has been a very pleasant one. I congratulate W. Bro. Broadley on the result of his great exertions in the cause of Masonry in Tunis, and particularly on the prosperity and increasing importance of the Lodge over which he rules. I only hope that the fame of the Ancient Carthage Lodge will be lasting, and that its future may be as satisfactory as its beginning. The R.W.D.G.M. closed the D.G.L. W. Bro. Broadley, at the request of the R.W.D.G.M., resumed the gavel, and proceeded with the ordinary work of the Lodge. Mr. Joseph Allegro, an officer in the Turkish army, was then introduced and initiated, in the French language, into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry in the E.A. degree. The W.M. alluded to the presence of the W.M. and Officers of the recently established Italian Lodge, Il Risorgimento, and wished both them and their Lodge every success. W. Bro. Baron Castellnuovo M.D. replied in appropriate terms, and expressed his high sense of W. Bro. Broadley's cordiality and good feeling towards the Lodge over which he had been elected to govern, and hoped that both Lodges would unite in forming a column of mutual defence and support. The Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. E. H. Shepherd, having offered up an appropriate prayer, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6 p.m. At 8 o'clock a banquet was given under the presidency of the W.M., in the refreshment room, which was very numerously attended by the brethren and Masonic visitors. The usual toasts of obligation were given and responded to, that of the D.G.M. awakening peculiar enthusiasm. The W. Bro. Kingston, in returning thanks, expressed his gratification at the reception accorded to him and his Officers, and proposed the health of the W.M. and principal founder of the Lodge, W. Bro. Broadley. The W.M. proposed the health of the Officers, coupling with the toast that of Bro. the Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W., to whose Masonic zeal he rendered ample testimony. Several other toasts were proposed and answered to, and amongst them, that of the Grand Orient of Italy, responded to by W. Bro. Ghiani-Mameli Deputy of the Italian Parliament; W. Bro. J. M. P. Montague G.D. of England, Honorary Member of 1717; the former Masters of Lodges in Tunis, eloquently proposed by W. Bro. Lenghi, and responded to appropriately by W. Bro. Dr. Mugnaini and W. Bro. P. Sulema. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at 11 p.m.

The next morning, at 8 a.m., the brethren met to dedicate the newly founded Mark Masons Lodge, Kingston, No. 222, named after the popular and much esteemed D.G.M. of Malta. The proceedings being opened according to ancient custom, the warrant was read, and R.W. Bro. Kingston P.M.M.M. 109, proceeded to instal the first W.M., W. Bro. Broadley. The following brethren were then advanced, viz., Bros. Perini, W. Castellnuovo C.E., Blanch, Dr. Cassanello, Schembri, Gardelle, Denti, Enriquez and Barker. Another meeting was held at 4 p.m., when six other brethren attained the honourable degree, viz., the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Felice, They, Macario, Cassar, and Bourepanx. A third Mark Lodge was opened at 8 p.m., when seven other brethren sought advancement, i.e., Bros. J. J. Gardiner C.E., V. Finzi, S. Arieti, V. C. Clement, M. Le Gallais, S. Souiller and E. Nurri. The ceremonies being over, and the advancement of the twenty-two candidates efficiently carried out, with the aid of the visiting brethren from Malta, a short address was delivered by the W.M. on the special interest of Mark Masonry for brethren in Tunis; he expressed his pleasure at the name of the Lodge, No. 222, serving as a memorial of the visit of the Installing Officer R.W. P.M.M. Kingston, and expressed a hope that it would ever continue as a memorial of his hard work and great popularity in the district over which he ruled. The D.G.M. having returned thanks, the W.M. invested the following Officers for the ensuing year, Bros. Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W., G. Pentecost J.W., Dr. A. Perini M.O., D. N. Cassanello S.O., J. J. Gardiner J.O., A. Blanch Treasurer, S. Souiller Secretary, P.M. Paleologo Registrar of Marks, M. Le Gallais S.D., E. Nurri J.D., V. C. Clement D. of C.; V. Finzi and E. Gardelle Stewards, H. Haylock Tyler. The Mark Lodge was then closed in ancient form at 10 p.m.

On Wednesday, the 6th June, at 4 p.m., the founders of the Ancient Carthage Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1717, assembled in the Masonic Hall to witness its consecration, and the installation of the first principal elect, E. Comp. A. M. Broadley W.M. 1717. The warrant having been read by the acting Scribe E., an elaborate address on the history, scope and aim of R.A. Masonry was delivered by the Consecrating Officer, E. Comp. Kingston P.Z. R.A.C. No. 319, which was listened to with marked attention, and highly appreciated. The Scribe E. elect, Comp. the Rev. E. B. Frankel, offered up a prayer, during which the consecrating elements were poured out, and afterwards incensed the four corners of the building according to ancient custom. The Chapter being declared consecrated, E. Comp. Kingston proceeded to instal in the first chair the Principal Z. elect, E. Comp. A. M. Broadley, as designated in the charter

signed by the Three Grand Principals of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Lord Skelmersdale and Lord de Tabley, and I. Comp. Reichelman P.M. 515 in the third chair, while he himself, in conformity with the provisions of the warrant, assumed the chair of H. The following M.M.'s were then introduced to receive at their hands the benefits of exaltation, viz., W. Bros. Magnani 32°, Lenghi 33°, and the Baron Castellnuovo, all P.M.'s of Lodges under the G.O. of Italy; and Bros. the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie (Consul General for Germany), Chevalier J. Cubisol Consul for Denmark and Belgium, J. J. Gardiner C.E., J. B. Bonrepaux, E. Gardelle, A. Blanch, G. B. Cassar, J. E. L. Barker C.E. and Dr. N. Cassanello. The Chapter was then adjourned till 8 o'clock, when Bros. the Professors Souiller and Clement, and E. Nurrio were exalted. Before the closing of the Chapter the M.E.Z. Comp. Broadley delivered a short address on the position and nature of the degree, and its relation with foreign Masonry. The Chapter being closed in ancient form, the Companions adjourned to a banquet, where the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were honoured and enthusiastically received.

On the following day the R.W.D.G.M., accompanied by Bros. Broadley D.G.S.W. W.M. of 1717, and W. Bro. Reichelman D.G.J.W. and P.M. 515, together with all the Officers of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, paid a visit to the newly established Lodge, Il Risorgimento, working under the auspices of the G.O. of Italy. The W.M. of this Lodge is Bro. the Baron J. Castellnuovo M.D., Surgeon to the late King of Italy, and who, on the previous day, was exalted in the Ancient Carthage Chapter; and the subordinate Officers are as follow: Bros. Dr. Funaro S.W., Professor Vais 33° J.W., Professor Ayra Orator, G. Maltesopolo Sec., Pariente Treas., Attia D. of C., and J. Enriquez Almoner. The Lodge being opened in due form, the D.G.M. was received under the Arch of Steel, and with the honours peculiar to Italian Masonry. A most cordial reception was accorded to W. Bro. Broadley and his Officers, and Bro. Broadley returned thanks in appropriate terms. The work of the evening was proceeded with, and two candidates, Messrs. Parienti and Senigallia, satisfactorily initiated according to the peculiar Ritual practised in Italy. After the ceremony an address of much real value and research was delivered by the Orator, Bro. Professor Ayra, and listened to with deep attention by all present. At 9-30 the members and visitors, over sixty in number, adjourned to refreshment, and in order entered the beautiful and tastefully decorated banquetting room of the Lodge, which is held in one of those ancient Moorish palaces which excite the admiration of all European visitors. The room and tables were most elaborately decorated with flowers, national flags, &c. While speaking on this head, it would be difficult to accord too much praise to the courteous and hard working Stewards, Bros. Catalanotti, Attia, Sannino and Jedetchi, whose exertions added not a little to the perfect success of the entertainment, which can only be described as a dinner of the most elaborate kind. The toasts of the King of Italy and the G.M. of the G.O. of Italy having been drunk, coupled with that of our own Royal M.W.G.M., the W.M. proposed the health of the D.G.M. of Malta, in felicitous terms declaring that his visit to Tunis would be considered an epoch in the annals of Italian as well as English Masonry. The D.G.M. returned thanks, and W. Bro. Lenghi explained his remarks in Italian. The W.M. proceeded to propose the health of W. Bro. Broadley, whom he characterised as his co-worker in the Masonic ranks, and to him he attributed the credit of bringing about, by indefatigable exertion, the great Masonic revival now taking place in Tunis. W. Bro. Broadley returned thanks, declaring that the evening they had spent was a full recompense for any effort of his, and expressed a hope that harmony, affection and brotherly love would unite and cement the two sister Lodges of Ancient Carthage and Risorgimento, which might be appropriately considered as typifying the mutual goodwill and regard existing between the two nations to which they belonged. Several other toasts were proposed and drank with great enthusiasm, particularly that of an absent Bro., J. H. Stevens British Vice-Consul, at present recovering from severe illness, to which W. Bro. Broadley responded, and appropriately answered by proposing the health of his able medical adviser, Dr. Fnnaro, the S.W. of Lodge Risorgimento. The W.M. having to leave for Goletta by special train, placed W. Bro. Broadley in charge of the Lodge, and the harmony of the evening was continued till a late hour, when a burst of enthusiasm was awakened by the chairman proposing and giving the parting toast according to our English usage. The brethren separated about midnight, with but one feeling as to the reception accorded to them by their Italian brethren, viz., one of complete and universal satisfaction.

After a visit to the ruins of Carthage, and a few hours of needful repose on Friday, the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers proceeded to Goletta, on Saturday the 29th June, by the 10 a.m. train, accompanied by a large number of brethren belonging to both the Tunis Lodges. Here the party was received by the respected agents of the Tunisian Railway, Messrs. Williamson and Gardiner, and going on board the steam launch belonging to the Company, soon reached the steam ship "Lancefield," on which they embarked. All being prepared for departure, the last adieus were exchanged, and the Tunis brethren quitted the steamer, which soon left them and North Africa behind. Nothing more remains to be said, but that the R.W.D.G.M. during his visit, by his patience, courtesy and ability, earned the hearty good-will of every Mason in Tunis, English or foreign, and that his sojourn amongst them will ever be pleasantly and gratefully remembered in the days to come.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—These highly-efficient remedies should be at once resorted to on the first appearance of febrile or bowel complaints. It is well known that during the heat of summer and early autumn the mucous membrane of the alimentary canal is peculiarly liable to become excited and inflamed, and then dysentery, diarrhoea, cramps, English cholera, and various other complaints of that nature are very frequent. To remedy these painful and dangerous diseases, Holloway's Ointment should be thoroughly rubbed into the surface of the stomach and bowels, and it will be found that so soon as it penetrates the skin, the vomiting and nausea will abate, the cramps and pain disappear, and all other symptoms quickly subside.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

AT the Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, 15th April 1878, there were present—W. Bros. W. H. Simpson D.D.G.M. in the chair, Henry Westcott D.S.G.W., Wm. George Cassidy D.J.G.W., Rev. W. Beg M.D. LL.D. D.G.C., Nicholas Hopson D.G. Treas., A. Gardner D.G. Reg., N. Selfe Pres. Bd. Gen. Purp., R. Leworthy D.G. Sec., M. Medway D.S.G.D., N. J. Robinson D.J.G.D., John Booth D.G.S. of W., F. B. Davidson D.G.D. of C., H. J. Wager D.G.A.D. of C., J. Carroll D.G. Organist, H. Perdriau D.G.A. Purs., S. A. De Lissa D.G.T., and other brethren. D.G. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the Communication of the 21st January, also those of the Special Communication, held at Maitland, for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating the new Hall at that place, on the 25th February last, were severally read and confirmed.

