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LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, DUDLEY.

On Monday morning, the corner stone of St. Luke's New Church, Wellington Road, was laid with full Masonic ceremonial, by the Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, in the presence of a large number of the Craft, and also of Visitors. For some time past there has been a great want of Church accommodation in the neighbourhood of the dock and the Wellington Road, the services having to be held in a Mission Room in the dock. The funds being limited, the Church is to be built in a plain and inexpensive manner, the architects, Bros. Davies and Middleton, intending to rely more on solidity of construction and general proportion than upon ornamentation. The material is to be red bricks inside and out, the bricks being much thinner than those usually employed. The edifice will be relieved by brick mouldings, as will also the lancet-headed windows. The Church is to consist of a nave 96 feet by 35 feet, with aisles used for passages only 6 feet wide. There will be a clear storey carried by an arcade of six bays, light being given to the Church by the large windows in the clear storey. All the seats are to be placed within the columns, so that the worshippers may have an unobstructed view of the chancel and the preacher. This was a novelty four years ago when the plans were made. Its advantages are obvious. The chancel is to be 35 feet by 21 feet, with an organ chapel on the north side, and a priests' vestry on the south side. A vestry suitable for church business will be made beneath the chancel. The Church when finished will accommodate 500 persons, but with chairs in the aisles, about 150 more. The Church is to be entirely free and unappropriated for ever.

The brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at the Dudley Arms Hotel about eleven o'clock, when the following were in attendance:—The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A Hudson Royds; Worshipful Brothers, W. Masfield, D.P.G.M.; J. Rutland, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Westwood, P.J.G.W.; S. Smith, P.P.G.S.W.; and the following Worshipful Brethren:—W. H. Jones, P.P.G.W.; W. Hollier, P.P.G.W.; B. Brookes, P.P.G.W.; W. R. Cosens, D.D., P.G. Chaplain; Canon R. H. Baynes, P.P.G. Chaplain; C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.G. Treasurer; H. G. Goldingham, P.G. Registrar; H. Cross, W.M., 1204, P.P.G. Registrar; G. Baldwin, P.P.G. Registrar; W. Bristow, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Secretary; G. Smith, P.P.G.D.; E. J. Wright, P.J.G.D.; C. F. G. Clark, P.M., 252, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Broomhall, P.G. Superintendent of Works; E. Poole, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; A. A. Sylvester, Assist. P.G. Director of Ceremonies; A. F. Godson, P.P. G.D.C.; G. T. Bloomer, P.G.S.B.; T. Brettell, P.P.G.S.B.; G. J. Westbury, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Troman, P.G. Organist; S. Foley, C. Williams, C. Blunsom, J. Thompson, and J. H. Fisher, P.G. Stewards; J. Stokes, W.M., 252; D. Bradley, P.M., 498; J. S. Hoppett, W.M., 498; G. M. J. Bourne, W.M., 529; R. H. Keswick, P.S.G.W.C.L.; W. H. Tarleton, P.G. Chaplain, Warwickshire; G. Phillips, P.M., 254; J. Stanley, P.G. Tyler. The following Brethren were also present:—G. T. Owen, 252; J. Dawes, 498; T. F. Higgs, 252; W. Smith, S.W., 252; J. H. Morgan, 498; J. Clements, 498; G. M. Waring, 347; G. F. Thompson, 252; E. C. Middleton, 794; J. B. Davies, 252; F. B. Whitford, 573; H. Burton,

P.M., and P.G.D.C.; R. Lansmere, 1087; A. F. Godson, P.G.M., 1097; J. Jordan, 498; P. P. Baker, 347; G. Bagott, J.W., 252; M. S. Allen, 252; J. Davis, S.W., 498; W. C. Walker, 252; S. Bagott, 252; A. Green, 252; W. Bagott, 252; J. S. Fisher, 1163; W. Gittos, 496; H. Cope, 526; H. Bagott, Treasurer, 252; J. V. Stallard, 280; W. Underwood, 1204; R. L. Campbell, 564; C. Williams, 564; J. Nayler, 252; C. L. Lister, 252; B. Priddy, 564; J. Phillips, J. D., 529; G. Taylor, J.W., 377; W. Waring, S.G., 252; J. Russell, 252; J. H. Harris, S.D., 1163; E. Nayler, 252; G. B. Pendovey, 564; R. Lawrence, 1097; J. Blundell, Organist, 560; E. C. Bloomer, J. D. 573; J. Dixon, J. D., 377; B. Woodward, W.M., 377; J. Smith, Tyler, 280; and J. Garner, Tyler, 252. After the Brethren had partaken of an excellent luncheon, which was generously provided by the Mayor of Dudley (Bro. J. Stokes), the Craft Lodge was opened in the third degree by the W.M. (Bro. J. Stokes) of the Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).

The lodge having been closed in due form the P.G.M. and his officers entered it, when the P.G.M. opened the P.G.L. in the third degree. It was afterwards resumed to the first degree, when three entered apprentices were admitted to take part in the closing ceremony, after which the brethren went in procession to the Parish Church, headed by the united choirs of the Churches in Dudley, and the following clergy:—E. H. L. Noot; G. Bradley; J. J. Slade; H. J. Phillips; Dr. Dixon; A. O. Cherrington; J. Jordan; J. T. Grosvenor, and the Rev. Dr. Cosens, who wore his robes of Doctor of Divinity.

The united choirs led the way singing the processional hymn "Brightly Gleams our Banner." After them followed the Mayor (Bro. J. Stokes) in his robes of office, and his clothing as W.M. of the Harmonic Lodge, accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr. J. H. Brooke), and some members of the Corporation. The P.G.M. and his officers followed lastly, and just before reaching the Church the leading files of the Freemasons opened to allow the P.G.M. and his officers to pass through their ranks, a ceremony which was subsequently repeated at the site of the New Church, and also at the Public Hall.

At the Parish Church, a short service was held, and an eloquent and impressive address delivered, by the Rev. Bro. Canon Baynes, M.A., Vicar of St. Michael's Coventry, after which, the brethren reformed, and walked in procession to the site of the New Church, where the stone was laid according to the ancient customs of the Craft.

The P.G.M. said, they had met that day for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a Church to be dedicated to the Great Architect of the Universe. It was to be laid in accordance with Masonic ritual, and he would ask the P.G.T. if he held the dispensation for such a service. Bro. W. Bristow stepped forward, and read the dispensation, after which the P.G.M. addressed the W.M. of the Harmonic Lodge (Bro. J. Stokes), and said: "You have my commands that that dispensation be kept on the minute of your lodge, there to appear for ages to come." Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.G. Treasurer then placed in a cavity in the under stone, a sealed bottle, containing copies of the local papers, and the current coins of the realm.

Bro. W. Bristow, P.G.T., then read the inscription engraved on the plate as follows:—[Maltese Cross] "The foundation stone of the Church of St. Luke was laid this 24th day of May, A.L. 5875, A.D. 1875, by Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, R.W. P.G.M., in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of the Craft."—[Maltese Cross]. (Signed) Davies and Middleton, architects; Wm. Nelson, builder.

The stone having been lowered into its place, the P.G.M. then asked Bro. J. B. Davies if he was an entered apprentice, and being answered by him in the affirmative, presented to him the "levers," and with it a command that the "levers" be placed among the archives of his lodge.

The stone was then duly proven by plumb, rule, level, and square, after which the P.G.M. was presented with a silver trowel, when he laid the stone saying, "Christ our Priest, Christ our Prophet, Christ our King, I declare this stone well and truly laid." He then presented to Bro. J. Stokes, the "gavel," to be placed among the archives of his lodge. He was likewise presented with the plumb, rule, level and square, the P.G.M. saying, "enter these upon the archives of your lodge, and remember that upright behaviour, level step and square conduct, will help you or any other man to bear the hard knocks of the world."

He then took corn from a M.M., and sprinkling a portion of it upon the stone, said, "I dedicate this stone by sprinkling upon it corn, the emblem of plenteousness." Pouring upon it wine he said, "I dedicate this stone by pouring upon it wine, the emblem of gladness." Likewise pouring upon it oil, he said, "I dedicate this stone by pouring upon it oil, the emblem of consolation, and may the Great

God whom we worship grant a blessing to it." A number of ladies then placed purses upon the stone, after which three hearty cheers were given for the Queen, three for the P.G.M., and three for the Mayor, when the procession was reformed and proceeded to the Public Hall, where a luncheon was given.

After the removal of the cloth the Mayor presided, and the usual loyal toasts having been given and duly honoured, the Mayor gave the toast, "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese."

The Rev. Bro. Canon Baynes in responding said, he regretted that the toast had fallen to him, because upon his right sat his dear brother the Vicar of Dudley, whose office it was. They all regretted that the Vicar of Dudley had lost his voice through cold, therefore he was at a very great disadvantage. He knew how full Dr. Cosens' heart was, and he very much regretted that Dr. Cosens' throat was so much inferior to the state of his heart. In conclusion he was glad to congratulate his dear brother the Vicar of Dudley, for it was a grand thing to lay a foundation stone of a church in any parish, and they could not help feeling that the grand work they were now beginning was a work in which all must feel the deepest interest. (Applause.)

The Mayor then proposed "Success to St. Luke's Church," and, in doing so, said that every person who worshipped God ought to rejoice to see another temple raised to the worship of that God. (Cheers.)

The Rev. Bro. Dr. Cosens, in responding to the toast, said that he could not forget that on the previous day he entered upon the thirty-third year of his ministry. He regretted that he was debarred from speaking much, but still he was not speaking in words of affectation when he said that he regarded that day as a golden one in his life. He returned his sincere thanks to his dear brother in his own Craft, who had come that day to lay the stone, as well as to his other brethren, who had so nobly assisted in the ceremony. (Applause.) He was quite sure that neither churchmen nor the members of any other religious body, nay, he might say even of that body who had been most bitter against the Craft in recent times, could do otherwise than say that the ceremony of that day had been dignified or Christian. (Cheers.) There had entered their minds the one thought of the supreme God whom they served. The praises sung in the sanctuary first, and then the solemn way with all the peculiarities (if they liked) and old traditions of their Craft, in which the stone was laid, was a way that would never be forgotten in the minds of those who were present that day. (Loud cheers.)

The Mayor, in proposing the health of the P.G.M., said the ladies were always so anxious to learn the secrets of the Craft, that for this occasion he would reveal them; they were to reverence God, to love their brother, to relieve their necessities, and to subdue their own feelings. (Applause.) That was what they had to illustrate when they met as Masons, and after that he hoped no lady would keep her husband back. (Laughter.)

The P.G.M. having responded, the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

EDINBURGH—A FUNERAL LODGE.

A Funeral Lodge was held in the Lodge, St. Andrew, No. 48, in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, on Friday, the 21st ult., in memory of Bro. Dr. William Hammond, R.W.M. The lodge was opened and raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Dr. W. S. Carmichael, P.M., assisted by Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, P.M., acting S.W.; Bro. C. G. C. Christie, P.M., No. 36, acting J.W.; David Knight, Sec.; Dr. Jas. Carmichael, D.M.; W. Hay, P.M.; D. Kinncar, P.M.; D. J. T. Loth, P.M., and a large attendance of the brethren, Bro. W. M. Bryce acting as Director of Ceremonies. There were also present Bros. William Officer, P.M., No. 1, P.G.D., G.L. of Scotland; W. W. Kennedy, R.W.M., No. 36; Dr. Geo. Dickson, S.M., No. 1, Rev. Wm. Graham, No. 48; R. Wadler, R.W.M., No. 145; R. S. Brown, P.M., No. 145; Dr. Stevenson, D.M., No. 160, &c., &c. The following is the programme of the proceedings:—

Solemn music (while brethren are taking their seats)—"Dead March in Saul."