The D.D.G.M. read a letter addressed to himself, from the D.G.M., regretting that he was unable, through indisposition, to attend D.G. Lodge that evening, and requested the D.D.G.M. to inform the members of D.G. Lodge that no change would be made in the Officers who had been appointed on the 19th November last; and also to state, for the information of D.G. Lodge, that a new Lodge, named the Goulburn, had been opened by himself, assisted by W. Bro. Hopson D.G. Treas., in Goulburn, on the 25th February last. The D.D.G.M. stated that the Committee elected at the January Communication to revise the By-Laws of D.G. Lodge, were unable to bring up their reports that evening. He had obtained the by-laws of the D.G. Lodge of Victoria to assist him, and had drafted a revised code for the consideration of the Committee. Their report would be brought up at the next Communication of D.G. Lodge. W. Bro. Webster P.S.D.G.D., read the Auditors' Report with Balance Sheets of D.G. Lodge, and Benevolent Fund for the past year. W. Bro. E. O. Smith P.D.D.G.M. said, as this was, according to their by-laws, the Annual Meeting, the D.G. Treasurer should be elected. This part of the business had been omitted in the agenda paper. Bro. Harper, W.M. 655, also supported this view of the matter. The D.D.G.M. said the Treasurer had been elected in November last, and in the opinion of the D.G.M. should hold office until the same month in the present year, but if it was the wish of D.G. Lodge, he had no objection to the election of Treasurer that evening. After some further discussion it was decided to proceed to the election, when Bro. Webster proposed, and Bro. Westcott D.G.S.W. seconded, that Bro. Hopson be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. This was put and carried. W. Bros. Davidson and Bullard were appointed Scrutineers for the election of six Past Masters to serve on the Board of General Purposes. A ballot having been taken, the result was declared as follows:—Bros. Webster 1169, Wager 390, Kennedy 1653, Monckton 937, D. Mitchell 1552, and Read 817. A ballot was then taken for the election of six Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence; the Scrutineers declaring the result of the ballot as follows:—Bros. Webster 1169, Wager 390, Kennedy 1653, Monckton 937, D. Mitchell 1552, and Read 817. Bro. Medway S.D.G.D. moved, and Rev. Bro. Beg D.G. Chaplain seconded, that Bro. D. Mitchell W.M. 390, and Bro. Mulholland P.M. 656, be elected Auditors for the ensuing year, which motion was duly carried. The D.G. Sec. stated that no meetings of Committee of General Purposes had been held during the past year. Bro. Wager, President, brought up the Report of the Committee of Benevolence, showing the amount voted in relief of applicants since last Communication to be £27, and the amount granted during the past year £216. The D.G. Sec. brought up the Report of the Committee of Orphan Society, with the Balance Sheet for the year ending in January last, which was read and ordered to be printed and circulated. Bro. Hopson, D.G. Treasurer, proposed, seconded by Bro. Taylor, acting S.D.G.W., that the Secretary's Salary be the same as last year, namely, £150,—carried. The same brother moved that the salary of Tyler be the same as last year, namely, £8. This was seconded by Bro. Davis P.M. 655, and carried.

The D.D.G.M., in reply to a question from W. Bro. E. O. Smith P.D.D.G.M., said the D.G.M. was not aware that any distinguishing badge was worn by members of the Lodge Empress of India.

W. Bro. E. O. Smith P.D.D.G.M. said the D.G.M. had stated he would only hold office for three years, and was proceeding to comment thereon, when Rev. Bro. Beg, D.G. Chaplain, rose to a point of order, and said the remarks of Bro. Smith were out of order as the question was not before the D.G. Lodge. The D.D.G.M. ruled the discussion out of order, the subject was not before the D.G. Lodge that evening, the proper time to discuss the matter would be when it came before them in the new by-laws, he also declined to answer questions of which proper notice had not been given to the District Grand Lodge. The business being ended, the D.G. Lodge was closed in form.

From the balance sheet of D.G. Lodge, we find that the New South Wales Freemasons' Orphan Society has a balance in hand of £532 15s 3d, besides £3,437 invested in shares of the Freemasons' Hall Co., and £1,100 in Government Debentures. The Masonic Benevolent Fund also exhibits a most satisfactory condition, there being, after payment of all charges, a cash balance of £101 15s 11d, with £300 on deposit, and £100 invested in Government Debentures. Thus, the two Masonic Charity Funds of New South Wales together possess property representing £6,633 11s 2d, a result, we feel sure, that the brethren of that district must be highly satisfied with, showing as it does that during times of prosperity they are not unmindful to lay up funds which hereafter may serve to relieve any who from unforeseen circumstances may have occasion to avail themselves of their benefits.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held on Friday next, at Watford, under the banner of the Watford Lodge.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

IN these days of Summer Festivals the first and most important question to decide is,—where to go? Some like a water trip, others are particularly averse to that mode of locomotion, while few can say they enjoy a long journey by train during such hot weather as we usually experience at this season of the year. We are, therefore, pleased to hear of any place which offers accommodation for ourselves and friends and yet is within easy reach from all parts of London. We feel sure that those who visited the Zoological Gardens on Thursday last, to take part in the festival of the New Concord Lodge, will agree with us, that here are to be found such attractions as are not attainable elsewhere within a reasonable distance. Such of our friends as were able to spare an hour or two previous to the meeting found a pleasure in inspecting the varied collection of the Zoological Society, and may have had an opportunity of judging of the effect of the surroundings on the appetites of the wild residents of the Gardens. Bro. Trotman, who has the management of the refreshment department, has too wide a reputation to need praise from us, still we have pleasure in adding our meed to the innumerable recognitions he has received. The meeting of Thursday was the first Masonic gathering that has been held in the Gardens of the Zoological Society, but we feel sure that it will not be the last; in fact, as we write, we are informed that the Belgrave Lodge intend holding their Festival there on Thursday next. If they are favoured with fine weather, we predict for them a successful gathering. At the conclusion of the banquet, Bro. Stead, the W.M., who occupied the chair, gave the toast of the Queen, which having been duly honoured, was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family. After a song, the president proposed the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. With this toast he had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. Buss, who he felt sure was heartily welcomed by every member of the Lodge. Bro. Buss in his reply referred to the mention that had lately been made by the heads of the Craft to the pleasure they experience in seeing ladies join in banquets connected with the Order. He thought it would be a source of gratification for the Grand Officers to see such good feeling as always prevailed at the New Concord Lodge. With the next toast, that of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Gallant, who briefly enumerated, for the benefit of the ladies and non-Masons who were present, the various Institutions connected with the Craft, and the particular work they were appointed to carry out. Prosperity to the New Concord Lodge was next given, coupled with the name of the Past Masters thereof. To this toast Bro. Main responded. Being one of the oldest members of the Lodge, he could refer to its prosperity with pride. In the first two years of their existence they had made themselves Vice Presidents of the three Charities, since that time they had never lost an opportunity of working for the benefit of the Craft. He felt that what they had done for the Charities was a sure proof, if any were needed, that they had not wasted their money. Bro. Harper the S.W. of the Lodge gave the health of the President, to most of whom present he was personally known, but to those who had not the pleasure of his acquaintance the speaker could assure them he was a true friend and a brother in every sense of the word. Bro. Stead briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him. If in introducing the various toasts, or in responding to the kind remarks made in reference to himself, he had not said all that was necessary, he must excuse himself on account of time being limited. He felt he had the good wishes of the members of this Lodge, on all of whom he could rely for support. He then gave the health of the Vice-President, coupling with the toast the Officers and Stewards of the Lodge. Bro. Harper responded. The Visitors were next honoured. The members of the New Concord always held this toast in high esteem, and were always pleased to receive visitors. Bro. Painter of the Belgrave Lodge replied, he felt that the Visitors had one and all enjoyed themselves, and were greatly indebted to their hosts for providing so pleasant an entertainment. The Masonic Press was next given, coupled with the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., and then Bro. Cusworth I.P.M. proposed the health of the Ladies, calling upon Bro. Thomas to respond on their behalf. This brother did so, and thanked the brethren for having remembered the ladies when making arrangements for their Summer Festival. The party then repaired to the lawn, and there enjoyed themselves until the lateness of the hour suggested the desirability of the homeward journey. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Mr. Arthur Jarratt, who was assisted by Miss Matilda Roby and Mr. H. Seligman, who carried out their duties in first rate style. Especial praise is due to Miss Roby, whose rendering of the two songs entrusted to her called forth well merited applause; in the case of the latter the demand for an encore was kindly acceded to.

THE AMERICAN MASONIC PILGRIMAGE.

ON Thursday next the Pilgrims of the Mary Commandery, No. 36 (K.T.), Philadelphia, U.S.A., who arrived at Merville this week by the Anchoria from New York, and who are this day en route from Belfast to Glasgow, will visit the ancient city of York, the scene of the earliest traditional gatherings of Freemasons in England, and the centre of so much that is interesting in the history of our country. We are glad to hear that they are to meet with such a truly Masonic reception in the old capital of the North as will prove to them that there is still a living spirit in the brethren of the mother country, and that the exercise of hospitality has not been forgotten in the

great northern county. The pilgrims will reach York *via* Leeds on the evening of the 24th inst., and will stay at the New Station Hotel. On the following morning they will be conducted by the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, assisted by several brethren, to the various places of interest in the city. The ruins of St. Mary's Abbey, the Cathedral, the walls and ancient gateways, will all be inspected, and in the afternoon the Pilgrims will be entertained at luncheon by the members of the Eboracum Lodge. At 4 p.m. there will be an emergency meeting of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knight Templars, No. 101, at which the American members of the Order will be present, when the ceremonies of reception and installation will be worked by a number of Preceptors and Officers of the Order, and the visitors will receive a formal welcome. At 7 p.m. there will be a grand banquet at the Station Hotel, under the banners of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory and Priory of Malta, at which the Americans will be the guests of the Knight Templars of York. By the kind permission of Bro. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards (W.M. of the St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 I.C.), the band of that regiment will be in attendance at the banquet, and will perform a selection of appropriate music. A novel feature in the banquet will be the introduction of ladies, who will be present during the proceedings. We may add that although the banquet is given by the Knight Templars, Masons of all grades may be present. On Friday morning the Pilgrims take their departure for Sheffield, where we understand they will receive an equally warm welcome from the united Craft Lodges of that city.

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I desire to correct a few errors, in regard to dates, which have occurred whilst passing through the press.

§ 4. List No. 2 (1723).—The date against No. 6 should be 17th January 1721.

§ 5. List No. 3 (1729, Pine).—The date against No. 12 should be May 1723. List 1730 (By S. Prichard, not Pine.) The date against No. 4 should be 17th January 1722. The date against No. 6 should be 19th January 1722.

§ 6. List No. 4 (1738, Anderson).—The date against No. 4 should be 11th July 1721.

§ 7. List No. 5.—Present No. 8 should be dated 19th January 1722.

Present No. 18 should be dated March 1723.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

THE LAUNCH AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks on the unsatisfactory arrangements for the comfort and convenience of brethren who were present at the launch of our Life-boat, certainly do not err on the side of severity; on the contrary, I think you have drawn it too mild, and that a sharper castigation should have been administered to the Clactonian small fry, who are already aping the conduct of the frog in the fable, and imagine they are an important municipality. I believe there is a law in Essex by which those whose duty it is to attend Prov. G. Lodge, and who do not put in an appearance, are fined a brace of guineas. Those present therefore were there in the fulfilment of a duty with a penalty attached to its non-fulfilment. But even if this were not the case, the majority of those present had travelled many miles in order, as far as each individually was concerned, to make the launch as great a success as possible. But the launch and the procession over, the Masons, who with their Life-boat had formed the principal attraction, were left to shift for themselves, while the Committee and its principal guests, Lord Skelmersdale, &c., &c., who could not be ignored, sat down to banquet. Looking at the matter from a purely business point of view, the show was a capital paying advertisement to Clacton-on-Sea, and the local Committee should not have ignored those who helped to make the day a success. For a man to be compelled to travel sixty or seventy miles to take a part in a show for the benefit of others, and then to be ignored by those others, well—it is simply disgusting.

Fraternally yours,

"OBSERVER."