Office-bearers of lodge, accompanied by office-bearers of sister lodges, enter in procession, and take their appointed seats.

"Marche Funebre"—Beethoven—Organ.

The Past Master then opened the lodge.

Prayer by the Chaplain:—

"Most Glorious God, Author of all good, and giver of all mercy, pour down Thy blessings upon us, and strengthen all our solemn engagements with the ties of fraternal affection. Let these striking instances of mortality remind us of our approaching fate, and so fit and prepare us for that awful period, whenever it may arrive, that after our departure hence, in peace and in Thy favour, we may be received into Thy everlasting kingdom. Amen."

Grand honours.

Selection from Requiem—Mozart—Organ.

Anthem.—Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Who shall not glorify Thy name, for Thou alone art holy, thou only art the Lord!

Service and responses by the brethren.

Master. What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of death?

Brethren. Man walketh in a vain shadow, he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

Master. When he dieth, he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him.

Brethren. Naked we come into the world, and naked we must return. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Grand honours.

ORATION, BY BRO. WILLIAM HAY, PM.,
Senior Deacon, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Brethren, we are called upon by a most solemn admonition to regard the uncertainty of human life—the immutable certainty of death, and the vanity of all human pursuits. Decrepitude and decay are written on every living thing. Weakness and imperfection are the incidents of our fallen condition; the damp dark grave is our destiny and our doom. The cradle and the coffin stand in juxtaposition, and as soon as we begin to live, that moment we also begin to die. What an eloquent commentary is here exhibited on the instability of every human pursuit, and how strikingly does it echo the sad sentiment of that great preacher who wrote for our perpetual warning the immortal text: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." There is a moment in the performance of one of the most sublime of all the degrees of Masonry (the third degree) that is calculated strongly to impress the mind with the most solemn reflections on the subject of death: there is a moment also in the experience of every one who has followed the remains of a friend or relation to their long home when those impressions must be deepened by the solemnities accompanying the last sad offices paid to the dead—dust to dust—ashes to ashes—when the sound of the falling earth strikes upon the ear with its dull hollow thud, what heart does not beat with bated force? What soul does not feel a momentary sympathy with the spirit of the departed? How eagerly do we desire to think and speak of its worth? how tenderly do we treat of its foibles and imperfections? Notwithstanding the lessons which are inculcated by our most solemn ceremonies—the constant preaching of religion and science, regarding the mutability of nature—the proofs of all this, which are constantly passing in review, including the scenes of sorrow we daily witness, we are too apt to forget that we are born to die. The brother, whose death we are met this evening to deplore, was, only a few weeks ago, in the enjoyment of vigorous health. By the sudden attack of a virulent disease, caught, it is believed, in the exercise of his professional duty, his life is ended at the early age of 43 years.

Although not long a member of our fraternity, having been initiated in this lodge only three years ago, his amiable and genial nature soon attracted the notice and secured the affections of his brethren, as they did also all who came into contact with him. He occupied the chair of this lodge since last St. John's Day; he entered upon its duties with a true desire to fulfil his obligations to the best of his ability, and we all know how well he performed his task. Had he been spared he would have been an ornament to the Craft, but he has been called upon, at the summons of the Great Master, to take his place in the Grand Lodge above, where the wages are jointly and equally paid, whether we have wrought here out one short hour or have borne the burden and heat of the day. The life of our late brother was so uniform that it was more like the gentle gliding stream than the rapid and turbulent river. When he completed his medical education, and had taken his degree in the University of St. Andrews, he practised for twelve years in his native town of Brechin, where he was most useful and greatly respected. He held the office of Medical Director in the Royal Infirmary of this town, as well as secretary to the Literary and Scientific Institute. He removed to Edinburgh about five years ago, where he continued to practice with considerable success. He was recently appointed Medical Officer to one of the Parochial Boards of this city, and one of his first duties was to attend the family of a poor widow, where six children were ill of scarlet fever. The children had scarcely got well when the poor mother took ill of typhus. Our late brother's attendance on this poor family was constant and untiring, and his kindness will ever be gratefully remembered. I have no doubt by the poor widow and her children, for it may be said to have cost him his life. But he died, we may say, nobly at his post, and there is no greater hero than the physician who hazards his

life for the well being of his kind, and not only his own, but the lives of his family and friends, by the constant danger of contact with virulent disease. Brethren let us cherish the memory of a brother so brave and good. Let the broad mantle of a Mason's charity cover his imperfections, whatever they may have been. Here is a brother dead in the middle of his days—and so have we seen many others die. Let us take heed that our work be done. The finger on our dial may be approaching the concluding twelve; our glass may have in it but a little sand; our sun may be going down. The shadows of the evening with some of us are already stretched out upon the mountains, and in a few moments it may be night with us, when we cannot work. Let us take heed that when the grave opens to receive us, that our sins do not lie down with us in the dust.

Brethren. So mote it be.

Service, with responses.

Master. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

Brethren. God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our God even unto death.

Grand honours.

Anthem—Kent.

O Lord, our Governor, O how excellent is Thy name in all the world.

Service with responses.

Master. May we be true and faithful; and may we live and die in love.

Brethren. So mote it be.

Master. May we always profess what is good; and may we always act agreeably to our profession.

Brethren. So mote it be.

Anthem—"Vital Spark."

Master. May the Lord bless us, and prosper us; and may our good intentions be crowned with success.

Brethren. So mote it be.

Master. Glory be to God on high,—on earth peace, and goodwill towards men.

Brethren. So mote it be; now, from henceforth, and for evermore. Amen.

Grand honours.

Bro. the Rev. William Graham, then gave the following address: Brethren, this solemn service throughout has reminded me of the feelings expressed on Tabor—"It is good for us to be here." The funeral dirge, at all times solemn, but never more so than in a Masonic assembly. We have the emblems of the grave—the coffin—the darkened room—the black drapery—the deep-toned choruses—and the sacred hallelujah—raising the soul from the sorrows below to the joys above, whither we believe our departed brother has ascended, by the stary pathway into the presence of the Great Master, and of the assembled throng. While cherishing his memory of self-sacrificing deeds among the sick and the dying, we forget not in our prayers the widow and the orphan boy. May the Great Architect of the Universe put it into the hearts of survivors to be kind to them for the father's sake. There is no night of sorrow, however dark, but has some star visible. It is so here to night, above us the stars seem shining; around us are the Word of God and the square and compasses pointing to the great and the only true Centre yonder, and the columns of the Great Temple, and the light streaming beyond, the first step into which leads the brother on step by step, through corridors and hall, up to Heaven's Temple, in whose Holy of holies, the Great Master sits, Himself the "LOGOS," emphatically THE WORD. With such emblems above, around, and yonder, we are thus able in our mourning to trace upwards, through the skies, the progress of our departed brother, who has found the celestial centre. He is in light. "The vital spark of heavenly flames" is before the great centre sun. May we so walk in the light here, that when our labours are finished in building the temple, our dying song may be, "O grave, where is thy victory, O death, where is thy sting?" and our eternal progress through the stars may be in the midst of light—endlessly—our sun never again going down, and our moon never again withdrawing her shining, but when THE WORD Himself will be the everlasting light, and the days of our mourning shall be ended.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

"Almighty Architect of the Universe, unto the grave has been resigned the body of our loving brother, to remain until the day of general resurrection. We earnestly pray thee, at that great and dreadful day to extend thy infinite mercy towards all of us, and to crown our felicity with everlasting bliss in Thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Grand honours.

The Past Master then closed the funeral lodge.

The choral services were under the management of Bro. A. Edmunds, supported by Bro. G. M. Davidson, and a choir of eight voices. Bro. F. W. Bridgman presiding at the organ. The choruses were most effectively and correctly rendered—the whole ceremony having a most solemn and impressive effect upon all present.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND 33°.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council for Scotland of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 18th inst., there being present—J. Whyte-Melville, Esq., Bennoch and Strathkinness, M.P.; S.G.C. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, V.P., L.G.C.; Lindsay Mackersy, Esq., W.S., Ill. G.G.S., H.E.; William Mann, Esq., W.S., Ill. G.G.T., H.E., and Henry Inglis, Esq., of Torsonce, Ill G.S.B. The following Ill. Bros. were admitted to the 32° (S.P.R.S.), viz.: Hector F. McLean, Esq., of Carnwath, P.G.M. Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, and Col. Alex. Wilson, D.P.G.M., Stirlingshire; and to the 31° (G.I.I.C.), Ill. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Arran, and J. G. S. Coghill, Esq., M.D. After the meeting the members of the Supreme Council dined together in the Banquet Hall, and there were also present at the dinner the following members of the other degrees holding of the Supreme Council, viz.: of the 32°, Sir Molyneux H. Nepean; Lauderdale Maitland, Esq., of Eccles; W. N. Fraser, Esq., of Tornaveen; William Hay, Esq., and Adolph Robinow, Esq., German Consul. Of the 31°, Alex. Hay, Esq.; Geo. Murray, Esq., C.A., and Alex. Mitchell, Esq.; and of the 30°, Major W. H. Ramsay, of Garion; H. V. D. Copland, Esq.; Bailie J. J. Muirhead; Dr. J. T. Loth, and H. J. Coventry, Esq., W.S.

Correspondence.

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

INITIATION FEES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you grant space to discuss a subject of a very practical character, viz., Initiation Fees?

The lodge of which I have the honour to be W.M. has lately revised its by-laws, and on completion of the revision sent a copy to the proper authorities for approval and endorsement. The said authority took exception to the initiation fee of £4 4s., as being insufficient and less than is required by the Book of Constitutions—article, "Of Proposing Members," clause 9. This clause runs as follows:

"No person shall be made a Mason for less than three guineas, exclusive of the registering fee, nor shall a lodge on any pretence remit or defer payment of any part of this sum."

The aforesaid authority ruled that the term "registering fee" includes—

1. The Grand Lodge Fee	-	£0	10	6
2. Certificate Fee	-	0	6	6
3. Prov. G.L. Dues	-	0	5	0
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The phrase "registering fee" is, however, in the singular, and wherever it occurs in the Book of Constitutions in connection with initiated members, seems always to mean the 10s. 6d. for registering in Books of Grand Lodge, and nothing more.

Indeed, under the article "Certificates," clause 1, a distinction is expressly made between the registering fee and the fee for certificates, which latter, it says, "may be taken out of the initiation fee." This appears conclusive.

As to Prov. G.L. dues, under the article "Prov. Grand Lodges," clause 4, permission is given to Prov. Grand Lodges to form a Provincial Fund of Benevolence, and to levy dues for its maintenance on the lodges within its province. But I submit these dues are levied on the lodges and not on individuals, although, for the purposes there stated and for the sake of equity, the dues assume a caputular form. Further, the Prov. G.L. "may," or may not, fix these dues at the maximum there laid down, and has power to charge 5s., 4s., 3s., 2s., 1s., or 0s. I have had some trouble as regards the foregoing, and hope some Brother with leisure and experience will state his views of the matter.

I cannot think the "ipse dixit" of any authority, however high, should impose conditions on a lodge against the wish of its members, unless based on the clear statements of the Book of Constitutions.