A meeting of the Rose Croix Chapter will be held at the Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth, on Monday evening, when several distinguished visitors of the degree are expected to attend.

MARK MASONRY.

GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Master of the above Province, the Reverend Bro. George Raymond Portal, M.A., with his Officers, honoured the Aldershot Mark Lodge, No. 54, by holding their annual meeting at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, on Wednesday 10th July, 1878. The Lodge was tyed at 2.30 p.m., when there were present:—The M.W. and Reverend Bro. G. R. Portal, M.A., in the chair. The Very Worshipful Bro. W. Hickman, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; The Very Worshipful and Reverend Bro. Johnson, No. 17, Prov. Grand Chaplain; The Very Worshipful Bro. J. E. Le Fèvre, Prov. Grand Secretary; Worshipful Bro. R. Eve, No. 54, Prov. Senior Grand Warden; Worshipful Bro. Groves, No. 17, Prov. Grand Junior Warden; Worshipful Bro. Harrison, No. 62, Prov. Grand Deacon; Worshipful Bro. Osborne, No. 17, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; Worshipful Bro. T. J. Pulley, No. 54, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bros. Hacker, Gold, Adnett, Douglas, Benham, Nichols, Westall, Dormor, Bruce, Ellis, White, and others of Lodge 54. After the ordinary business of the Lodge, the M.W. Prov. Grand Master invested his Officers for ensuing twelve months as follow:—Very Worshipful Bro. Hickman, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Worshipful Bro. Everard, No. 17, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Henry Hacker, No. 54, Junior Grand Warden; Reverend Bro. Johnson, No. 17, Grand Chaplain; Bro. J. Lillywhite, No. 17, Grand Treasurer; Bro. J. E. Le Fèvre, No. 63, Grand Secretary; Bro. Thos. Benham, No. 54, Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. Osborne, No. 17, Junior Grand Deacon; Bro. Douglas, No. 54, Master Overseer; Bro. Payne, No. 2, Senior Overseer; Bro. Harrison, No. 62, Junior Overseer; Bro. Cole, No. 54, Inspector of Works; Bro. McKenzie, No. 54, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Askham, No. 54, Inner Guard. The business of the Lodge being over, it was closed in due form after solemn prayer. The brethren then retired to an excellent banquet, which was provided at the Wellington Hotel and served in that *récherché* style for which this hotel is noted. After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and drunk with that enthusiasm which characterises Freemasons, the Prov. Grand Master expressed the great satisfaction experienced in complimenting the Master, Wardens and members of the Aldershot Lodge upon having made during the past two years greater progress than any other Lodge in the Province. The Prov. Grand Master then proposed the health of the "Provincial Officers" which was responded to by Worshipful Bro. Hickman and Bro. Eve, who stated that it afforded the brethren of the Aldershot Lodge much pleasure in having the honour to entertain the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and still more to hear the complimentary terms in which the Most Worshipful Prov. Grand Master had been pleased to speak of their efforts to promote the best interests of Freemasonry in this district, and that he might depend that what had been done in the past was an earnest of their zeal in the future. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed the health of the "Master, Wardens, and Members of the Aldershot Lodge." Bro. Hacker, in the absence of the W.M., responded, and thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the honour done the Lodge in appointing Aldershot for the meeting this year, and also in selecting members of that Lodge for his Officers. After some excellent songs by Bros. Eve, Adnett, White, and Hacker, the brethren left, at an early hour.

United Service Lodge, 1,428.—The installation of Bro. James Leggett as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Friday 12th inst. About 130 members and visitors attended. The Lodge met at three o'clock, and after the ordinary business on the notice paper had been transacted, the W.M. elect was presented to the installing master (Bro. H. Townsend, the retiring W.M.) and duly installed, in accordance with the ancient customs of the Craft, the Board of Installed Masters being composed of the following:—Bros. M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer. G. S. Lancaster P.P.G. Warden, E. G. Holbrook P.P.G. Registrar, Dr. J. O'Connor W.M. 257, Payne W.M. 342, H. Threadingham W.M. 487, G. Felton Lancaster P.M. 903, A. L. Emanuel P.M. 1069, Lieut. J. R. W. Quinn W.M. St. Aubyn Lodge 954, Bros. Lieut. Bourke, J. R. Willson, Holmes, Lind, Jackson, and Farran, P.M.'s of the Lodge. Among the other Visitors were Bros. R. Barnes J.W. 342, R. W. Mitchell J.W. 903, W. R. Bowden P.G. Pursvt. (Oxon), Paisgrave S.D. 487, Lieutenant W. M. Noel, R.E., St. John and St. Paul 349 D.G. Supt. of Works, T. Page 342, Outridge I.G. 487, &c., &c. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, which was ably and impressively conducted by Bro. Townsend, the following brethren were appointed Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Williams S.W., John J.W., T. Mares Treasurer, Woodward Secretary, Strick S.D., May J.D., J. R. Willson P.M. D.C., Wilton Organist, Laverty I.G., Nelder and Waltou Stewards, Mansell and Vinnicombe Tylers. The W.M. subsequently presented a P.M.'s jewel (which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge) to Bro. Townsend, referring in eulogistic terms to his exertions for the welfare of the Lodge during his year of office. The Treasurer's account showed the Lodge to be in a highly satisfactory financial position, and notices of motion were given to vote the sum of 10 guineas to the widow of a deceased member, 10 guineas to the Eurydice Relief Fund, and £50 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The banquet was served in the large dining hall of the Lodge, the tables being tastefully arranged, a choice collection of foliage and other plants from Messrs. Cripps and Son, Portsea, adding considerably to the effect. About 100 members and visitors attended, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were given from the chair. Bro. Frost, in responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, alluded to the fact of his having installed Bro. Townsend as W.M. twelve months since. He said he then felt he would do credit to the Craft by his working, and honour to the Lodge, and he thought this had been proved.

The next toast, "The W.M.," was proposed by Bro. Townsend, the I.P.M., and received with great enthusiasm. In giving the toast, Bro. Townsend said it had been his pleasing duty that evening to instal in his stead Bro. Leggett, one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and he felt sure if his zeal and attention to the duties as W.M. were in keeping with what he had hitherto shown, they would have no cause to regret the choice they had made. Having referred to the possible absence of the W.M. on duty during some portion of the year, Bro. Townsend said he felt it was not fair to a brother who had attained a position entitling him to the chair that he should be debarred from filling the post of W.M. in consequence of his duties in the service to which he might happen to belong. The toast was drunk with musical honours. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the hearty reception accorded to the toast, assured the members of the Lodge he would do his best to keep up the name of that Lodge—one of the youngest, but the strongest in number, and by no means the weakest in funds, as their balance-sheet would show (Applause.) He should do his utmost to keep up the position of the Lodge—no easy task after succeeding their late W.M. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, the W.M. said he was sure they would all join in saying he had performed the ceremony in a most able manner. He also spoke of his services to the Lodge during the past year, a reference which evoked expressions of approval from all present. Bro. Townsend, in acknowledgment, said he had always made it his study, from the foundation of the Lodge, to watch its interests. They had had their little drawbacks at times, but the present position of the Lodge showed that it had not suffered from them. Alluding to the presentation made him in the Lodge, he said he esteemed it a very high compliment. He looked forward to the time when the Lodge would have a building of its own, worthy the united services (Applause.) It only required a long and strong pull of all hands, and he hoped in a month or two to submit a scheme which would meet with their approval (Hear, hear.) Other toasts followed, "The Visitors" being proposed by Bro. Lieut. S. G. T. Bourke P.M., and responded to by Bro. Bowden, P.G. Pursvt. (Oxon). Some excellent songs were given during the evening, those by Bro. Sylvester being specially worthy of mention. The new W.M. enters upon his year of office under the most favourable auspices, the Lodge being, as already stated, numerically and financially strong.—*Portsmouth Times*.

NEW ZEALAND.

AT the invitation of the Lodge Waitemata, E.C., a large gathering of Masons was held at the Masonic Hotel, Auckland, on 21st May, to attend a banquet, as a mark of respect on the occasion of the departure from the district of the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Geo. S. Graham. The Lodge business, after the Lodge had been opened, was formally adjourned for the specific business of the evening. A banquet was spread in the Lodge-room by Bro. Hood, proprietor, at which all the customary viands and wines were supplied regardless of cost. Bro. G. S. Graham presided, and amongst the visitors and guests were Bros. W. Lodder A.G.J.W., H. G. Wade D.G. Sec., J. Warren D.G.J.W., Moet W.M. Lodge Rodney, Walker R.W.M. St. Andrew. The whole of the Officers of the Lodge Ara which attended as a Lodge were represented, and the other Lodges were all fully represented. The principal Officers were Bros. Cole W.M. of Lodge Waitemata, P.M. Warren, Moet W.M. Rodney, Levy W.M. Prince of Wales, Buchanan W.M. Tauranga; P.M.'s Mitchell, Rees, Burns, Leary; Bros. Haase Remuera Lodge. In fact, all the Lodges were fully represented. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. F. Whitaker R.W.P.G.M., S.C., G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M., I.C., Nelson W.M. and others. After the supper, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Bro. P.M. Lodder proposed the toast of the Grand Masters of the three Masonic Constitutions, coupled with the names of Bros. Graham, Whitaker, and Pierce. In the course of his address he bore testimony to the efforts of Bro. Graham in the cause of Masonry. Bro. Graham in reply expressed regret at having to offer apologies from Bros. Pierce and Whitaker. He thanked those present for the manner in which they had responded to the toast, and for the good fellowship with which he had always been received. Although absent in body from them for a short period, he would be present in spirit. He referred more particularly to his connection with Lodge Waitemata, and expressed his hearty good wishes to the brethren generally, and more especially to Bro. Lodder, who had rendered him such able and willing assistance. Bro. Wade proposed the toast of the Senior Lodge Ara, referring to the close fraternal connection which had existed between that Lodge and Waitemata. Bro. Wilcox responded. Bro. Hatswell proposed the toast of "the Sister Lodges, which was responded to by the Visitors present. In replying to this toast Bro. Buchanan, from Gisborne, gave some curious reminiscences. He had instituted Lodge Waitemata, and had at the installation taken one of the junior offices. In 1854 he became W.M. On looking around him he could see few of the old faces. His old friends had gone, but Masonry was still progressing. The good work the old masters had performed still existed, and where they sowed, fruit was borne. The various Lodges had prospered, and he believed they would carry Masonry through New Zealand till it flourished as it did in England. Bro. Burns proposed the toast of the "Visiting Brethren, coupled with name of Bro. Irving." Bro. Irving responded in a neat speech, alluding to the cordiality which he found existing amongst the Auckland Lodges. He referred to the subject of the building of a new hall in Auckland, also to that of the formation of a district Grand Lodge in Auckland for the colonies of New Zealand. Bro. Buchanan proposed the toast of "The W.M. of Lodge Waitemata," and Bro. Cole responded, proposing the toast of "The R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Graham." To this the latter responded. A number of other toasts, including "The health of Bros. Wade and Burns," "The Press," "The Host and Hostess," and others followed. Intervening between the speeches were a number of songs, and a very interesting and pleasant evening was spent.

THE MASONIC QUARTETTE.