I am, yours fraternally,

BETA, W.M., P.M., P.G.S.D.

NOTE.—1. The fee in the old by-laws has been £4 4s. for many years. 2. In London district 21s. is the registering fee.

PAST RANK.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your paper of the 1st inst. I observe amongst the names of the brethren occupying the seats of the table presided over by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that of George Laurie, P.D.G.M. of Turkey.

For my own information, as well as that of the Masonic body under the English constitution in Constantinople, you will oblige me by stating how this error found a place in your valuable paper.

Bro. George Laurie never was District Grand Master of Turkey, and consequently could not be Past District Grand Master. In consequence of the death of our D.G.M. John P. Brown, and that of the D.D.G.M. Alex. Thompson, which followed very closely, Bro. Geo. Laurie exercised the functions of D.G.M. for some months. But article 7, page 58 of the Book of Constitutions, states that the "brother exercising such functions shall not assume that title; nor shall he, after having so acted, be entitled to rank as a Past District Grand Master, or to wear the Masonic clothing appropriate to that office."

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

HENRY NEWBOLT, D.D.G.M. for Turkey.

Constantinople, 18th May, 1875.

THE FATHER OF FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the several letters under the above heading which have appeared in the recent issues of the *Freemason*, it is pleasing to observe the great deference paid to our aged brethren. In a letter from Bro. Spears, P.M. 158, in the *Freemason* of the 22nd instant, he states, "The brethren of the Province of Kent are proud of having among them the two oldest brethren of the Craft," who, it appears, were initiated in 1814 and 1815 respectively.

I have great pleasure in stating, for Bro. Spears' information, that there is now residing at Hayle, Cornwall, an older member of the craft than either of the above, in the person of Bro. Nicholas Donithorne, who was initiated in the One and All Lodge 330, Bodmin, April 6th, 1812. It is therefore, to the brethren of the Province of Cornwall that belong the honour of having among them the oldest brother of the Craft, and he a Cornishman.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

RICH. RICH, P.M. 330,

P. Prov. J.G.W. of Cornwall.

Bodmin, May 25, 1875.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

There appears to be often a difficulty, on the advancement of a brother to the rank of Mark Master Mason, in the selection of an appropriate mark, no intimation having previously been given as to the necessity for it. Thus the time of the members of the lodge is wasted, and the candidate is probably afterwards dissatisfied with his hurried selection, made under excitement, and when he hardly comprehends what is required. Some twelve years ago, on the formation of a Mark Lodge in another province, I established a book with hundreds of suitable Masonic Marks, as suggestive to candidates, and from which they might make a choice. Having now undertaken to prepare a similar book for another Mark Lodge which I have lately joined, I have looked through the *Freemason's Magazine*, from 1858 till the publication of it ceased in 1871, under an impression that from this source I obtained most of the marks, copied from ancient buildings. I find only a few, however; but have met with a reference to the publication of some sheets containing a large collection. Can any Bro. give information where they may be obtained?

H. H., P.G.J.W. of England.

A DOUBTFUL MASONIC ACT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The lodge with which I have the honour to be connected has recently received, for sale to the brethren, a number of tickets for a lottery in connection with the St. John's Lodge, Hawick, No. 111. I should like to ask if such a method of raising the wind is permitted by Grand Lodge? It is evident that the promoters of the "spec" are not the most highly educated of mortals, for one prize is described as "Aneroid's Barometer." It may be they are as ignorant of the law of the country with

respect to lotteries, as I am of the whereabouts of "Mr. Aneroid," who he was, and why he so called himself. If so, it is very easy to be charitable, and give them credit for only being mistaken and not wilful sinners. Will you kindly give the members of No. 111 a hint to, anyhow, keep their gambling to themselves, and not to offend by thrusting their illegal and unmasonic raffle tickets into respectable lodges.

I am, fraternally yours,

JOSIAH ROSE.

Leigh (1354), May 26, 1875.

STEWARDS' JEWEL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have just seen a circular letter addressed by the Grand Secretary to the brethren who officiated as Stewards on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, asking them whether they would desire to receive a Commemoration Jewel. The cost of each jewel is to be £5, the intrinsic value of the metal contained in it being a little over £2. As there were some 400 Stewards at the installation, the aggregate difference between the cost and value of the jewels will (supposing each Steward to provide himself with one) amount to some £1,100 or £1,200, which seems a long price to pay for design and labour.

I venture to think that, unless it is announced that a large share of this handsome surplus is to be devoted to charity, 400 jewels will not be asked for, and that it would have been well to have fixed a lower price for a decoration which each Steward would like to possess, but which he may not be in a position to purchase.

I am, yours fraternally,

BUSY BEE.

Reviews.

SECOND NOTICE.

BY WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Secret Societies. By Charles William Heckethorn.

"Secret Societies" is the title of a new work issued from the Chiswick Press, and published by Richard Bentley & Son, in two vols., small 8vo. The book is most compactly arranged, and being in numbered paragraphs, nothing could be better for convenience of reference. From the preface I gather that Mr. Heckethorn has for many years been fascinated with the subject of secret societies, the study of which has long engaged his attention, and it was his intention to collect, in a comprehensive work, all the information that could be obtained concerning one of the most curious phases of the history of mankind—those secret organizations, religious, political and social, which have existed from the most remote ages down to the present time.

It would be strange if all this could be found in the two volumes now before us of some 700 pages; but certainly an immense quantity of interesting particulars of many societies but little known, and of others now forgotten, have been condensed, and presented in a most readable form by Mr. Heckethorn, and though we cannot sympathize with many of his views, I am none the less ready to acknowledge the industry and skill which have been manifested in the production of the volumes in question. Much of the labours of Signor De Castro have been utilized in the present work, especially his "Il Mondo Secreto," which Mr. Heckethorn first intended to translate, but which translation, commenced at first for publication, was abandoned for independent researches, and simply using De Castro as required.

The author's rule has been to include in the work "all societies as secret which had or have secret rites and ceremonies kept from the outer world, though the society itself be no secret at all." He considers that, thanks to secret societies themselves, they are no longer needed, at least not in the realms of thought; but whilst uttering this opinion, I learn in the next paragraph that, "in politics, however, circumstances will arise in every age to call them into existence, and though they seldom attain their direct object, yet they are not without influence on the relations between ruler and ruled, advantageously for the latter in the long run, though not immediately."

In a brief notice such as this it would be impossible to follow the author in his researches, and especially in the region where he is as much at a loss as ourselves; but, if space permitted, I should certainly like to correct a few of the errors he has fallen into in attempting to describe and put a value on the Society of Freemasons, of whose aims and

objects he is evidently in ignorance, though he attempts to teach us *what is Freemasonry!* Mr. Heckethorn declares that "few statements are made which could not be supported by numerous and weighty authorities," but on applying that test to his remarks on Freemasonry, I find that such is not the case, for he could not furnish us with one "weighty authority" for several of his assertions. In the list of authorities are Barruel, Robinson, Carlile, and others such. To learn what Freemasonry is from a man like Carlile, who spent a portion of his life in Bedford jail, for blasphemy, and never was a Mason, would be as reasonable as to be taught the contents of the Holy Bible from Tom Paine's "Age of Reason."

Mr. Heckethorn is not a Mason, but I venture to think that had he carefully studied a few of the other authorities he mentions, such as Dr. Mackay, and the Rev. George Oliver, D.D., he could not have so misrepresented our ancient and honourable Society. The answer to "What Mote it be" would not result in such as the following, if the works of those who knew what they wrote about had been consulted:—"There is nothing in the history of modern Masonry, in this country at least, that deserves to be recorded," (p. 311). Again, after speaking of the three principles of the Society (*brotherly love, relief, and truth*), the writer asks, "To what does this action amount? To eating, drinking, and mummery." Now, although I find many excellent suggestions and views of Freemasonry scattered over the two volumes, I cannot shut my eyes to the foregoing, and I can scarcely help thinking that some other motive than what appears on the surface must have prompted Mr. Heckethorn to so describe a Society to which he devotes about half of one volume in a consideration of its history and character. Further on in the work I read—"After this necessarily brief account of Freemasonry, past and present, the question naturally suggests itself, What is its present use? Is it not an institution that has outlived the object of its foundation? Are its pretensions not groundless, and its existence a delusion and anachronism? The answers to all these questions must be unfavourable to Freemasonry. . . . It must eventually die from sheer inanition." Then again I read—"It is almost absurd to talk of Masonic literature; it scarcely exists. Except the works written by Oliver, Mackay, Findel, and Ragon, there is scarcely anything worth reading about Freemasonry of which a Freemason is the author." What estimate is this of some 12,000 works on Freemasonry, many of which would grace any library, and be a credit to any society, however learned or distinguished. Mr. Heckethorn does good service, however, in exposing some of the forgeries which have been sought at times to be foisted on the fraternity.

Of the Templars he says—"In 1705 Philip, Duke of Orleans, collected the remaining members of the Society that had renounced its first scope to cultivate politics. A Jesuit Father, Bonani, a learned rogue, fabricated the famous list of supposititious Grand Masters of the Temple since Molay, beginning with his immediate successor, Larmenius. No imposture was ever sustained with greater sagacity. The document offered all the requisite characteristics of authenticity, and was calculated to deceive the most experienced palæologist. Its object was to connect the new institution with the ancient Templars. To render the deception more perfect, the volume containing the false list was filled with minutes of deliberations at fictitious meetings, under false dates. Two members were even sent to Lisbon to obtain, if possible, a document of legitimacy from the 'Knights of Christ,' an Order supposed to have been founded on the ruins of the Order of the Temple. But the deputies were unmasked, and very badly received. One had to take refuge in England, the other was transported to Africa, where he died."

He, however, accepts as authentic the story of Ramsay's visit to the Grand Lodge of England in 1728 respecting his new degrees, of which there has not been one iota of evidence produced. So I perceive that Mr. Heckethorn is not incapable of being hoodwinked himself, even though he is anxious to enlighten Freemasons about their Society, of which he is not a member.

His remarks about Freemasons occupying only a portion of the work, it would be unfair to judge of the whole from the failures to which I have thought it right to draw attention.

Much valuable and interesting information is afforded respecting the "Ancient Mysteries," and certainly I know not where so much varied intelligence about secret societies of all kinds—good and bad—religious and political—social and philosophical—is to be obtained, save in these two volumes, which, with all their faults, and notwithstanding their elementary character, are well worth a perusal by the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and all interested in the origin and character of such Societies.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

BRITANNIC LODGE (No. 33).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 14th of May. Present: Bros. Eachus, W.M.; J. Chynoweth, S.W.; F. Pendered, J.W.; Lewis Cromlic, Treas.; Thos. A. Chubb, Sec.; John S. Peirce, D.C.; H. E. Wallis, J.D.; Edward Palmer, I.G.; and the following Past Masters:—A. G. Church, John Strapp, F. W. Shields, Wm. Smith, Jas. Glegg, Magnus Ohren, and Jas. Glaisher, Bros. Charles Horsley, Chas. W. Turner, Wm. Clouston, Chas. Pawley, Thos. Spencer, David Hodge, Wm. Sugg, Henry Finlay, W. P. Boddy, Fredk. H. Varley, J. S. Tamburini, Jas. Chas. Campbell, R. R. Kelley, A. W. Millar, C. James, D. F. Hald, Jas. Davidson, and Daniel Campbell. Visitors: Bros. J. Hervey, G. Sec.; Burke, Prov. G.M. for Jamaica, Scotch Con.; Rosenthal, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Middlesex; Masterman, P.M. 11; Robins, P.M. 452; Godson, P.M. 1077; R. Macaulay, Excelsior 900; F. Macaulay, St. Thomas, 142; Francis, P.M. 452; Kingham, Metropolitan, 1507; Dalgairus, Ancient Dundee, Scotland; Newton, Goch Lodge; Levick, W.M. 1227; Navone, 180; Morris, 704; Dr. Wilkinson, P.M. 181; Francis, Talbot, Swansea; and Sir John Bennett. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Messrs. Ditlef Fürst Hald, C.E.; James Davidson, Daniel Campbell, and Walter Faithful Garland. Bro. Richard Roper Kelly and Bro. A. W. Millar were both passed. Messrs. Ditlef F. Hald, Jas. Davidson, and Dan. Campbell were initiated. The installation was very excellently performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. George E. Eachus, and the W.M. having been placed in the chair at once invested his I.P.M. and the Treasurer, and appointed and invested his officers as follows:—F. Pendered, S.W.; John Davis, J.W.; Thos. A. Chubb, Sec.; John S. Peirce, D.C.; Henry E. Wallis, S.D.; Edward Palmer, J.D.; John Dixon, I.G.; Jas. J. Wallis and Edward Strouts, Stewards. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of £5 5s. be given to each of the Stewards to put upon their lists for the Girls' and the Boys' Schools. The I.P.M. was then invested with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, and the lodge adjourned. A banquet followed—the musical arrangements being in the hands of Bro. Lawler.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).—This flourishing lodge held a special emergency meeting on Friday, the 21st day of May last, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., expressly to initiate Captain Boyton into the Craft. The Craft at large, and the lodges ranging under the Grand Lodge of England particularly, will be pleased to learn of this interesting event, and every English Freemason will, in a measure, no doubt take it as a compliment paid to the fraternity by the gallant Captain in thus becoming a member of the Order in a lodge in this country. Captain Boyton's notoriety in connection with his life-saving dress is now world-wide, but there is one feature which is not so generally known, and that is his private worth. It would be in a measure excusable were he occasionally to display a little ostentation, but his demeanour at his initiation indicated he was entirely free from that species of vanity, and amongst the many agreeable traits of character he displayed none was more conspicuous than his simple and unaffected bearing in everything he did and said. The earnest manner in which he entered on the solemn business in hand, and the easy way in which he seemed to have lost his own individuality and to have become one of the brethren in feeling and action, were very observable indeed. Every one present approached him with ease, and he gained the hearts of all present by his frank and open nature. The officers and brethren of the lodge present were the following:—Brothers John Waters, W.M.; Allen R. Rumsey, S.W.; Thos. Taylor, J.W.; J. Javitt Stephens, S.D.; Elijah Squirrel, J.D.; Wm. H. Godolphin, I.G.; William Rumsey, P.M.; and Treasurer, John Rumsey, P.M. and Secretary; Samuel Gamman, I.P.M.; F. G. Harrison, P.M.; Fredk. Wiggins, P.M.; E. B. Barnard, P.M.; Robert Bowman, T. J. Steel, W. Medcalf, John Hurrell, and C. H. Barrett. The visitors were the following:—C. G. Smithers, P.M. 901; J. Rug, P.M. 781; Samuel Vasey, P.M. 183; F. Rath, S.W. 534; John Aspinall, J.D. 534; R. G. Seaborn, I.G. 217; W. Aspinwall, 23; and W. R. Bagshot, 354. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form and with solemn prayer at 6 o'clock p.m., and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed unanimously. The ceremony of initiation was at once proceeded with, Captain Boyton having been duly balloted for at the last lodge meeting. It is almost needless to say that the ballot proved unanimous in his favour. The candidate would have been initiated at that lodge meeting, but a pressing public engagement prevented this, and the present emergency meeting was summoned and held for that purpose. The ceremony of initiation was performed by the Immediate Past Master, Brother Samuel Gamman, in an impressive and a perfect manner. Brother Gamman's style is similar to that of a fluent extempore speaker giving utterance to his thoughts as they arise in his mind, and few candidates would think he was actually delivering a set ritual. Brother Gamman's working evoked deserved praise from every one present. The deaconing of Bro. J. Jewitt Stephens, S.D., was everything that could be desired. The working of the other officers was well performed, and met with due commendation. The impressive ceremony did not fail to have its due effect upon the candidate, as it invariably does upon those who, like him, are ever susceptible to receive impressions from that which is associated with solemnity and awe. It is no derogation to the gallant Captain (now a brother), who

has proved beyond all doubt he is possessed of true manly courage, to say that he is endowed with a sensitive nature. On the contrary, his known and tried personal qualities are rather enhanced than otherwise, when coupled with that characteristic essential to all that is truly great and noble. There being no other business to transact, the lodge was then duly closed. There was no banquet, but a pleasant re-union of the members of the lodge, the newly-made initiate, and the visitors present took place. The re-union was most enjoyable, and proved that Freemasons can happily intermingle with each other without the incentive of a banquet, relying for their gratification and amusement on an interchange of brotherly feeling, coupled with the satisfaction that they are members of a society which not only professes but practices tolerance and charity. The gathering of 206 on this memorable evening was a substantive answer to our detractors, who aver that the chief object of a Mason's heart is a banquet. The usual Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, Bro. Samuel Gamman, the Immediate Past Master, rose, and in feeling and appropriate terms proposed the toast of "The Brother Initiate." He adverted to the pleasure he experienced in having performed the ceremony of initiation that evening, and, however perceptible his drawbacks were in the conduct of the duties of the chair—and he felt they were many—he trusted the brethren present would pass over them on the score that he had endeavoured to do his best, and they must accept the attempt for what should have been the result. He referred in complimentary terms to the exploits of Bro. Boyton, and said he felt sure that he (Bro. Boyton) would perform the unprecedented feat of swimming across the Channel. Bro. Boyton had no doubt been so absorbed in his work that hitherto he had been prevented from entering the Order. Still throughout his (Bro. Boyton's) career he had acted virtually as a Mason; for was there not a close connection between what Bro. Boyton had been doing, and would still continue to do, and the fundamental teaching inculcated by Freemasonry—namely, the practice of doing good, for Bro. Boyton's invention would, he felt sure, ere long be of the greatest benefit to mankind? He trusted the brethren present would drink with heartiness and goodwill to the brother initiate, which was accordingly done with the greatest enthusiasm. In rising to respond, Bro. Boyton said: "Worshipful Master and Brethren, I feel particularly gratified this evening in having been made a Freemason in this lodge, and on this occasion, when so goodly a number of the fraternity are around me, I must ask you to excuse me for not having, as arranged, presented myself for the ceremony on your last lodge meeting; but, as you are aware, a public engagement prevented this. I must further ask you to excuse the seemingly negligent manner, so far as my personal appearance is concerned, in coming before you this evening, but this slight informality will be excused when you know I have only just returned from Oxford. I was desirous of appearing here at all hazards, to-night, knowing you had considerably convened this lodge meeting for my convenience, and I thank you for this kindness. I am fully alive to the Masonic obligations I have entered into this evening, and brethren, I cannot deny that I was deeply affected by the impressive ceremony. I have heard a great deal about Masonry, and I am now proud of being one. I will try to be a good Mason. No endeavour shall be wanting on my part. I feel pleasure that my humble attempts to further the chances of saving life at sea have been referred to by our Immediate Past Master as Masonic acts. I will still continue in my endeavours to bring those attempts to a perfectly successful issue. Brethren, whether you credit it or not, my one sole object in constructing my apparatus and performing the different experiments I have, is to benefit humanity. I feel satisfied I can have no higher or purer aim, and I wish for none other. I was staying at Wolverhampton the other day at a place where a lodge was being held. Hearing I was in the hotel some of the brethren, thinking no doubt that I must be a Mason, courteously asked me to join them. I felt sorry to confess I was no Mason, and from that moment I determined to become one as soon as I conveniently could, and, brethren, I thank you that you have on this present occasion afforded me an opportunity of carrying that determination into effect. In conclusion allow me, Brother Gamman, to thank you for the kind way in which you proposed the toast of the Brother Initiate, and you, brethren all, for the genial manner in which you accepted it. Without giving Bro. Boyton an opportunity of resuming his seat, all present earnestly begged him to give an account of the different experiments he had made with his life-saving dress, and the reasons he had applied himself to the task of bringing the apparatus to that perfection he had. Bro. Boyton then at considerable length stated he was connected with a body in America whose duty was to save the lives of shipwrecked mariners and others when in danger, and that subsequently he filled the post of commander of this body. In the performance of his duties he was too frequently brought into contact with heartrending scenes. The poor results attending his and the men's exertions to save life were out of all proportion to their efforts, and his idea then struck him. It stood to reason that in a heavy sea, or even on ordinary occasions, the swimmer, however good his intentions, had enough to do to sustain himself in the water, and very little of his efforts could be expended upon others. From the first, therefore, his object was to construct such an apparatus, and of such buoyant capabilities, that the swimmer should not be required to expend one iota of his strength towards keeping afloat, thus reserving all his powers for the object in hand—saving life. At last he produced his dress. The greatest difficulty he experienced in its construction was to shape the head piece as to prevent water from entering, and in this, after repeated trials, he happily succeeded. At the commencement his dress did not meet with that approval he humbly thought it deserved, but time and patience on