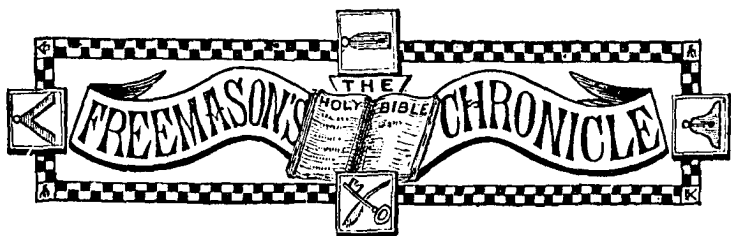
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords on Thursday last, after a question by Earl Granville as to when our Plenipotentiaries would arrive in London, the Foreign Jurisdiction and Epping Forest Bills—the former on the motion of the Lord Chancellor, and the latter on the motion of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon—were read a second time. The Earl of Shaftesbury then rose and asked if the Government intended to maintain or suppress slavery in Cyprus, as they had done in India. Lord Stanley thought the question was put prematurely, and the Duke of Richmond and Gordon said the Government would be able to state the course they intended to pursue when they had received the report of Sir Garnet Wolseley. Earl Granville having asked if the island possessed any harbours, and the Earl of Kimberley having said that he saw no reason why the Government should not make a general declaration against slavery, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon replied that there was no harbour in the widest sense in Cyprus, but there were excellent anchorages, while as for slavery, he thought their action in Zanzibar and their Convention with Egypt were evidence that the Government were not less concerned than others about the abolition of slavery. Vivisection, Muzzle v. Breech-loading Guns, and Railway Platforms, occupied their Lordships' attention on Friday for a short time. On Monday, a question as to when the Treaty would be on the table of the House, was shortly afterwards followed by another respecting the sanitary condition of the island. Then an amendment of their Lordships to the Poor Law Act Amendment Bill, which had not found favour with the Commons, was supported by 41 to 27. Other Bills were dealt with, and in the course of the debate which followed a question by Lord Waveney as to the number of English officers with Indian Regiments, to which Lord Cranbrook replied satisfactorily, the Duke of Cambridge bore splendid testimony to the efficiency of the Indian troops, and spoke most highly of what he had seen of them during his visit to Malta. Lord Napier of Magdala, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Lord Lawrence, and the Earl of Northbrook also spoke on the subject. On Tuesday, Lord Dunsany questioned the use of certain terms in the Annex to the Anglo-Turkish Convention, and Lord Cranbrook answered the objections. His Lordship then announced that the ill-fated Eurydice, which was struck by a squall some months since, and went down with nearly all on board, had been raised from the sandy bed on which it had gradually settled down and moved to a firm bottom some 180 feet nearer the shore. The vessel has since been got into shallow water.

Questions respecting Cyprus, its institutions, and its harbours, if any, were put in the House of Commons on Thursday, after which an unsuccessful attempt was made to get rid of the Irish Sunday Closing Bill, the result being that the House agreed by a large majority to go into Committee and consider the amendments. On Friday, further amendments were made in Committee to the Highways Bill, after which the House went into Committee on the Admiralty and War Office Retirement of Officers Bill, and made some progress with it. At the evening sitting, a resolution was submitted by Mr. Henry, respecting the circumstances attending the death of the released Fenian

convict, Sergeant McCarthy, but it was defeated by 101 to 35. On Monday, a whole batch of questions about Turkey, Cyprus, Russia, &c., was asked, after which the Marquis of Hartington sought to obtain a statement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer as to the progress of business during the remainder of the Session. The Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill was read a second time on the motion of Mr. Lowther, after congratulatory speeches from all parts of the House. Having passed the Irish Education Votes in Committee of Supply, the House rose. On Tuesday, after a protracted discussion and several divisions, the House agreed to go into Committee on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill, but no progress was made with it, and on Wednesday afternoon, after further sparring, the House settled down and got as far as Clause 9.

By the time these lines meet the eye of our readers the Queen will have arrived at Osborne, where she will be visited by the Prime Minister. Her departure from Windsor would have taken place earlier in the week, had not her Majesty waited in order that she might receive the Premier's visit; but his lordship needed a longer period of repose after the fatigues of his journey, and his recent attack of bronchitis. However the Marquis of Salisbury has had an audience of the Queen, and presented formally to her Majesty the Berlin Treaty. The Prince and Princess of Wales have been on a visit to Bristol to see the Bath and West of England Agricultural Show, and their reception, as usual, was of a most enthusiastic character. They have likewise been down to Aldershot, where a review and sham fight of the force quartered there was held in their presence, the Duke of Cambridge being likewise present. The Prince has since left London for Paris, and His Royal Highness was present at the grand English Concert given in the Exhibition Palace.

We consider that Freemasonry is still pretty hard at work, even though it is holiday time. The annual gathering of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey was held at Dorking on Tuesday, under the presidency of the very popular Prov. G.M., General Brownrigg, C.B., and the following day the annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Alexandra Palace, the chair being taken by Lord Skelmersdale, Grand Mark Master of England and Wales, &c. Particulars of these gatherings will be found elsewhere. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will hold its annual meeting next week at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford, the day fixed being Friday, the 26th instant. The P.G. Lodge will be opened at three p.m., and after the transaction of business, a banquet will follow.

The reception accorded to the Earl of Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury on their return from Berlin, surpasses in enthusiasm anything of the kind which has occurred during the present generation, or it may be said, perhaps, during this century. There was hardly any display—no banners and troops, and gay equipages. The landing-stage at Dover, and the Station at Charing Cross, were decorated and carpeted, and the fortunate hundreds who were able to secure admission within its precincts saw a pretty sight. Outside, right away to Downing Street, there was an enormous gathering of the people, and both at Dover and in the Metropolis their Lordships were greeted with applause which was thoroughly genuine and spontaneously given. At Dover an address was presented, and Lord Beaconsfield in acknowledging it, very gracefully pointed out that it should have been addressed to his colleague as well as to himself, as the country was as much indebted to the one as to the other. He excused the omission, however, on the very probable ground that it was not known the two Ministers were travelling together. On reaching Downing Street, the crowd surged in, and there was a tremendous shout for the Premier, who shortly afterwards appeared on the balcony of his house, and briefly addressed those present. The Marquis of Salisbury likewise briefly responded to a similar call for him, after which the crowd dispersed. It was arranged that the Prime Minister should make a statement when in his place in the House of Lords on Thursday, but a dispatch from Lord Salisbury was published early in the week, so that we knew pretty well beforehand the character of the statement it was his intention to make.

The weather has been of unusual brilliance all this week, and the business at Wimbledon has progressed most favourably, the attendance of visitors being unusually great. To-day, the principal prizes will be given away by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, but all the contests are not settled at the time of writing. Lowe,

of the Queen's Westminsters, was the winner of the Silver Medal and £60 in the first stage for the Queen's Prize, but the prize itself, consisting of £250 given by the Queen, with Gold Medal of the National Rifle Association, was carried off by Private Rac of the 11th Stirling R.V., with a score of 78, Lieut.-Col. Walrond of 1st Devon being second with 77. Most of the other important contests have been settled. The Lords have beaten the Commons by 443 to 435 points. England has won the International Trophy from its only competitor, Ireland, as Scotland, for reasons of its own, has taken no part in this trial of skill for the last two or three years. Cambridge has beaten Oxford; and Cheltenham has won the Public Schools' Veteran Match, while the Donegal Cup, given to the winners of a match between Volunteers and Regulars, has been taken by the former by 1,002 points to 987. There have also been several good matches in Cricket, notably that between Eton and Harrow, played at Lord's on Friday and Saturday, when the latter won by 20 runs, the scores being—Harrow, 119 and 224; Eton, 117 and 206. The Australians have beaten Leicestershire by eight wickets, A. Bannerman making 133 in his second innings; and the match between Middlesex and Notts was left drawn, the latter having two wickets to fall and 19 runs to make to secure victory.

Sir Garnet Wolseley has been appointed Administrator of Cyprus by the style of Lord High Commissioner and Commander-in-chief. The island has already been taken possession of by our forces, under Vice-Admiral Lord William Hay, the transfer of sovereignty from the Turkish to the English authorities having been made satisfactorily. The new Administrator reached Malta on Wednesday, and on Thursday the embarkation of troops for Cyprus commenced. The island will be garrisoned by the Indian contingent and three British regiments, in all 10,000 men.

According to advices received on Thursday an unarmed English boat has been fired on by the Russian force quartered in the Gulf of Saros. It had been sent in search of some English sailors who had landed in the Russian lines and were detained there, and was flying a white flag when the alleged outrage took place.

The work of the Congress was concluded on Saturday, when the treaty was signed, after which the Plenipotentiaries were entertained at a banquet at the White Palace by the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, all being present except the Earl of Beaconsfield and Prince Gortschakoff, who were prevented by indisposition. Thus, after the anxieties of the last year, thanks to the firmness of ministers, we escape war and have instead a peace with honour, as the Prime Minister put it, which will gratify the sovereign, and, it is hoped, be approved of by the nation. We need not dwell on the changes sanctioned by the treaty. We think, however, that Lord Salisbury's despatch is a sufficient defence of the work our negotiators have accomplished, and shows satisfactorily that the Government has consistently followed the main principles laid down in the noble Lord's despatch of 1st April. Now that peace is secured, we ought to emerge from our state of depression, especially as a new field of enterprise for our people has been opened up in Cyprus and Asia Minor, to which our Protectorate extends. Let us hope this will be the case.

The following new lists, or additions to former lists, have been received since the day of the Festival of the Boys' School, namely:—METROPOLIS—Lodge No. 1, £10 10s*; No. 4, £10 10s*; No. 11 (addition), £1 1s*; No. 749, £13 18s; No. 860 (addition), £5 5s*; Bro. Lewis, £10 10s*. PROVINCIAL—Bristol (addition), £6 6s*; Essex, Lodge No. 1000 (addition), £5 5s, and Lancashire East, Lodge No. 1170, £21*; Somersetshire, £52 10s; Surrey, No. 452, £10 10s*; Sussex, Lodge No. 1466 (addition), £29 8s*. Those marked (*) were included in the list we published last week, but no account was taken of them in the Analysis. These amounts raise the product of the Festival thus far to £10,345 15s 7d.

It may be as well to remind our readers that for some time past a scheme has been on foot in West Yorkshire to raise a Presentation in Perpetuity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be called the "Bentley Shaw Presentation," in memory of that most excellent and respected brother, Bentley Shaw, for eleven years Deputy Provincial

Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and at the time of his death P.G. Superintendent of the Prov. Grand Chapter. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M., has headed the list with a donation of £50, and the sum to be raised is One Thousand Guineas.

The Speech Day at Christ's Hospital was held on Wednesday under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs being likewise present. Among those who took a leading part in the proceedings were Bros. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., the Treasurer of the School; Rev. A. H. Lee, the Head Master; and Dr. Bretton, French Master. Everything passed off well.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

COLONEL Creaton presided over the Quarterly Court of this Institution, which was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren who attended were—Bros. J. Wordsworth, H. Browse, H. A. Dubois, Thomas Massa, H. Massey, A. H. Tattershall, J. Terry, T. R. Eames, W. Ashwell, C. G. Rushworth, and Hodges Secretary. The only business before the Court was adopting a recommendation of the General Committee to place twenty-nine girls on the list for the October Election, to declare three vacancies, and to consider Bro. Warren's notice of motion for altering Rule 74 of the Institution, by omitting the words: "in the sum of £300," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "in such sum as the Committee shall from time to time deem fit," also to omit the word "two" in the first line, and add in line four, after the word "him," "by Guarantee Society or otherwise." The Court agreed to the alteration, and adjourned.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton presiding. Bros. F. Adlard, H. Muggeridge, Charles J. Perceval, H. Massey, Jas. Terry, H. Browse, and F. Binckes Sec. also attended. The letter of Bro. Binckes to the eldest son of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, West Yorkshire, expressing the feeling of regret of the General Committee on the loss sustained by the death of Bro. Shaw, was read by Bro. Binckes, together with the answer received from Bro. J. Lancaster Shaw. These letters were ordered to be entered on the minutes. Eleven vacancies were declared for the October election, and sixty-seven candidates were placed on the list. Bro. Jesse Turner's motion, giving the Committee power to aid deserving boys who leave the Institution with £40 instead of £20, dropped for want of the presence of the mover. The Court then dissolved.

GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, the 16th instant, under the banner of the Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, at the Public Hall, Dorking. The R.W. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Provincial Grand Master, presided. The brethren assembled at one o'clock, when amongst those present we noticed Bros. the Deputy Prov. G.M. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., G.C., the Rev. Ambrose William Hall, M.A., P.G.Ch., Charles Greenwood Prov. G. Sec., E. Marsh Prov. S.G.W., Charles Keen Prov. J.G.W., a goodly array of Present and Past Provincial Officers, as well as several visitors. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the first business of the day was to call over the Roll of Lodges, and it was gratifying to note that each one in the Province was well represented. The minutes of the last Provincial meeting, held at Farnham, in July last, were then read, and on motion duly proposed and seconded, received confirmation. The R.W. Prov. G.M. then formally obligated his Deputy Prov. G.M., that ceremony not having hitherto been performed. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was next presented, and this showed the financial position of the Province was in a very satisfactory condition. The following amounts were voted:—To the Earlswood Asylum, ten guineas; to the Dorking National Schools, five guineas; and to the three central Masonic Institutions, ten guineas each; making a total of forty-five guineas as the amount dispensed by Prov. Grand Lodge in the cause of charity. This result is eminently satisfactory, and of this the Province may be proud. The election of Treasurer resulted in the reappointment for the twenty-second time of R.W. Bro. George Price. General Brownrigg then appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. Rev. C. W. Arnold Deputy G.M., Dr. Brushfield S.G.W., Dr. Spence J.G.W., Rev. Ambrose W. Hall G.C., George Price Treas., Milner G. Reg., C. Greenwood G. Sec. (reappointed for the twenty-second time), A. T. Jeffery S.D., Wells J.D., Street Supt. of Works, Owens D.C., Capt. Ormsby S.B., E. M. Lott Org., Stacey Purst., Speight Tyler, Browne, Taylor, Streeter, Honeywell, Lendrim, and Aldridge Grand Stewards. The Prov. Grand Officers were then saluted, and General Brownrigg addressed Grand Lodge. He was pleased to find the financial position of the Province was in so satisfactory a condition; indeed, he might congratulate the members on the progress that was being made. For himself, he had been especially favoured in having a most energetic and excellent Deputy, who had made it his business to pay an official visit to almost all the Lodges in the

Province since last they met. The reports he makes touching these Lodges are necessarily of a confidential character, but on the whole they were favourable, and he could not but be pleased with the result. The speaker then urged on Masters of Lodges the necessity of making themselves competent to adequately fulfil the important duties devolving upon them, and urged that there could be no excuse, as but little labour was required to enable them to master the details. He did not wish it to be thought he wanted to interfere with the right of selection of the members of Lodges, but he held it of the highest importance that not only the Worshipful Master, but the Officers of the several Lodges should be able to do the work efficiently. He made it a point never to announce his visits, and in this he was followed by his Deputy. They both preferred dropping in at the several Lodges when opportunity offered. He would, in concluding his remarks, repeat what he had already said, that he was much pleased with the state of Freemasonry in his Province. In the course of the day's proceedings a discussion arose as to what course should be adopted in reference to the appointment of Stewards. The Prov. G. Master observed that he did not wish to make it a hard and fast rule, but his sympathies were in favour of presenting the collars of office to those brethren only who had served the office of Steward for the Province. Bro. C. Greenwood was in favour of the Stewards being selected from the senior Lodges of the Province, but in this it was anticipated there would be a difficulty; moreover, this would be scarcely fair, as these Lodges would monopolise the right to nominate brethren for the post. Eventually it seemed to be recognised that the appointment should be conferred, first, upon those Masters of Lodges who were desirous to hold the office, and then the Senior Officers might prefer their claims. Several letters—apologising for the inability of the writers to attend—were then read, amongst them being communications from Col. Burdett, Capt. Philips, &c. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Parish Church of Dorking, which had kindly been placed at their disposal by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Ralph Atkinson, who conducted the service. The sermon was preached by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, M.W. Prov. Grand Chaplain, who took for his text Jer. xxxii. 39,—“And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear Me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them.” Our esteemed and Rev. Brother commenced his remarks by alluding to the occasion that called forth these words from the prophet, and a consideration of their application to the gathering of the day. He saw before him a mixed congregation, some drawn thither by the singularity of the occasion of a body of Freemasons being assembled in their church, and some perhaps from feelings of curiosity, who thought they might gather from the crumbs that fell—or rather that were cast like bread upon the waters—some insight into those mysteries which it has been our custom, from time immemorial, to keep secret from the uninitiated or outer world. After a hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would bless what he was about to say, he assured the latter section of his hearers that, however we might choose to encircle our teachings with a cloud of mystery, that cloud had a silver lining; for our obligations contained nothing inconsistent with civil, moral, or religious duties. They might be assured of one thing—our Society was founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, and was replete with valuable privileges. The true Mason would fear God for ever. At his first entry into our body, the aspirant is asked whether, in danger and in difficulty, he puts his trust in God? and he binds himself to succour a brother in infirmity, and to relieve his wants;—to love his neighbour. But his neighbour did not cease to be his neighbour if he was beyond the circle of the brotherhood. Our obligations embrace all. It was our duty to pour the oil of consolation upon the stricken conscience, to bind up the wounds of sin, to care for the afflicted. He (the preacher) felt sure that his Masonic brethren would go with him. He would now say a few words to them,—as Masons. Here he experienced a difficulty; when he looked upon the many eminent members of the Craft, who that day had left their homes to gather round their leaders in that important Province, he felt how little he had to offer for their instruction, and how much, Masonically, he needed to learn of them. As they, therefore, knew so well the duties to which they had bound themselves, he would only endeavour to refresh their memory with a few remarks upon the teachings, the principles, and the moral symbols which they possessed; and might the many excellent things which they had already learned be manifested in their allegorical lights—might they be blazoned forth to dignify and adorn the science. Would they, by example, teach morality,—do it by referring to the Master's jewel. Would they inculcate equality,—take the Senior Warden's for their emblem. For integrity,—let the Junior Warden's jewel be their symbol. Each told a Masonic lesson. Let them carry their thoughts back to that all glorious time when their great prototype, King Solomon, stood before the ark of God, and let it teach them how the light of God's countenance would shine on the dark places of the earth. Although the beautiful temple then built for His praise had long since crumbled into dust, yet the same God was still with them to answer their call when they called aright. Although He did not show Himself, yet He was still as present with them as when the Shechinah of old spoke to the Israelites out of the cloudy pillar from the mercy seat. In all their dealings let the square emblematically guide them to be upright, just and true; let the jewel lead them to rejoice in a brother Mason's good fortune; and if ever angry thoughts arose within their bosoms, let the compasses symbolically teach them to keep their passions within due bounds. Those were some of the symbols of their Order, and by acting upon them they would not only be at peace within, but they would show to the outer world the true spirit that animated a Mason's heart. He urged them to practise those virtues both in their inner walk at home and in their outer pilgrimage among the children of men, so that they might know them by their fruits, just as they (Freemasons) knew each other by secret signs and tokens. They all knew that their system was founded on Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—or, Charity. This was what he wished to impress upon the minds and hearts of his non-Masonic hearers,

for he knew that there existed in the outer world conflicting opinions as regarded the great principles of the Order. People did not really take in the true meaning of the word charity. Considered in the light of almsgiving we call it relief, as in the asylums for our Boys and Girls and Aged Brethren in poverty. But that was not all. There were other virtues connected with our teaching—virtues which an inspired writer brought before them so beautifully in 1 Cor. xiii. Faith and hope—in faith that would not end in sight, a hope that would end in enjoyment, and a charity that was greater than either. Our reverend brother dwelt on the virtue of charity; he would put their charity to the test that day. It was the custom at the annual meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge to testify their gratitude for past mercies; and for that purpose a collection was made for any local charity that the Vicar might select, as a small thankoffering for his kindness in allowing them to worship in that sacred and beautiful building. The charity to which the Vicar that day proposed to devote their contributions was the National School of the parish. After a few words on the utility of the school, the preacher concluded by asking his hearers to so live that when life's frail flower lay broken they might hear the great God Himself saying to them, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” Before leaving the church a collection was made, and we may as well state here that the amount realised was £7 11s 10½d, which, with the £5 5s voted by Prov. Grand Lodge, makes a total of £12 16s 10½d to be handed over to the Dorking National Schools as the result of the gathering of Prov. Grand Lodge for 1878. The banquet was then served at the Public Hall; it seemed to give every satisfaction; in fact, the arrangements of the day were most ably carried out by the entertaining Lodge. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. General Brownrigg, who presided, rose: He regretted that in consequence of the delay of the trains in the early part of the day their arrangements had been put somewhat out of gear. He had another engagement for that evening, and found he could only spare an hour to be with them. Under these circumstances he would push forward with the toasts. He then proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and with it coupled the Craft. After the National Anthem, the chairman gave the M.W. the Grand Master. Not only has the Prince of Wales taken a most active part in the doings of the Order, but his two brothers—the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold—hold responsible positions. He had been associated with the Duke of Connaught, and as an old Mason it charmed his heart to notice the interest the Duke took in Masonic affairs. Freemasonry was so well grounded in the hearts of Englishmen that it did not absolutely need the attachment of members of the Royal Family, still he should be sorry to see the connection severed. With the toast he would combine the health of the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, and associate with it the name of Rev. Bro. Arnold, Grand Chaplain. Bro. Arnold felt proud in having his name associated with the toast of the Grand Officers. Time, however, prevented him saying much, and he would, therefore, content himself by thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. Before sitting down he would propose the health of their Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, who was always ready to attend any meeting where he could advance the interests of Freemasonry. In a letter he had sent him, General Brownrigg had remarked that if he were to die they might inscribe on his tombstone, “Killed by Freemasonry.” However, he trusted the Freemasons of Surrey would never work their Prov. Master to this extent. General Brownrigg immediately rose; he regretted exceedingly time would not permit his staying longer. He felt flattered by the many kind things that had been said of him. He had received ample support in the conduct of his duties, from all parts of the Province, and it was eminently gratifying to him to know that during his Mastership the Lodges had nearly doubled. He regretted the meeting of the Lodge Frederick of Unity fell on the same day, at the same time it was gratifying to see so many of the members of that Lodge present in the early part of the proceedings. For the future he thought it desirable they should fix a date for their Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, and he suggested the second Tuesday in July, and then the several Lodges could arrange so that their meetings might not clash. He again thanked them for the way in which they had received the toast. The gallant General then said he found he had yet three minutes left that he could pass with them, and he could not better expend the time than by proposing the health of the Deputy Grand Master; this he accordingly did, in most kind and eulogistic terms. He then handed to Rev. Bro. Arnold the gavel, and took his departure, amid the cheers of the brethren. After the dnet—A Famous Victory—admirably rendered by Bros. Chaplin Henry and Montem Smith, Bro. Arnold rose: He remarked that before the Prov. Grand Master left he had proposed a toast. It was now his (the speaker's) duty and privilege to respond. In the absence of Gen. Brownrigg he had to conduct the proceedings. He assured the brethren that to him it had been a great pleasure to visit the Lodges in the Province. He had been able, on the whole, to report the Province of Surrey to be in good working order. On every side a desire was evinced to carry out the wishes of the Prov. G.M. as regards the duties of Freemasonry. As Deputy Grand Master his ambition was to report all the Lodges thoroughly efficient, and he was sure the brethren would adopt any suggestion he might make to them. And now with respect to the Charities; he thought it very desirable that a union should be made with one of the adjoining Provinces—say Middlesex or Essex—for the purpose of organising their voting powers. The remaining toasts comprised The Visitors, replied to by Bro. Binokes; the Prov. Grand Treasurer and G. Secretary, to which Bros. Price and Greenwood replied; the W.M., Wardens and Brethren of the Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, replied to by Bro. Spence; the Press, by Bro. Morgan, &c., &c. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, who was assisted by Bro. Montem Smith, and we need scarcely add, from the well known ability of these brethren, that they gave every satisfaction.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

SATURDAY, 20th JULY.

- 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Paddington, at 4.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 22nd JULY.

- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Ainhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 23rd JULY.

- Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 24th JULY.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1186—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1204—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 25th JULY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
754—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 424—De Burgh, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.
K. T. 101—Ancient Ebor, Masonic Hall, York. (Emergency.)

FRIDAY, 26th JULY.

- Provincial Grand Lodge Herts, Watford.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1289—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1393—Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 27th JULY.

- 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge, Time Immemorial.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, presiding, and the following Officers and Brethren being also present:—T. Cooper P.M., G. Balmford P.M., the Rev. Wm. Valentine, G. Garbutt, J. S. Cumberland, M. Millington, C. G. Padel, A. T. B. Turner, &c. Bro. Bishop, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, was duly advanced to the honourable degree. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. M. C. S. Tynte, J. Hanly, T. B. Shaw-Hellier, L. Marply, J. B. Somerset, and J. Pedley of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, now stationed at York.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on the 17th inst. Bros. Bush W.M., Sayer S.W., Biddle J.W., Gottheil P.M., Pitt Sec., Moss S.D., Woodward I.G., Walker, Meyer, Crasko, Burns and Bohlman; the latter two brethren, both of 438 S.C., became members of the Lodge. The third ceremony was very ably rehearsed by the Worshipful Master, who it is most gratifying to observe, is gradually abandoning many of the incongruities which tyros in the Craft are so apt to adopt. The delivery was careful and distinct, and elicited special marks of approbation from the Preceptor and brethren. The two last sections of the lecture were worked, and the Lodge resumed and closed. Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for Wednesday next.

Harmonic Lodge, No. 216.—The regular meeting was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Bros. Rev. J. R. Jenkins W.M., R. P. Gill S.W., Dr. Costine J.W., W. Laidlow P.M. Treas., Rev. Bro. Blake as S.D., E. B. Hartwright as J.D., W. H. Ball Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. McKne, Armstrong, Beazley, Dr. Sheldon, and Dr. Kisch, and Bros. Benner, Brakel, Ruoney, Gil-mour, Morris, Jackson, Puzey, Overbeck, and Busfield. Visitors—Bros. Green P.M. 1275, Tueski 1502, and Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after discussion carried. We have cause for regret that there was no work done, as the Lodge has the reputation of working the York Ritual with great proficiency. This Lodge has exercised a powerful influence in the Province; there is abundance of talent, and there is no reason why it should not be one of the most harmonious, compact, and wealthy in Liverpool. The Present W. Master is a brother eminently qualified to make it so, and the brethren should follow well his guidance. There being no further business, it was the W.M.'s command that the brethren adjourn to banquet. On the removal of the cloth the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. All were duly responded to. To Bro. J.W. was entrusted the toast of the Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the other P.G.L. Officers. He said: Brethren,—the Worshipful Master has honoured me with the gavel, and his commands to propose this toast; I do so with pleasure, and need only advance the claims of those distinguished brethren upon you to ensure the toast being well received, but I may add, that in doing so I may safely say I am expressing the opinion of the members of this Lodge, and the Masonic body of this town and Province, that we should like to see our Masonic heads more frequently among us. (Hear, hear.) The toast was duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Visiting Brethren, alluded very kindly to Bro. Green, who had come to visit them, which showed he had not forgotten the Lodge of which he was formerly a member; he also referred to Bro. S. M. Davies and his visit to the Province, and informed the members of the active interest that brother took in the Craft. He next expressed to Bro. Tueski the pleasure he derived from seeing him present, and accorded to each Visitor a most cordial welcome. To this toast suitable replies were made. The Lodge was then called to resume labour, and nothing more offering it was closed in due and solemn form. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the excellent harmony rendered.

Alliance Lodge, No. 667.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. John Ellis W.M., H. Firth S.W., J. Devaynes P.M. as J.W., T. Peake Sec., D. Lloyd S.D., Bailey and Craghill Stewards, Foulds I.G., P. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s Bulman and Jackson. The Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, found correct, and ratified. The W.M. initiated Messrs. H. Sefton and Wm. Walker. The Lodge voted four guineas for charitable purposes. The Lodge was then closed in due form. By request of the W.M. the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Meeting held on 5th July, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at 7.30. Bros. Gomm W.M., Costelow S.W., Goss J.W., Blasby S.D., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.D., Talbot I.G.; Kyezor, Botley, Franckel, Acworth. Lodge opened and minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Botley candidate. Lodge was called to refreshment, and upon labour being resumed, Bro. Botley answered questions leading to second degree, and was passed. The W.M. for next meeting was elected, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On 12th July. Bros. Goss W.M., May S.W., Blasby J.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) S.D., Acworth J.D., Josey I.G.; Kyezor, Botley, &c. Formalities complied with, Bro. Botley was passed, after which he answered questions leading to the third degree, and the brethren received the call to refreshment. Bro. May resumed labour, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Botley again acting as

candidate. The usual routine having been transacted, Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned till 19th July, on which evening the W.M. of the mother Lodge and his Officers will take their respective positions.

Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, Havant.—The ceremony of installing Bro. T. P. Hall, as Worshipful Master, took place in the Masonic Hall, Havant, on Tuesday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of brethren, including several Past Masters and Officers of neighbouring Lodges. Among those present were Bros. J. Clay W.M., C. H. Liddell J.W., J. Weeks P.M. Treas., Thos. Francis P.M. Sec., J. W. Hillman P.M.D.C., J. Lintott P.M. Prov. G.S. of Works, H. R. Trigg P.M. P. Prov. G.S. of Works, J. Harrison P.M., O. C. Harries S.D., W. Dart J.D., H. Kimber I.G., W. Blackmore Tyler, J. Clark, H. G. Richardson, T. Slaiter, Wheeler, Askew, Thompson, Reed, Elverstone, Field, Woodman, J. Price, C. U. Burr. Visitors—Bros. A. MacMillan J.W., Clapton Lodge 1365, W. Payne W.M. 342, O. N. Wyatt W.M. 38, W. A. Butt W.M. 56, E. Smith, E. J. Smith 342, J. Maltby P.M., G. Sherman 487, J. Hamilton Bridle 487, H. Martin Green P.M., Stratton, Bolton 127, &c. Congratulations were received from the W.M.'s of 309, 903, 1428, and several other brethren. The installing Master was Bro. Francis P.M., who was assisted by a full board of Masters. After the installation, the Worshipful Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. C. H. Liddell S.W., O. C. Harris J.W., J. Weeks P.M. Treas., T. Francis P.M. Sec., J. N. Hillman P.M. M.C., W. Dart S.D., H. Kimber J.D., J. E. Elverston I.G., H. Richardson and A. J. Reed Stewards, T. B. Askew Org., W. Blackmore Tyler, and G. Blackmore Asst. Tyler. The important business of the Lodge having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was served, which reflected the greatest possible credit on Bro. J. Purnell and his staff. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed the Queen and Craft, and subsequently he gave the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He was sure the brethren would agree with him that their Royal brother was one of the most hardworking men in the world, and that he did all he possibly could to advance the interests of the Craft. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. next proposed the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master (the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon), the Right Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale (Deputy Grand Master), and the Grand Officers, the toast being well received. He next gave the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach), and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past. It was perfectly clear that Freemasonry could not have flourished as it had flourished without good Provincial Officers, and he was glad to welcome that day those brethren who had taken Provincial offices, and who had done him the honour to be present at his installation. The Provincial Officers had a deal of rough work to do sometimes, but they invariably acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the brethren (Hear, hear). He coupled with the toast Bros. P.M.'s Lintott, Maltby, Hillman and Green. Bro. Lintott, in responding, dwelt at some length on the merits of Bro. Beach, the Provincial Grand Master, and alluded to his great efforts to advance the best interests of the Order. It was not long ago that Bro. Beach had put himself to great inconvenience and travelled a great many miles in very inclement weather to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Carnarvon Lodge, and subsequently, when the erection of the Lodge premises had been completed, he came among them again to perform the ceremony of consecration. This, and, in fact, all the incidents of Bro. Beach's life, showed most conclusively that he had the welfare of the whole fraternity at heart. (Hear, hear). Bro. H. Martin Green P.M. also responded. Bro. Clay I.P.M. proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, and in the course of his observations wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren heartily for the kind reception they had accorded him from time to time, and for the great honour they had done him in electing him as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He sincerely trusted that he should so carry out the duties which would devolve upon him as to afford satisfaction to the brethren, and he promised faithfully that nothing but sickness or business of great emergency should ever prevent his being present in his place at the various Lodge meetings. Of course, in all gatherings there must of necessity arise now and then some little unpleasantness, but he trusted that any little hitch that might occur during his year of office would speedily be overcome, and that they would be able to work harmoniously together. If peace and harmony existed, and the various Officers and brethren did their duty, the Lodge must prosper (Hear, hear). Bro. H. Martin Green P.M. proposed the Visitors in a neat speech, the toast being duly acknowledged by each visiting brother present. The health of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Weeks P.M., and responded to by Bro. Francis P.M., who expressed a hope that the year upon which they were about to enter, under the guidance of Bro. Hall, would prove even more prosperous than the years which had gone by. The Worshipful Master proposed the Past Masters of the Carnarvon Lodge, to which Bro. Clay I.P.M. and Bro. Hillman responded, and both promised to render the W.M. every possible assistance during his year of office. The remaining toasts were the Officers of the Carnarvon Lodge, present and past, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Liddell S.W.; Bro. Weeks P.M., proposed by Bro. Triggs P.M., and responded to by Bro. Weeks; the Host, proposed by Bro. Clay I.P.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Purnell; and the Tyler's toast. The proceedings, which were of the most enjoyable character, terminated soon after 11 o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters'

Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wardell W.M., Christian S.W., Williams J.W., Hunt S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Forss I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Slaiter, Davis, Finch, C. Lorkin, Brasted, Carr, Wyman and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weige candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Gilham answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the third degree. The Preceptor then occupied the chair. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gilham as candidate. Bro. Slaiter gave the traditional history, the W.M. resumed the chair, the Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.—The first summer banquet of the brethren of this Lodge took place on Friday, 12th July, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Dodson presided, and was supported by a good attendance of the brethren and their ladies. The day being fine, the drive down was thoroughly enjoyed. After an exceptional repast, served by Bro. Benningfield, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The company adjourned to the beautiful gardens, and amused themselves in various ways until the time for departure. Amongst those present were Bros. Wallington P.M., Worsley J.W., Dickens S.D., Smith J.D., Barker, Bond, Jones, Christian, Pavitt, Sadler, Windus, Cornu, Tompkins, Ellis, &c.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday evening, 17th July, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet-street, Bro. J. S. Brown of the Mother Lodge in the chair; Bro. Hallam S.W., Abell J.W., Bull S.D., Vizzard I.G., Long P.M., and several others. The minutes of the previous Lodge being confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Gladwell offering himself as a candidate, was raised to the third degree in an unexceptionable manner. The whole of the sections of this degree were then worked by the brethren. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

Stanley Lodge, No. 1325.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 16th inst. Bro. J. H. Bradshaw W.M. was supported by Bros. J. W. Burgess I.P.M., R. B. Burgess as S.W., T. Foulkes J.W., W. J. Bell as Sec., A. Samuels S.D., John Holme J.D., F. Knight P.M. D.C., S. Hill I.G., M. Williamson Tyler. The usual preliminaries gone through, the W.M. worked up to the second degree, and Bros. Arnold and Sanders took their seats among Fellow Crafts. This was the first occasion since his installation that Bro. Bradshaw had officiated, and he did his work remarkably well. It was anticipated that a candidate who had been accepted would put in an appearance, but some unaccountable reason prevented, otherwise the W.M. would have commenced his year of office by making and passing candidates, for which work he is competent. There was an application for assistance, and the Lodge voted two guineas. The labours being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and all spent a very pleasant evening.

Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350.—The officers and members of this highly prosperous Lodge met at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Monday, the 8th inst. The meeting was summoned for four o'clock, and punctually Bro. W. H. Cooper took his seat in the East, C. P. Titherly acting as S.W., W. P. Evans J.W., T. F. Cooper Sec., T. A. Collinson P.M. Treas., J. H. Johnston P.M. D.C., R. Carruthers as S.D., E. Gordon as J.D., R. Thomas I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s R. Collinson, and Dr. A. Samuels; J. Shaw, E. C. Sanxay, J. R. Storey, W. C. Riches, J. Hodgson, M. Jones, A. L. Jones, R. Gracey, H. A. Hill, W. Yallop, E. W. Airey, T. G. Grundy, J. B. McAllister, W. O. Blott; and Hon. Members—H. S. Alpass P.G. Sec., J. R. Goepel P.P.G.D.C., J. P. Platt P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire. Visitors—Rev. J. Rees Jenkins W.M. 216, R. G. Moller P.P.G.D. N. Wales and Salop, T. Ockleshaw P.M. 667, L. Ellis 1289, J. P. Bryan 1035, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. After the Lodge was duly opened and preliminaries despatched, the ballot was taken for Bro. E. Airey P.M. 281 as a joining member. It proved unanimous. Other business was rapidly gone through, after which the W.M. signified his intention of proceeding to the important event of the day. The Lodge was advanced to the second, and Bros. R. Collinson P.M. and J. H. Johnston P.M. introduced Bro. W. P. Evans as the Worshipful Master elect. The customary formalities being complied with, Bro. W. P. Evans was obligated, invested, and installed W.M. for the ensuing year, I.P.M. Cooper very ably performing the ceremony. Bro. Evans received the salutations of the brethren, and at once proceeded to invest his Officers, which with the able assistance of Bro. Cooper was accomplished as follows:—W. H. Cooper I.P.M. and D.C., T. F. Cooper S.W., C. P. Titherly J.W., T. A. Collinson P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Shaw Secretary, R. Carruthers S.D., G. Gordon J.D., R. Montgomery I.G., C. Leighton, George Grundy, and W. Yallop Stewards, John Hodgson Org., Rev. C. T. Mermagea Chaplain, W. H. Ball Tyler. The ancient charges were delivered by Bros. T. A. Collinson, and Dr. A. Samuels. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the I.P.M., that Bros. Alpass, Goepel, Platt, Marwood, Johnston, and Hughes, become hon. members—carried. At this period the W.M. commanded the Lodge to cease labour, and signified his pleasure to banquet with the brethren. The table was prettily set out, in keeping with the tone of No. 1350. The menu was of *récherché* character, and wines of celebrated vintage. Justice having been done to the well-catered menu, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the Queen, which was duly honoured by the brethren, all joining in the National Anthem. The W.M. rose to propose a toast only second to the first from the intimate connection it had with the Craft. He

invited the brethren to drink to the health of the G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal family. This was received with enthusiasm by the brethren, who sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The third toast on the list—the Pro G.M. and the other Grand Lodge Officers—was honoured, after which the W.M. gave the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Prov. G.M., the Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of Prov. Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Alpass, Prov. Grand Secretary. Bro. Alpass rose with pleasure. Lord Skelmersdale's avocations seemed to increase daily. His popularity in London is equal to the high esteem in which he is held in the Province. If he were not so much sought after, he might come down to enjoy the comforts of his home, and the brethren of his Province might see more of him. At the same time, if Lord Skelmersdale thought the Masons of his Province needed his help, they would certainly receive it. He is fully posted as to all Masonic movements in progress. With reference to Col. Stanley, he is making himself felt, and should we require his services, they would be readily given. Bro. Alpass alluded to the movement in the Lodge to establish a Benevolent Fund, and not knowing the object of the Fund, directed attention to the Hamer Fund, the Almoners' Fund, to the three London Charities, &c. Their Province was the largest subscribing one in the kingdom, and they ought to carry their candidate into either of the three London Charities when needed. The I.P.M., on rising to propose the fifth toast, remarked it was the toast of the evening. They had had the gratification of installing Bro. Evans as Worshipful Master for the coming year, and it was a great gratification to see him in his exalted position; all know how efficiently Bro. Evans has filled the offices confided to him in the Lodge, and we have every reason to believe that those good traits which have characterised him from the day of his initiation in this Lodge, and distinguished him in his several capacities, will, now he is W.M., be equally conspicuous, and at the end of his term of office we shall find that the Lodge has lost none of its lustre by being entrusted to his Mastership. He gave them the toast of the Worshipful Master, and knew all would join in wishing him long life and a prosperous year. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. At this stage of the proceedings, Bros. Bryan, Hodgson, Grundy and Watson favoured the brethren with a quartet, which was admirably rendered. The W.M., on rising, said he felt deeply the kind remarks spoken by the worthy I.P.M. He thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had endorsed those remarks; he assured them in the past he had endeavoured to do his best for the interests of the Lodge, and would endeavour during his term of office to prove how greatly he appreciated the honour they had conferred on him. Before sitting down he had a pleasing duty to perform; to present, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel to our worthy I.P.M. He hoped Bro. Cooper would wear it as a mark of the high esteem in which he is deservedly held, and that he might have a long and prosperous life. The toast was heartily drunk, with musical honours. After a song by Bro. Watson, the I.P.M. rose. He felt grateful for the complimentary manner in which his health had been proposed. During his year of office he had tried to give satisfaction, and it was a pleasure to feel that his endeavours had been appreciated. His term had not been free from difficulties, yet they had overcome them, and the Lodge to-day stands in a prosperous state. We have been taken to task, because our efforts to establish a Benevolent Fund in the Lodge have not been understood. Although this particular fund has a local aspect, yet in looking after it it does not follow that we pay no attention to the great Charities of London. He was sure the Lodge was always willing to do its utmost for all charitable demands. He should greatly prize the jewel they had presented him, and should wear it with a conviction that it was voted from the best motives. In the future he would devote his energies with as much fervency as heretofore. (Cheers). The W.M. now rose to propose the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and in a few remarks united the names of Bros. Samuels and Johnston. Bros. Bryan and Hodgson favoured the brethren with a duet, after which Bro. Johnston said he felt sure that the Lodge would go on prospering, and he was ever ready to do his best for its interest. Bro. Samuels followed to the same purport. Bro. R. Collinson, as the junior P.M., always felt great pleasure in performing his duty, and to be present in Lodge; he had that day come from Manchester to give his support. The worthy Bro. Treasurer followed. He was particularly wishful that the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge should flourish. The W.M. on rising to propose the toast of the Visitors, said he was pleased to see so many distinguished brethren present, and assured them that they were most cordially welcome to the Lodge. He thanked them for the honour of their company, and in giving the toast, with every fraternal feeling, he united the names of Bros. Mellor, Davies, and others. The toast was heartily drunk. Bro. Mellor P.P.G.D. North Wales and Shropshire thanked the W.M. and brethren for their bountiful hospitality; for the kindness with which the toast was proposed, and the cordial manner in which it had been received. He knew he was expressing the sentiments of the visitors when he said that it was a great pleasure to be privileged to be a guest of such worthy brethren. He was delighted to be with them, and had spent a most pleasant evening, and wished the Fermor Hesketh Lodge every success. Other brethren followed, and expressed the delight they felt in being present. Bro. Cook volunteered the next song, after which Bro. Airey thanked the brethren for their kindness in unanimously electing him a joining member of the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Charities, and coupled therewith the names of Bros. Platt and Goepel. The toast was duly honoured and ably responded to by Bro. Platt for the Provincial Charities, and by Bro. Goepel for the London Charities. The Officers of the Fermor Hesketh Lodge were next honoured. Bro. S.W. responded; when he was initiated he had no idea of ever attaining to the important office confided to him that day. He would discharge the duties with pleasure and fidelity. Bro. Secretary and other Officers also returned thanks. The next toast Bro. Evans was sure would be

drunk with every mark of appreciation; all felt indebted to the Musical Brethren, who by their talent had conducted greatly to the pleasure of the evening. He, therefore, asked the brethren to drink with him most cordially to the health of the Musical Brethren, which was done. Our genial and talented brethren again rendered a quartet, and Bro. Hodgson, the Organist of the Lodge, was called upon to respond. He thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast in such a considerate manner. He felt sure the other brethren would endorse what he said, and with him do all in their power for the good of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master next proposed success to the Masonic Press, and with the toast united the names of Bros. Bryan and Davies. The toast was warmly received. Bro. Bryan replied on his own behalf, and Bro. Davies gratefully acknowledged the mark of esteem shown him and the journal he represented. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings it was possible to participate in. We wish the Fermor Hesketh Lodge every success, and hope that the worthy brethren may live long to enjoy such gratifying and harmonious celebrations as that of the 8th inst.

Era Chapter, No. 1423.—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, 13th July, at the Island Hotel, Hampton. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Apologies were received from Comps. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S. Middlesex M.E.Z., and T. J. Hooper Wilkins, excusing and regretting their non-attendance. By the invitation of the Installed Principals Comp. Frederick Walters P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex P.Z. 73, in an able and efficient manner installed Comp. E. H. Thiellay as the M.E.Z., who in return installed Comp. F. Walters as H. The Joshua elect, Comp. John Mason, was too ill to be present, so his installation had to be deferred. The other officers were invested and appointed. Comp. E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex M.E.Z. gave proofs of his proficiency by the able manner in which he exalted Bro. John Beresford Ryley (1423). The candidate expressed himself pleased with the interesting ceremony. The report of the Audit Committee showed the funds to be in a good state. The I.P.Z., although absent, was not forgotten, for a jewel was unanimously voted him from the Chapter Funds. A vote of thanks was given to Comps. H. A. DuBois P.Z. for his services, rendered to the Chapter as its first Treasurer. Business ended, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, 14th September, at 3 o'clock p.m. Banquet followed.

Lodge of Israel, No. 1502.—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 15th inst. Present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., S. Schonstadt S.W., Rev. H. D. Marks J.W., M. Hart I.P.M. Sec., J. Skeaf P.G.O. as Org., S. J. Waring as S.D., S. J. Henochsberg J.D., R. Robinson P.M. D.C., J. Saber Steward, M. P. Tieski I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, J. Frank. Visitors—Bros. J. P. Wright W.M. 786, Dr. Bailey 786, Brotherton 241, Davies 22 G.R.C. The usual formalities having been duly observed, the W.M. in a pleasing and able manner initiated Mr. Harris into Freemasonry. Bro. J.W. explained the working tools in a most accomplished manner, and Bro. S.W. very ably delivered the charge. It was proposed by Bro. Robinson P.M., and seconded by Bro. Henochsberg P.M., that the customary sum of £5 be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Masonic Relief Fund, carried unanimously. A Committee was then appointed to represent the Lodge on the Masonic Hall Relief Committee. The labours of the evening over, the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A very pleasant evening was spent round the festive board, where the enjoyment was enhanced by the kindness of Bros. Marks, Schonstadt, A. J. Henochsberg, M. Hart, Dr. Bailey, Robinson, and S. J. Henochsberg, who delighted the brethren with some capital songs and recitations. The toast list was dispensed with, as the time was very agreeably taken up with harmony, but the W.M. did not forget to propose the health of the newly initiated Brother. Bro. Jones, in his usual fraternal spirit, gave the toast of the Visitors, according all a hearty welcome. The toast was most cheerfully accepted by the brethren, and Bro. Wright replied. This Lodge, it is pleasing to state, is one of the most harmonious and prosperous in Liverpool, and the Officers work superbly.