his part procured the favourable opinion of the public. He essayed many attempts to perform experiments with his invention on dangerous occasions, and he was often prevented from doing this. At last prejudice toned down, and he convinced the public in America that his dress fully answered the purposes for which it was intended; that it was of special use when shipwrecks occurred on a dangerous coast, with a heavy sea raging and no means save the unaided efforts of a good swimmer at hand to convey a line to connect the ship with the coast, and when the efforts of the most powerful swimmer to do this were entirely unavailing. Then it was when a plucky man safely ensconced in his dress could perform all requirements with comparative ease. He feelingly alluded to the recent disastrous wreck of the Schiller on the Scilly Isles, and felt confident that had there been a few of his dresses on board the ill-fated ship, at the time she struck, the majority of the unhappy passengers and crew who met with so cruel a fate could easily have been saved. Amongst other experiments he alluded to the one he had made off the coast of Ireland, when coming from America to this country. He entered the sea many miles from the coast, with a packet of letters; on that occasion he experienced great difficulty in reaching land, and when he did he found nothing but high rocky cliffs to the east of Cape Clear, and no place offering a safe landing. The sea was running so high that sometimes he appeared to be on a level with the summits of the stupendous rocks, and at others he would appear to sink down into an awful abyss, those same rocks and cliffs looming out before him like great mountains. He had an awful time of it, he was obliged to confess, and he thought his end was come. It was the only time, he believed, he ever experienced sea sickness. Finding no opportunity of effecting a landing, he went out to sea again, and presently espied an inlet into the land, into which he succeeded in getting, and then landed, to the surprise of the simple inhabitants, who were not expecting such a strange visitor, and when he told them in reply to their anxious enquiries he had come from America (which he had) they were more scared than ever, and at once put him down to be a certain unmentionable gentleman. However, Bro. Boyton quieted their nerves somewhat by stripping off his dress. He engaged a man, after much difficulty, to drive him to Skibbereen. The poor fellow was so perplexed throughout the journey as left no doubt but that he thought that Bro. Boyton was veritably the aforesaid gentleman. The alacrity with which the man dispossessed himself of his burden at his journey's end highly amused our brother (no doubt Bro. Boyton fully compensated him for the fright he had undergone). With respect to his recent attempt to cross the English Channel he thought he should have, in common fairness, performed the feat. The doctor who examined him occasionally, from the commencement of the experiment to its conclusion, and who, he would give him credit, acted from the purest motives and intentions, delayed him considerably; and then on the voyage there was an altercation between the English and French Pilots, and it turned out much to his (Bro. Boyton's) chagrin that the people on board did not know where they were. He would say, when he was compelled to leave the water, he was, so to speak, as fresh as when he entered it, and to prove that, he, without extra exertion, performed some evolutions round the boat just as he would have done on ordinary occasions. He concluded by saying that on the following evening he should proceed to France, preparatory to trying the same experiment, only from the opposite shore, and he trusted that before he met the brethren again he should have performed the feat successfully. His object was to produce something of benefit to his kind, and he said, with an emphasis, the meaning of which could not be mistaken, that if a dress could be produced to-morrow in any way superior to his he would instantly drop the latter and take up the former. Throughout Bro. Boyton's speech he was listened to with marked attention, and proved he was not only endowed with the inventive faculty, but with capacity of delivering a neat off-handed speech, and a witty one too, for now and then he throws off some humorous remark or other which cannot fail to be provocative of considerable merriment to those whom he addresses. Bro. W. Rumsey, the father of the lodge, then sang the Entered Apprentice Song in his usually vigorous style, and some good songs were given afterwards by Bro. Boyton, John Rumsey, J. Jewitt Stephens, J. Hurrell, R. Bowman, and R. G. Seaborn, and the Immediate Past Master gave a capital recitation. The I.G. was then requested by the father of the lodge to say a few words in connection with the interesting event, and in compliance therewith Bro. Godolphin stated that ordinarily the I.G.'s position was an unenviable one, as he was called upon to address the brethren after every one else had had his say, and much to his regret found that the materials for a neat little speech were all used up previously, but on this present occasion he was not left in quite so forlorn a condition. It was not for an humble individual like him to eulogise Bro. Boyton or expatiate upon his merits, the Public Press, acting as the reflex of public opinion, having performed both so efficiently and satisfactorily. He would merely say, referring to Bro. Boyton's exploits, that all present loved noble daring, especially when that daring was performed for the furtherance of the interests of humanity, and was at the same time unassociated with the least taint of vulgar bravado. He could only give expression to the predominant feeling in his mind, and that was the complete satisfaction he felt that the introduction of Brother Boyton into their ancient and honourable order was effected through Lodge No. 206, under the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England. He could confidently assert that this feeling was shared in by every member of the lodge present, and next to his own lodge, by every visitor, at least, he could say this for his friends Bros. Aspinall and Rath. He could fully endorse the happy ex-

pression of the I.P.M. that their newly-made brother had virtually been a Mason from the commencement of his career. One happy circumstance he could not help alluding to was that Bro. Boyton as it were belonged to one section of the two great English-speaking peoples, and the rest of the brethren present to the other, and however far-fetched the idea might be to some, he felt that that evening they had formed a tiny link, and he, for himself, thought not an unimportant one either, in the chain which had been for a long time and now was in course of formation, and would inevitably bind these two great peoples in the bonds of peace and good will. He would remind the brethren that great general results were the products of seemingly unimportant individual acts. He did not know much of Bro. Boyton's movements. Perhaps the time was not far distant when he must leave this country and proceed to his native land; if so, Bro. Boyton could rest assured that the good wishes of all the brethren present would always accompany him. He felt certain that Bro. Boyton would, amongst the different assemblies to which his notoriety alone (apart from all his other deserts) would give him access, never lose the recollection of the time when he first became a Mason; and, finally, he would say that should Brother Boyton in his various wanderings come to England now and again, he would ever be received as an honoured and welcome guest by the members of his mother lodge. The reunion then terminated. It was throughout of a most joyous and fraternal character, and the remembrance of it will not quickly pass out of the minds of one and all privileged to be present on the interesting occasion.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, May 17th, and was attended by the W.M., Bro. Payne, with Bros. Pulman, S.W.; Withall, J.W.; Trussler, S.D.; Lane, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Broadbridge, S.; and Biddlecomb, Org.; and Bros. Wolfe, Leonard, Lilley, Moore, McMurray, McKay, Sanders, and several other brethren, to whom may be added the following visitors:—Bros. Barron Turner, W.M. 183; Geider, P.M. 507; Hiscox, P.M. 1420; Southam, S.W. 1420; Norris, Bye, and Lawson, Thos. Poese, I.P.M. and Treas.; and Jas. Stevens, P.M. of 720, 1216, and 1426. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and Bros. Sanders and McMurray having qualified themselves for the next Degree retired and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and they were raised to the sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony of installation was then performed in a perfect manner, and Bro. Charles Pulman was installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Poore, P.M., as Installing Master, with Bro. James Stevens, P.M., as Director of Ceremonies, and it was remarked by several of the visitors that the ceremony was well carried out by both those officers. The W.M. having appointed as officers Bros. Withall, S.W.; Trussler, J.W.; Payne, I.P.M.; Poore, P.M. and Treas.; B. Richardson, Sec.; Lane, S.D.; Burgess, J.D.; Broadbridge, I.G.; Biddlecombe, Org.; Wolfe, S.; Stedman, Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously agreed to be recorded on the minutes as an expression of the thanks of the lodge to Bros. Poore and Stevens for their kind and efficient services during the ceremony. The lodge then adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Lilley in his usual liberal and excellent manner, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to good fellowship, during which a P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, with the wish that he would long have health to wear it.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—A very strong meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 25th inst. at the "Montpellier" Tavern, Walworth. The lodge was opened early in the afternoon by Bros. J. Wright, W.M.; Wise, S.W.; Macdonald, J.W.; A. Wright, I.P.M.; Clarke and Thomas, Past Masters; Pulsford, P.M., Sec.; Walters, S.D.; Allan, J.D.; Harris, I.G.; H. Potter, W.S.; Potter, D.C.; Stuart, A.D.C. Among the numerous visitors present we noticed Bros. Ough, P.G.P. of England; F. Binckes, P.G.S. of England, Secretary of the Masonic Institution for Boys; Wright, P.M. (504), P.G.S.D. of Herts; Neall, P.M. (1360), P.G.A.D.C. of Kent; Dann, P.M. (72); Koch, P.M. (820, 1381); Basilio, P.M. (917); Whitley, P.M. (944); Bethell, W.M. (30); Hocking, W.M. (1329); Burrell, W.M. (1446); Walls, I.G. (1503); Meadows, (898), &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Wise, the S.W., was conducted to the Chair of K.S. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. J. Wright. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Macdonald, S.W.; Walters, J.W.; Allan, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; Potter, I.G.; Stuart, D.C.; Smith, W.S. Messrs. Wells, Brady, Pritchard, and Hall were then initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. most excellently. A notice of motion by Bro. Nomico, that a benevolent fund should be established in connection with the lodge, was then fully considered, and after some considerable discussion it was seconded, but, upon being formally put to the lodge, it was lost by a large majority. A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. J. Wright, I.P.M., for the very handsome manner in which he had entertained the brethren of the Audit Committee at his house on the previous Wednesday. It was moved by Bro. A. Wright, P.M., and seconded by the S.D., that the cost of the Steward's Installation Jewel should be defrayed by the lodge and presented to Bro. Wright, I.P.M., who had officiated at the recent Albert Hall ceremonial. This was unanimously carried, and Bro. Wright made a very feeling reply in acknowledgment of the kindness of his brethren. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren, to the number of nearly ninety, adjourned to the banquet, which was well served in the large hall attached to the tavern. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically received, and Bros. Fowler and Walls contributed one verse each of the "National Anthem" and "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the W.M. alluded to the satisfaction he had derived from the presence of two of that distinguished body in the lodge that day, namely, Bros. Ough and Binckes. The first named briefly acknowledged the compliment, but the latter brother made a most eloquent reply. In the course of his speech he alluded to the great national event of the 28th of April last, and directed the attention of the brethren to those remarkable words which had fallen so forcibly from the lips of the Prince of Wales on that ever memorable occasion—"Loyalty and Charity." He was of opinion that the Heir Apparent had done more to cement the loyalty of the English people to the throne of this great country by assuming the responsibilities and position of M.W.G.M. of Freemasons than any other act ever performed by his immediate Royal predecessors. It was highly necessary for a personage of the Prince's rank to steer clear of any partiality, and to avoid creating dissatisfaction in any community of Her Majesty's subjects; but in the recent instance he had, notwithstanding the attacks made upon Freemasonry by a powerful religious body, bravely disregarded their puerile displeasure, and had become the chief head and ruler of the Craft. This act, and the peculiar circumstances attending it, coupled with the genial speech he had made on the day of his Installation, must ever endear the Prince to the brethren as well as to the nation at large. The speaker then went on to state that many men joined the Craft for the sake of conviviality and the pleasures of the banquet table, others for the love of ostentation, which the tinsel and glitter of the regalia afforded, and some for charity. He then enlarged upon the charitable advantages of the three great Masonic Institutions, which were mainly supported by voluntary contributions, and expressed how sorry he felt that, although there were so many brethren on the Grand Register of England, but few comparatively, in proportion to the number enrolled, individually contributed to those excellent charities for the relief of the orphan, the widow, and the aged. In conclusion, the worthy brother made a warm appeal to the charity of the members of the Southern Star, on behalf of the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, and hoped that they would send their Steward, Bro. J. Wright, I.P.M., with an ample list worthy of the occasion and of their powerful lodge; and finally he entreated them to bear in mind those watchwords—"Loyalty and Charity," and always to act as true men and good Masons. It is needless to state that in the course of his speech the indefatigable Secretary of the Boys' School was warmly applauded by the brethren, and, upon resuming his seat, received a very enthusiastic mark of Masonic approval. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the I.P.M., who congratulated the lodge upon the choice it had made in unanimously electing Bro. Wise to that position. This toast was received with excellent "fire," and the W.M. made a brief reply. "The Health of the Initiates" followed, and Bro. Brady responded. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. again alluded to the honour the lodge had received by the presence that day of several members of Grand Lodge and of Provincial Grand Lodges, and also for the attendance of a great number of Past Masters and Worshipful Masters and members of many distinguished Metropolitan Lodges. The hour being late, some of the visitors had left, but Bros. Wright, Neall, Koch, Walls, and Meadows on their behalf and for themselves briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, coupled with the names of Bros. J. Wright, Pulsford, Clarke, Thomas, and A. Wright. In the progress of this toast, Bro. Wright, I.P.M., was invested by the W.M. with the very handsome jewel of P.M. of the Southern Star Lodge. The P.M.'s whose names were mentioned individually responded. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was duly honoured and severally responded to. Between the intervals of the toasts and the replies, Bros. Bird, Meadows, Walls, and Fowler instrumentally and vocally amused the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful and numerous gatherings that had ever taken place of the Southern Star Lodge to a formal conclusion, and the members adjourned until September next.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell, on Thursday, 13th May, and was well attended. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed, after which a ballot, which was unanimous, was taken for Bros. C. R. Steel, Grand Stewards' Lodge, and C. J. Henton, 144, as joining members. Bro. C. H. Rugg was examined and entrusted, and afterwards passed. Mr. Geo. Baxter having been balloted for, was duly initiated. The ceremony of installation was then effectively conducted by Bro. W. J. Messenger, I.P.M., as Installing Master. The Senior Warden, Bro. J. H. Hastie, being the W.M. elect, was duly introduced and installed, and appointed his officers as follows:—M. S. Larham, S.W.; H. Hammond, J.W.; C. C. Dunville, Chaplain; A. Styan, Treas.; J. J. Curtis, Sec.; T. W. Carnell, S.D.; C. Fountain, J.D.; J. Stevens, D.C.; D. A. Ross, I.G.; F. H. Cozens, Org.; W. Gray, W.S.; W. C. Hale, C.S. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. W. J. Messenger, and the new W.M. most impressively initiated Mr. G. Baxter. The report of the Audit Committee was then considered, and being highly satisfactory, its adoption was carried with applause. Messrs. C. W. Davies and H. A. Price were proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting, and the brethren then unanimously agreed that the G.M. Installation Steward's jewel should be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Messenger. The lodge was then closed, and the banquet was served in the lodge mess room of the corps. The brethren then enjoyed themselves for three hours, the new W.M. acquitting himself admirably, and setting an example of brevity of speech which was highly appreciated, and followed by all but one brother; but he was brought to abrupt silence by