Llanidloes Lodge, No. 1582.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at the Trewythan Arms Hotel, Llanidloes, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. W. Collender P.M. and P.P.G.D.C. North Wales and Shropshire presided, and there were also present Bros. J. Kitto S.W. (W.M. elect), W. H. Williams J.W., Hugh Jones Treasurer, J. D. Davis Hon. Secretary, W. Russell J.D., J. H. Webb J.G., J. Trewin Tyler, D. P. Owen P.M. 938, C. Morgan W.M. 1594, J. Danily P.M. 1594, F. Britton P.M. 1594, Edward Hamer P.M. 1072 Prov. Grand Secretary South Wales, A. Hughes P.M. 1072, John Owen 1594, D. Swancott 1582, E. Hughes 1582, Thomas Bennett 1582, J. Williams 1072, W. Pell 1072, J. Morris 1124, &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge read and confirmed, the first business was the passing of Bro. Edward Hughes to the second degree, after which Bro. John Kitto (W.M. elect) was presented by Bro. Edward Hamer to receive at the hands of Bro. W. Collender the benefit of installation. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner, and in accordance with ancient custom the W.M. (J. Kitto) then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, after which the W.M. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present to their I.P.M. (Bro. W. Collender) a P.M.'s jewel, for the great services rendered by him since the formation of the Lodge in 1876 as first Master. He then, in a speech of considerable length, attached the jewel to his breast, remarking that he hoped Bro. Collender would live many years to wear it (applause). The jewel is a very handsome one. It

has two clasps on the suspending ribbon, and on the back is the following inscription:—"Llandloes Lodge, 1582. Presented by the Brethren to Bro. William Collender P.M., as a token of esteem, and in appreciation of valuable services rendered the Lodge, 1877 and 1878." It is enclosed in a handsome jewel case. The other formal business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to a well-furnished banquet, provided by Bro. W. Russell, at which Bro. Kitto presided. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the formal loyal and Masonic toasts, all of them being cordially responded to. The health of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. W. Collender amidst the applause of the brethren, the W.M. replied thereto in a lengthened speech. Other toasts were then given, and the evening was passed in complete harmony, interspersed with songs, &c., Bro. J. D. Davies presiding at the piano. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated at eleven o'clock.

Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129.—It has been the custom for some years past in this Chapter to hold the Annual Festival in the Summer, and to go from home to celebrate it. This year the Grange Hotel, at Grange-over-Sands—the Torquay of the North—was chosen for the occasion. We most heartily congratulate the M.E.Z. and his Officers on their good taste and power of selection. The locality is extremely beautiful, the Hotel charmingly situated and the appointments perfection. Dinner was put on the tables at four o'clock, and the M.E.Z. E. Comp. Joseph Bintley was supported by E. Comps. John Talbot H. Prov. G. Assist. S., George McKay J. Prov. G.S.E., John Holme P.Z., John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N., W. Kirkbride P.Z. Prov. G.P.S., Arnison P.Z., Titus Wilson P.Z. Treasurer of 129, and Comps. John Armstrong P.S. No. 148, W. Cartmel, Banks, Nelson, Taylor, Baron, T. O. Atkinson, &c. The dinner, which was served *à la Russe*, included every delicacy of the season, and the wines were of the choicest brands. Grace after meat having been said by E. Comp. J., the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received due honour. The M.E.Z., in proposing the Prov. G. Supt. the Earl of Beattie and the Prov. G. Chapter, referred to the excellent manner in which his lordship ruled over the Province and made a happy allusion to the proverbial hospitality of Underley. E. Comp. McKay Prov. G.S.E. responded, and referred to the many advantages that would accrue to Royal Arch Masonry in the Province by the formation of the Provincial Chapter. He hoped soon to have the bye-laws ready for distribution, and also to have the bye-laws of individual Chapters approved by the Prov. G. Supt. E. Comp. Bowes proposed the M.E.Z., Officers, and members of the Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129, and in doing so referred to his long connection with the Chapter, having been one of the promoters and the first M.E.H. He complimented the present Officers for the zeal they manifested as promoters of the Royal Art, and made an especial reference to the M.E.Z., E. Comp. Joseph Bintley, who had been for many years a worker in the good cause. The toast was very warmly received. E. Comp. Bintley in reply thanked all present for the reception they had given to the toast, so kindly proposed by their old and valued friend Comp. Bowes. He had done something for the good of Masonry; and he hoped to do still more. Their Chapter was in a good position, financially and otherwise, and with such an overseer of the work as Comp. Bowes, he did not doubt that they should meet with as much success in the future as they had in the past. The Visitors having been proposed, Comps. Kirkbride, Arnison and Armstrong respectively responded, and expressed their great pleasure in being invited to take part in such enjoyable festivities. Comp. McKay having obtained permission to propose a toast, said he had the utmost pleasure in proposing the health of E. Comp. Bowes. No one present was more indebted to that Comp. than he was; no matter what work had to be done, Comp. Bowes was always equal to the occasion, and not only so, but his services were always most willingly rendered. The whole Province was greatly indebted to that Comp., both in the Craft and the Arch; he proposed his good health with the greatest cordiality. Comp. Bowes, in responding, said he was conscious of having done something for the good of Masonry in the Province, and the fact that his services were acceptable to them was a sufficient reward for the trouble he had taken. He was not tired yet; he loved Masonry now better than ever he did; he hoped for many years to be spared to assist in rendering their beautiful ceremonies in a creditable manner. The health of E. Comp. John Holme P.Z. having been proposed, that Comp. made a suitable reply. He had presided on the occasion of three of their annual gatherings, and it always afforded him very great pleasure to meet his Brothers and Companions for the purpose of promoting those principles which they all professed to admire. During the evening Comps. Kirkbride and Nelson sang some excellent songs, and a most enjoyable day was brought to a close at an early hour.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—This young Lodge will give a Summer Festival to the ladies and friends of the brethren at Lewis's Hotel, Maidenhead, on Thursday, 25th July. Bros. Willing W.M., J. Douglas S.W., Clemow J.W., and Stiles Secretary have made arrangements, and the Great Western Railway have granted special terms. The banquet will take place at five, giving the company ample time to stroll along the banks, or row on this magnificent part of the river. We understand Bro. Clemow has placed two of his boats at the disposal of the W.M., and everything promises to go off well.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

THE First Annual Communication was holden at Freemasons' Hall, Hobart Town, on Tuesday, the 7th day of May 1878. When the following members were present:—W. Bros. William Simmons Hammond D.G.M., George Smith Deputy D.G.M., F. H. Wise D.G.S.W.,

L. Susman D.G.J.W., R. D. Poulett-Harris D.G. Chaplain, Charles Toby D.G. Sec., C. W. Rocher D.G.S.D., John Clark D.G. Pars., John Hamilton and W. R. Davey D.G. Stewards, W. G. Beaumont D.G. Tyler; also representatives of Lodges 536, 618, 801, &c. District G. Lodge having been opened, and formal matters disposed of, the report of the District G. Sec. was submitted. Little demanding special comment had been accomplished, but the G. Sec. hoped that at the next Annual Communication a report of more substantial and practical results would be placed before Grand Lodge. Several causes he stated had lately operated to retard the active prosecution of, and attention to Masonic duties; amongst which might be specially named the rich and valuable coal and other deposits recently discovered, and now in course of development in many portions of the colony, in which direction the attention of the capitalist and the trading portion of the community had been largely diverted. Another cause existed in the distance between Hobart Town and Launceston, rendering it very inconvenient for members of the Committee of General Purpose (who were selected from all the Lodges) to meet to prepare a draft of laws and regulations for the government of the D.G. Lodge. It was found requisite to appoint a sub-committee composed of members of the Hobart Town Lodges for the purpose.

On the subject of finance, the G. Sec. reported that in the absence of any power to demand or receive payment of any fees from the Lodges until after the making, confirming and subsequent approval of D.G. Lodge laws and regulations, it had hitherto been necessary to meet all the disbursements from private sources. The only amount received had been £2 2s from the D.D.G. Master for fees payable to the Grand Lodge on his appointment, which has been remitted to and acknowledged by the G. Secretary. The whole of the regalia and appointments for the D.G. Lodge were imported to the order of, and paid for by the R.W.D.G. Master, for which the D.G. Lodge is still indebted to him, less £10 10s, proposed optional fee payable to D.G. Lodge on his appointment, and which he has authorised to be deducted from the amount. D. Grand Secretary then gave a brief report of the condition of the various Lodges under the rule of the District Grand Lodge, and then referred to the Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Fund, which, he stated, was established in Tasmania, A.D. 1843, with the object of assisting aged and distressed worthy brethren, and to afford relief to their widows and orphans. It was supported by annual subscriptions and voluntary contributions by members of the Order, its constitution being such as to invite subscriptions from, and afford relief to, all contributing members of Lodges subscribing to the fund, without respect to the constitution under which the Lodge is held. He hoped that such arrangement may be made by D.G. Lodge, relating to the collection of Masonic funds for purposes of benevolence, as will not materially interfere with the constitution of this old established and thoroughly effective Masonic organisation. He was informed there was also a Masonic Fund for benevolent purposes in Launceston, but no account of its constitution or report of its proceedings had reached him.

In concluding what may be justly termed merely an inaugural or progress report on the establishment of the District Grand Lodge, the D.G. Sec. would fain express a hope that the rulers of the Craft in Tasmania would not permit the present Masonic inactivity long to continue. The immense extension of the Order in all parts of the world would bring with it a corresponding demand on their benevolent resources; it therefore behoves those in authority in the Lodges to be earnest in practising the principles they profess to admire, and on which the Order is mainly founded, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and also to use all legitimate means at their disposal in disseminating the principles and more widely extending the influence of this time-honoured and truly benevolent institution, and thus render unnecessary any further reports on the existence of unconstituted or inoperative Warrants in the District.

The R.W. the D.G.M. then re-appointed the following Officers of D. G. Lodge for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. F. H. Wise D.G.S.W., L. Susman D.G.J.W., R. D. Poulett-Harris D.G. Chap., Charles Toby D.G. Sec., W. A. B. Jamieson D.G.S.D., C. W. Rocher D.G.J.D., J. A. Ferguson D.G.D. of C., John Clark D.G. Pars., R. R. Davey and John Hamilton D.G. Stewards, William George Beaumont D.G. Tyler. Bro. T. H. Magrath was unanimously appointed D.G. Treas., Bro. Hobkirk, Sadler, Jamieson, Clark, and Poulett-Harris, were appointed members of the Committee of General Purposes, and Bros. John Hamilton and Thomas May Evans Auditors. The draft copy of laws and regulations for the government of D.G. Lodge was then considered, and the clauses read seriatim, and, with a few alterations, passed. Apologies for non-attendance were read from several members of D.G. Lodge. After which, there not being any further business the D.G. Lodge was closed in due form, the R.W. the District Grand Master intimating that he would hold the next Annual Communication at Launceston.

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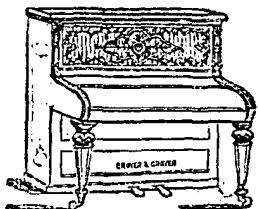
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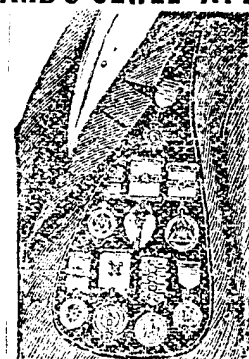
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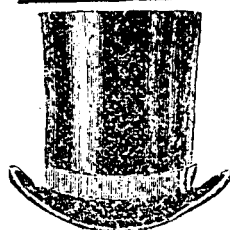
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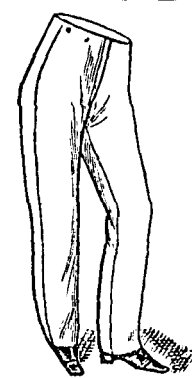
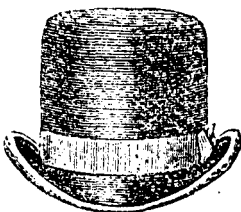
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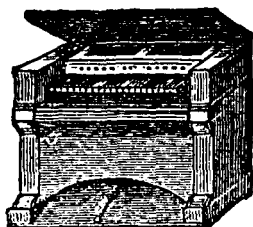
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