the roar of laughter which greeted the notes of a piping bullfinch, which a brother had accidentally set going and could not stop.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. There were present: Bros. Gardner, W.M.; Koch, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Drysdale, P.M., Acting S.W.; Stokes, Acting J.W.; Walls, Acting S.D.; Webb, Acting J.D.; Kohler, Acting I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, but the confirmation thereof stood over until the next regular meeting. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Pomeroy and Stranger into Craft mysteries, and passed Bro. Rogers to the F.C. Degree. The lodge having been duly closed the brethren adjourned to supper, which was presided over by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Walls and Stokes. Among the visitors were Bros. P. Parsons, (749); Westwood, Urban; Haddon, Metropolitan. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave, in well expressed terms, "The Queen and Craft," and "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." These toasts were loyally drunk, and Bro. Walls contributed one verse of the popular ode to H.R.H.'s honour. "The Health of the Grand Officers" followed, and the W.M. alluded to the admirable manner in which the duties of Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were performed by Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., and Bro. Gardner acknowledged the compliment at length. In giving "The Health of the Initiates" the W.M. stated that from the recommendations he had received from their proposers, and from his own personal knowledge of their antecedents, he felt assured that the Kennington Lodge would have reason to congratulate itself upon having enlisted into its ranks two such worthy members as Bros. Pomeroy and Shanger. Bro. Parsons having sang the "Entered Apprentice," all the initiates responded, and the former made an excellent reply, in which he stated that having been a great deal abroad, he had witnessed the universal bond of fraternity which appeared to unite Freemasons of every country and creed of religion, and from what he had seen in his perambulations and heard from his personal friends, who were members of the Craft, he firmly believed that the artificial and un-Christian-like barricades, which for centuries past have kept men of different nationalities asunder, were rapidly being levelled by the moral and intellectual influences of Freemasonry; and in conclusion he expressed how impressed he had been that evening by the almost Divine language of the ritual. The toast of the visitors followed, and was responded to by Bros. Parsons and Haddon. The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "Junior Officers of the Lodge" were then given. Bros. Koch and Stuart replied for the former, and Bros. Reeves, Webb, and Walls, for the latter. Between the toasts Bros. Cruse, Pomeroy, Walls and Webb vocally amused the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought an agreeable meeting to a conclusion, and the members of the lodge separated for the summer recess.

EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—This young and prosperous lodge held its third installation meeting at the Northcote Hotel, Battersea Rise, on Friday, May 14th, and was attended by Bros. Chas. Jackson, W.M.; Edwd. Spooner, I.P.M. and Treas.; Dr. Kempster, J.W.; Josh. W. Hiscox, Sec.; Wm. Hudson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; A. Southam, S.D.; C. Pullman, J.D.; Chas. Estlin, I.G.; W. B. Miller, Jno. Gibson, A. Brown, H. R. Baker, J. S. Sinclair, J. D. Pildisch, J. J. Joseph, M.D.; W. Salter, Fredk. Reed, Benj. Miller. The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and the minutes having been read, and the election of Bro. Dr. Kempster as W.M. having been confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with by Bro. Spooner, P.M., as Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Jackson, the retiring W.M., and the efficient manner in which those services were performed gave the brethren great satisfaction. The officers appointed by the W.M. to assist him during his year of office were Bro. A. Southam, S.W.; C. Pulman, J.W.; C. Jackson, I.P.M.; E. Spooner, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Hiscox, P.M., Sec.; C. Esther, S.D.; J. Gibson, J.D.; W. B. Miller, I.G.; J. J. Joseph, M.D., S.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then tendered to Bro. E. Spooner, P.M., for the kind way and efficient manner that he had installed the W.M.; and the W.M. having presented to Bro. Jackson the beautiful P.M. jewel, voted to him by the lodge with the brethren's best wishes, the lodge was closed and adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon the proprietor of the hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and peace, harmony, and brotherly love were enjoyed during the remainder of the evening. We may add that there is a Lodge of Instruction attached to this lodge, which meets every alternate Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, and the members of the Earl Spencer Lodge will be glad to receive any brother in search of instruction.

PROVINCIAL.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—LODGE OF INDUSTRY (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, West-street, on Monday evening, May 25th, at seven o'clock. The lodge was opened by Bro. Rd. Gregory, W.M., and the following officers, viz.:—Bros. Dr. R. F. Cook, P.M., M. of C., D.P.G.S.D.; John Ed. Robson, I.P.M. and Treasurer; J. D. Stephen, S.W.; Thos. Allison, J.W.; J. G. Waddington, S.D.; M. Corbett, J.D.; R. Terry, Org.; J. H. Rowell, I. G.; J. T. Smith, S.S.; R. Whitfield, J.S. (who also acted as Secretary in the absence of Bro. D. Sinclair); C. O. Gay, A.S.; J. Curry, Tyler. There was a goodly attendance on the part of the members and visiting brethren, amongst whom were—Bros. A. Harkness, P.M. 48, Prov. G.S.D.; W. E. Franklin, P.M. 424, Prov. G.S.D.; Benj. Frazer, M. T. Plotnicki, T. Hopkins, T. Sinclair, B. Smith, W. Whitfield, John Wood, Robt. Brason, Wm. Daglish, John G. Robertson, F. P. Jean, P.M. 48; Jos.

Cook, W.M. 481; Thos. Bleunkinsop, P.M., R. Smaile, P.M., T. Best, B. Dewar, 541. The minutes of last regular lodge and lodge of emergency held May 19th having been read and confirmed and ballots taken, Mr. Edward Liddell was admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. John Ed. Robson, I.P.M., in a most impressive manner. Bros. Sadanski, Harrison, and J. W. Robertson were passed to the P.C. Degree in an able manner by Bro. A. Harkness, P.M. Bros. Jackson, Hewitt, Grieves, and Mendelssohn were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. John Ed. Robson, I.P.M. The W.M. then closed the lodge down to the First Degree. Five candidates were proposed for initiation, and two brethren as subscribing members. The W.M., on behalf of the subscribers, members of the lodge, then presented Bro. John Ed. Robson, the I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel of exquisite workmanship, as a mark of their appreciation of his services, not only when Master of the lodge, but in other various offices, and concluded an able speech by wishing the I.P.M. long life to wear the jewel, health, wealth, and prosperity; also that the time may be far distant when his (the I.P.M.'s) connection with Lodge 48 would cease. Bro. Robson acknowledged the presentation in very feeling terms, and said he would ever be grateful to the brethren and wear that beautiful jewel with becoming pride. That he did not attach so much elation to it on account of its intrinsic value as the good feeling he found manifested towards himself, and the desire of the brethren to regard any services which he may have rendered the lodge, and it should be an incentive to him to continue working for "old 48," to the best of his abilities. It is said that brevity is the soul of wit. With him that evening he was brief, not owing to wit, but because no language could find words to express his appreciation of their kindness. The jewel bears the following inscription at back:—"Presented by the brethren to Bro. John Ed. Robson, P.M., as a mark of esteem, May, 1875;" also in front: "Industry Lodge, 48." The lodge was closed at 10 o'clock, when the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where they partook of refreshment and passed the remainder of the evening in social harmony, the glees and part songs being performed by the choir in a masterly style. The usual toasts were given, "The Queen," "Prince of Wales," "Rest of Royal Family," "The Newly Initiated," "Visitors." The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which it had been proposed and received, and hoped he would hand over to his successor the affairs of the lodge in the same satisfactory state as it had been by previous Masters. He had a very important duty to perform; yet, which was to propose "The Health of the Officers," and in doing so it was a matter of great importance to state that all the officers were present except one, and that was the worthy Secretary, through illness. He would couple with it the name of Bro. Dr. R. F. Cook, P.M., Master of Ceremonies. The M.C. in returning thanks thought that the fact of all the officers being present to fill their respective positions should be very gratifying to the W.M., as indeed every Master who had passed through that chair knew what a great assistance it was while giving the degrees to have every officer in his post, and able to do his duty. He was glad to find the W.M. so well supported at the Installation of the Prince of Wales—that magnificent ceremonial which took place in the Albert Hall, on 28th April. Behold 10,000 richly jewelled breasts beneath which lay the brightest genius and talent which this or any other country or nation could collect—a scene which no one who had been present would ever forget, and it was also gratifying to find the Province of Durham enjoying so good a position, especially "48," being close to the Throne, and he trusted the officers would show themselves worthy of the name of "48" by their industry. He had now to refer to the name of one who had worked willingly and well in the cause of Freemasonry and the interests of this lodge, Bro. John Ed. Robson their I.P.M. and Treasurer. In attaching to his breast that evening the presentation jewel, while they were doing him an honour, they were also performing a duty, and he had now great pleasure in proposing the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Jas. Robson, I.P.M., said he now found himself in one of the most unpleasant situations in which a man could get, viz., that of replying to a toast on the occasion of a presentation—because in proposing that toast it was customary, in fact he might say it was the rule, to speak of all the good qualities, and say nothing about the bad—our good Bro. Dr. Cook, P.M., had done so on this occasion. What little he (I.P.M.) had done was without doubt appreciated by the brethren; but he had done no more than was his duty, and in keeping with the first obligation and charge in Masonry. The jewel with which he had been presented he should always look upon with pleasure, and as an heir-loom. The W.M. proposed "Our Next Merry Meeting," which terminated another of the many happy and harmonious meetings of this ancient lodge. This lodge was well and worthily represented at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by Bros. Rd. Gregory, W.M.; John Ed. Robson, I.P.M.; A. Harkness, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Robt. F. Cook, P.P.G.S.D.; J. H. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Franklin, P.M. 424 P.P.G.S.D.; J. D. Stephen, S.W.; Thos. Allison, J.W.; R. Whitfield, M.M. The Provincial Grand Master of Durham, John Fawcett, Esq., acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Wm. Hy. Crookes, P.G. Sec., and Bro. John Bailey, P.P.J.G.W., as Stewards for the Province of Durham.

COLCHESTER.—ANGEL LODGE (No. 51).—At the monthly meeting of the Angel Lodge of Freemasons, No. 51, held at the lodge room, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester, on Tuesday evening, May 18th, 1875, a valuable gold keyless lever watch was presented to Bro. T. J. Ralling, who has occupied the post of Honorary Secretary for upwards of four years. The business of the lodge having been con-

cluded, the Worshipful Master (Bro. Charles Cobb) invited Bro. Ralling to advance to the pedestal, and addressed him as follows: Bro. Ralling, I have been instructed by the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of this lodge, to present you this evening with a mark of their appreciation of the way in which you have carried out the duties of Honorary Secretary of this lodge during the last few years. I can assure you that the brethren generally feel that the duties have been so onerous, and that you have carried them out with such skill and ability, that these circumstances call for a mark of their approval. With respect to the Past Masters, I am sure they appreciate the way in which you have aided them, and personally I may say I have received the greatest attention and assistance at your hands: in fact, I could not have carried out the duties of my office had I not been aided as I have been. We have been favoured, by the kindness of our Bro. Atkins, with valuable assistance in this presentation. He has, with the ability and skill which has always characterised him, and also with great kindness, engrossed the sentiments of this lodge on the vellum which you see before you. I will now read it, so that you may hear what is upon it. The W.M. then read the following inscription, which was engrossed on vellum by Bro. C. Wilson Atkins, and handsomely framed: "Angel Lodge, No. 51, of Ancient Free, and Accepted Masons of England. To Thomas J. Ralling, Secretary. Dear Sir and Brother,—We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Angel Lodge, in presenting you with the accompanying testimonial, embrace this opportunity to convey to you the very high sense of our appreciation of your valued and zealous services in promoting the interest of our lodge, and of Freemasonry in general, during the years that you have so ably performed the arduous duties of Secretary; and we also express our sincere wish that the Great Architect of the Universe will bestow on you the blessing of health in this world to perform the duties he may call upon you to do, and the greater blessing of happiness in the Grand Lodge above. Signed on behalf of the brethren. Chas. Cobb, W.M.; Alfred Welsh, S.W.; G. Gard Pye, J.W.; Fred A. Cole, I.P.M." The Worshipful Master continued—The form of testimonial we have decided upon, Bro. Ralling, is a watch, and I trust you may long live to wear it. I cannot add anything to the sentiments engrossed on that tablet; they express the sentiments of the whole lodge, and they are ratified and confirmed by the presence of the worthy brethren you see around you. May you long live to carry out the duties of Secretary, and to wear the watch I now present to you. Allow me to congratulate you, Brother Secretary, on this occasion. The watch, which was supplied by Bro. Samuel, of East Hill, bears Bro. Ralling's initials in monogram, and also the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. T. J. Ralling, by the brethren of the Angel Lodge of Freemasons, No. 51, in grateful recognition of his valued and efficient services as Secretary.—Colchester, May 18th, 1875." Bro. Ralling on receiving the present, replied as follows:—Right Worshipful Sir, Worshipful Master, and Brethren,—You will readily believe me when I say that I do not think I ever was placed in a more difficult position than that in which I find myself at the present moment. If I were an orator, like some of our brethren, I might not feel any diffidence, but I can assure you that I am perfectly at a loss adequately to express my feelings on the present occasion. A distinguished public man, in addressing a large gathering in this very room but a few evenings since, stated that whilst listening to the speech in which his health had been proposed he had had some little misgivings as to his own identity. I fear I must plead guilty to a feeling somewhat akin to his, for after listening to the excessively kind and flattering remarks in which our W.M. has conveyed to me this handsome testimonial of your esteem, I have felt that my poor services have been, to say the least, very much over-rated. It is true I have, by your continued confidence, occupied this post for more than four years, and during that time my earnest endeavour has been to carry out the duties to the very best of my ability; but the only reward which I have desired has been your approval where it could be justly bestowed, and your forbearance in any cases in which I may have been found wanting. I have always felt my position to be one of great trust and responsibility, not only in being the medium through which all the funds of the lodge are conveyed to the Treasurer, but as being answerable for many little matters which do not come before the lodge at our monthly meetings. On every occasion it has been my endeavour to uphold the dignity of the Craft generally, and of this ancient lodge particularly, and to promote by every means in my power the comfort and convenience of individual brethren. In this, however, I cannot claim to be an exception to the generality of our members. Do we not meet here for a common object? Art we not all zealous for our Craft, and jealous for the honour and credit of our lodge? and I feel sure that there are many brethren who would have fulfilled the Secretary's duties with far greater ability than I have done, though, I hope I may be allowed to say, not with a more earnest desire to do their duty. We are reminded in the course of our ceremonies that nature has implanted in our breasts a deep and indissoluble attachment to the land of our birth; and this, I think, may be extended to the lodge which saw our birth in Masonry. At all events, that feeling of attachment has always influenced me in the fulfilment of my duties. I have felt that, as a dutiful child, I was bound to do all in my power to further the interests of my mother lodge, even if at times it may have required a slight stretch of my cable-tow; and I hope I may take this handsome gift of yours as an index that I have been to some extent successful. I thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for the great kindness you have exhibited towards me, not only in the heyday of pleasure, but in the time of affliction; and in accepting this beautiful testimonial, allow me to say that I shall never look upon it without feelings of the greatest pleasure,

not only on account of its intrinsic value, but as an evidence of what I esteem far more highly—the good will and good opinion of my Masonic brethren. Once more I thank you. The Worshipful Master: Brethren, I feel that our thanks are due to Bro. Atkins for the great skill and ability he has shown in executing the tablet. It is really a work of art, and I am sure I cannot be wrong in moving that a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Atkins be entered on the minutes. Bro. Welch (Senior Warden): I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. Bro. Ralling: Perhaps I may be allowed to add my own special thanks to Bro. Atkins for so kindly devoting his time and talents in my behalf. I ought to have done so just now, but under the peculiar circumstances of my position, I am sure Bro. Atkins will not feel that I intended any slight to his beautiful workmanship. It entitles him to my warmest thanks. The motion was put and carried unanimously. The brethren present upon the occasion were:—Bros. the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province (Matthew E. Clark); Chas Cobb, W.M.; Fred A. Cole, I.P.M.; A. Welch, S.W.; G. Gard Pye, J.W.; T. J. Ralling, Sec.; W. P. Lewis, P.M.; T. R. Quilter, P.M.; A. Cobb, P.M.; H. Samuel, P.M.; C. O. G. Becker, P.M.; Col. Stallard, R.A.; Capt. Owen, 88th Regt.; Capt. Bowen, 88th; T. A. Middleton, W. Club, A. R. Clench, W. S. Sprent, J. L. Browne, W. W. Daniell, J. Hanley, C. E. Denton, C. Nicholl, junr., J. J. C. Turner, W. Bray, W. R. Wilcocks, G. Mercer, and Wm. G. Oliver, P.M. United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 507.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of the above old and flourishing lodge came off at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; W. Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C.; C. Schulen, P.P.G.D.C.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.; Reg., M. C.; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O. J. J. Burton, P.P.G.D.C. Cambridge, S.W.; S. Wright, Acting J.W.; W. Spalding, P.M. Sec.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; H. Clarke, acting I.G., &c., &c. The lodge having been opened in ancient form and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Shortridge, gentleman; Mr. Wm. Fraser, junr. merchant; Mr. John Ireland Bows, surgeon; and Mr. Harry Ribbans, gentleman, all of whom were unanimously elected for initiation. The last named candidate was not present. The W.M. having resigned the gavel into the hands of the D.P.G.M., the venerable brother with much impressiveness and simple dignity initiated Mr. Shortridge into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft universal. Bro. A. J. Barber initiated Mr. Fraser, and the W.M. assuming the gavel introduced Mr. Bows to the Masonic world. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Edwards was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the W.M. ably performing the ceremony; Bro. Barber, P.G.O., who presided at the organ, played the Dead March in Saul, and the brethren, led by Bro. Clarke, chanting that noble hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying," added much to the solemnity of the proceedings. The Secretary read a communication from the P.G. Sec., relative to the charity scheme which had been propounded by Bro. Bobby, P.S.G.W.; and it was proposed by Bro. Emra Holmes, and carried unanimously, that the W.M. represent the lodge on the committee formed to consider the scheme. A communication was received from the Masonic Hall Company asking for an increase of rent, which was cheerfully accorded, the prosperous state of the lodge fairly warranting the same. Dr. Wm. Elliston, P.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, was proposed as a joining member. The other business of the lodge having been disposed of, the W.M. announced that at next meeting he should hold the Feast of Roses as customary, when he hoped there would be a large attendance. The usual supper, toasts, and harmony followed, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

WARRINGTON.—LODGE OF LIGHTS (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening last. The W.M., Bro. John Bows, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, was supported by Bros. John Harding, I.P.M.; W. H. Robinson, S.W.; Thomas Tunstall, J.W.; W. Richardson, P.M.; W. Monop, P.M. 1250; J. R. Young, J.D.; D. Wilkins, Hon. Sec.; C. E. Hindley, I.G.; W. H. Spring, George A. Clark, John Armstrong, R. Hooper, Thomas Jones, James Hannah, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Tomlinson, W.M. 368; P. J. Edelsten, W.M. 1134; R. Brierley, W.M. 1250; Edward Aston, S.W. 758; John Lightburn, Org. 758. The lodge was opened with prayer and the minutes declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Paterson, and it being unanimously in his favour, and the candidate being present, he was introduced in due form and initiated by the W.M. The working tools were presented and explained by the J.W., and the charges impressively delivered by the S.W., Bro. W. H. Robinson. The W.M. reported that Bro. Robert Gibbons had been successful in his application to the Royal Benevolent Institution. Votes of thanks were entered on the minutes to Bro. Robert Wylie and the W.M. for the trouble they had taken in the matter. Bro. Armstrong drew attention to the improved appearance of the lodge by the introduction of the columns purchased from the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, Whitehaven. The W.M. remarked that they were wrongly placed, and promised to give the brethren a lecture on "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty,"—of which the columns were symbolic—the first evening that was "open." After fraternal greetings from the visitors and some routine business, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren separated in harmony.

DARTFORD.—LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 299).—A meeting of this old lodge was held at the Bull Hotel, on the 18th ult. Present—Bros. R. Russell, W.M.; H. C. Thompson, S.W.; G. Kingstone, J.W.; N. Martin, P.M., Treas.; P. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Davison, S.D.; J. Mills, J.D.; W. G. Wingrove, I.G.; W. A. Thomson, P.M.,

Steward; J. Miles, P.M.; E. Mackney, P.M.; P. McCullum, W.M. 765; G. Churchley, Ricketts, Chilcott, Sears, Spurrell, Patmore, Egerton, Tyer, Bryant, Heeley, Jardine, W.M. 140; Wells, Parker, Charlton, Tebay, Wilkins, Smith, Butt, Bray, P.M. 483; visitors—Bros. W. Russell, W.M. 1464; Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Reuter, W.M. 1109; Knight, P. Prov. G.D.C., W.M. 615; Neville, P.M. 765; Henderson, P.M. 13; Cuicl, W.M. 1050; Nicholls, P.M. 1050; Vilty, 23; Callifornia, Doughty, W.M. 483; Corky, 913; Crook, 1464; Chuncy, 700; E. Lush, 140; Poole, W.M. 1320; Downie, 140; Cheshire, 860; C. E. Jardine, W.M. 56; Hughes, 231; Skilliter, 77; W. H. Poole, 625; Butt, 700; Harryman, 23; Baynes, 77. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M., Bro. Russell, presented Bro. Thompson, the W.M. elect, to Bro. Mackney, the Installing Master, for installation. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, all but Installed Masters retired, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Thompson duly installed with all ancient rites. Board of Installed Masters closed, when the Master Masons were admitted, the W.M. proclaimed, and saluted according to custom. Lodge closed in the Third Degree, when the Fellow Crafts were admitted, the W.M. proclaimed and saluted. Lodge closed in the Second Degree, the E.A. admitted, the W.M. proclaimed and saluted. The following brethren were then appointed as officers for the ensuing year, and invested:—Bros. Kingstone, S.W.; J. J. Davison, J.W.; N. Martin, P.M.; Treas.; Harvey, P.M.; Sec.; Wills, S.D.; Wingrove, J.D.; Churchley, I.G.; Sears, D.C.; Wells, Steward; Egerton, Steward. After the usual addresses, and a vote of thanks unanimously accorded to Bro. Mackney, Installing Master, the lodge was closed in due form with prayer, and the brethren repaired to banquet, served in Bro. Bray's usual good style, 56 sitting down. The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was received with musical honours, Bro. Miles singing the solo of the National Anthem. "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" being the next toast, was most enthusiastically received by the brethren. The toasts of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," "The Prov. G.M. of Kent, Lord Holmsdale," and "The Prov. Grand Officers" followed, all of which were received with due honour. The I.P.M. Bro. Russell, then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Thompson," in highly eulogistic terms, and the W.M. in responding, thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast. The I.P.M. in performing it had, he thought, very much flattered him; but he hoped always to retain the esteem which the brethren had evinced by electing him to the high position he held at the present time, by occupying the chair of K.S. He would fulfil the proud position to the very best of his abilities, and he doubted not the officers of the lodge would give him that assistance which was necessary in all ceremonies; that they might lose none of their beauty or solemnity during the time he had the honour of presiding over the lodge. "The Health of the I.P.M." was then proposed by the W.M., who spoke of the services rendered to the lodge during the past twelve months, and as a token of the manner in which his (Bro. Russell's) services were appreciated, he had great pleasure in attaching to his left breast a P.M. jewel, unanimously voted by the lodge, and he hoped T.G.A.O.T.U. would long spare Bro. Russell to wear it. The Last Rose of Summer was then sung in Bro. Tibby's best style, and Bro. Russell, in replying, thanked the W.M. for the many kind things said in his (Bro. Russell's) favour; but he was not aware he merited such a testimonial. He was exceedingly obliged to the brethren for the handsome jewel, but he thought when he was elected to the chair of K.S. it was the greatest honour they could have bestowed on him, and he could not find words to express how grateful he was for the kind manner in which they had shewn their approval of his past services, which had not been arduous, but labours of love, and he could only most heartily express his gratitude for the present. "The Installing Master and P.M.'s of the Lodge" was then proposed by the W.M., and he said this might be considered a home toast, for he was sure much depended upon the P.M.'s, and those who aspired to the high office he now filled, would do well to emulate the worthy manner in which those P.M.'s had performed their duties. Bro. Mackney responded to the toast, and said it was a pleasurable duty to him to assist his lodge at any time, and whether as Installing Master or otherwise, he was always only too glad to be with the lodge. The W.M. then claimed the attention of the brethren for a few moments in proposing "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Aged Freemasons' Institution, replied in what was really the speech of the evening. Bro. Terry said it was a great pleasure for him to be with the Lodge of Emulation that evening, for he always visited a lodge in Kent feeling proud of the noble support the province gave to the charities. It was part of their duties as Masons never forgotten, and he could thank most heartily the Kentish brethren for the generous and persistent support they gave to the three institutions in years gone by. Whatever the outside world might say about Masonry being only a cloak for eating and drinking, the meeting a week since, when £7,300 was brought into the funds of the Girls' School by the Lord Mayor, which provided for 150 young girls, from 8 to 16 years of age, to be clothed and educated, and to be made good and useful women; and on 7th July, when the Boys' School festival would be held, when, if report speaks truly, the sum would reach five figures (not less than £10,000), when the Pro G.M. of England would preside, and that would mean the providing for 176 young lads with the same advantages we were trying to give our own sons. In January last the list of subscriptions to the Institution for Aged Freemasons amounted to from £6,000 to £7,000, which supported 246 old men and women. Some people might sneer at Freemasonry

and call it hard names, but something practical remained, and he would defy any remarks to contradict or refute the great truth that brotherly love and truth were the grand watchwords of the Order. Two others had been brought immediately to the notice of the Craft by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, loyalty and charity; the loyalty of the brethren was never questioned, for it was deeply rooted in our hearts, and the charity to each other only received a fresh impetus by the words of our Royal brother the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and he could only thank the brethren of Kent for their undeviating support to the three institutions, and wish God speed to the whole charities of the Order. "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Russell, of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, and Bro. C. H. Jardine, of the U.S.A. Craft. Bro. Russell could only feel proud of the honour of coupling his name with the toast, for he looked forward to many years of mutual prosperity for the Lodge of Emulation 299, and he hoped it would not be considered an undeserved compliment when he said he had never been so pleased in visiting any lodge as that evening, for it had been a great treat to witness the thorough manner in which Bro. Mackney had performed the installation ceremony. He had witnessed Masonry in Egypt and India, and he had been much edified by what had taken place that evening. He returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the health of the visitors had been proposed and received, and he would give way for his Bro. Jardine. Bro. Jardine felt a peculiar pleasure in replying to the toast, for though he was made, passed and raised, in the wide world he was a Dartfordian, it was his native place. He could speak from experience of the firm ties of Masonry, and give much information with respect to the Craft in the new world, and in referring to the expedition about to start for the Arctic Regions, asked whether it was beyond the bounds of possibility that Masonry might extend even farther than it had yet, and that perhaps a lodge of Freemasons might be established even under the very Pole itself. He gave many instances of the fellowship of the Craft, and the bonds that tied each member of the Craft true to each other, and hoped many of the fraternity would avail themselves of visiting America upon the occasion of celebrating their centenary, where they would receive such a welcome as only Masons could give. "The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most successful meetings of this old Kentish Lodge. Bro. Knight presided at the harmonium, and Bros. De Jersey, Butt, Lush, Fletcher and Chilcott rendered capital songs after the toasts, which contributed much to the enjoyment of the brethren.

LEICESTER.—JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—The ordinary monthly meeting of the John O'Gaunt Lodge No. 523, was held on Thursday, the 26th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall, on which occasion there was a numerous assemblage of the brethren, including Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. Grand Sec., W.M.; F. J. Baines, I.P.M.; G. Toller, P.M.; W. B. Smith, P.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.A.D.C.; J. W. Smith, W.M. 279; E. Mason, S.W. 1391; J. T. Thorp, S.W.; T. A. Wykes, Sec.; A. Ross, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; W. Le Shout, I.G.; G. B. Atkins, J. Farmer, Perseverance Lodge, 329, Ohio, U.S.A., and others. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. M. P. Cormac-McCormack, L.R.C.P., was unanimously approved by ballot as a candidate for initiation. The attentive ear of the neophyte received from the instructive tongue of the W.M. those sacred mysteries of the First Degree which are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts. Bro. J. T. Thorp, S.W., a young Mason of considerable ability, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; as also Bro. W. B. Smith, P.M., to the important office of Treasurer of the Lodge.

JERSEY.—LODGE LA CESAREE (No 590).—The twenty-fourth anniversary meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Thursday, the 27th of May, and was, as usual, well attended, for the purpose of initiating a profane and installing the newly elected W.M. Soon after three o'clock p.m. the lodge was opened by Bro. Ph. W. Binet, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Jos. Pallot, W.M., visited by a very serious illness, who was assisted by Bros. H. E. Durell, S.W.; A. Grant, J.W.; A. Schmitt, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Sec.; Dr. Durell, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Treas.; Geo. J. Renouf, P.M., P.G.S.W.; A. Viel, P.M., P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. Oatley, P.M., P.G.J.W., &c., &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Captain A. Briard and declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission, who, being in attendance, was, according to ancient custom, initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Schmitt took the chair as Installing Master, when Bros. Ph. W. Binet and Geo. J. Renouf presented Bro. Grant as W.M. elect. The customary enumeration of duties was made and acknowledged; the ancient charges read and sincerely assented to, and the Obl. of M.W. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all who had not passed the chair were then called to withdraw. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, among whom were W. Bros. Ph. W. Binet, J. Durell, G. J. Renouf, J. O. Le Sœur, P.M. 491, P.G. Sec.; Ed. Martel, W.M. 958, P.G.D.C.; J. Oatley, W. Z. Pugsley, P.M., W.M. 245, P. Prov. G.J.W.; M. Gallichan, P.M. and W.M. 877, P. Prov. G.S.W.; G. Rogers, P.M. 1003, &c. The Installing Master then duly placed Bro. A. Grant in the chair of K.S., according to immemorial custom. After the board had been closed, the several classes of Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices were in turn admitted. The processions, greetings, and proclamations were gone through, and the impressive address to the W.M. and Officers delivered, after which the W.M. appointed the following to be his officers for the ensuing year, Bro. A. Schmitt in each case officiating and offering

appropriate observations, viz:—Bros. Advocate Durell, S.W.; Capt. Ph. Messervy, J.W.; J. Durell, re-elected Treas.; H. Jordon, S.D.; Jno. Le Gros, J.D.; A. Gallichan, I.G.; H. Du Jardin, Tyler; and the W.M. invested Bro. A. Schmitt as Sec. The proceedings connected with the ceremony of installation having been brought to a close, the Secretary read the minutes of the Audit Committee, which contained a number of suggestions and recommendations. It was proposed by the Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer, and unanimously resolved, that this report be received, approved, and entered on the minutes; and that the recommendations of the Board to the lodge be adopted. The Secretary, faithful to the custom he has been acting upon for some time past, read, for the information of the members, a summary sketch of the proceedings during the tenure of office by the retiring W.M. In concluding he paid a well-deserved eulogium on Bro. Pallot, and proposed a resolution, "That some token be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Pallot, as a visible testimony of our feelings of gratitude, of esteem, and of fraternal affection for his zeal, his enthusiastic attachment to the Craft, and the admirable and intelligent manner in which he has discharged all his onerous obligations." The proposition, being seconded by Bro. A. Viel, passed unanimously. The Secretary proposed, seconded by the Treasurer, and carried unanimously, "That the sum of £3 be gracefully voted by the lodge towards the relief of a worthy and highly deserving Bro., P.M. 245, who has been unmercifully victimised by the collapse of the Joint Stock Bank, and lately seriously paralyzed." No other business offering, the lodge was closed at six o'clock in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room. The W.M., who of course presided, was supported on his right by Bros. Schmitt, Benham, Martel, J. O. Le Sœur; and on his left by P.M. Durell, Binch, Viel, Renouf, Oatley, &c. The usual loyal toasts and others were proposed and duly responded to. A special toast, "Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins and W. J. Hughan, the first Hon. G.S.D. of England, Hon. Members of the Lodge," was not forgotten. The proceedings were enlivened by songs from Bros. Jordon, Binch, Oulton, Carre, &c., and the brethren separated before ten o'clock.

BRECON.—BRECKNOCK LODGE (No. 651).—A few evenings since the Freemasons at Brecon entertained Bro. Frederick Broughton, P.M. 651, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 40, Ireland, &c., to a banquet at the Castle Hotel, prior to his departure for Canada. Brother Broughton has attained a high degree of personal popularity, both among his brother Masons and every other section of the local community, and his departure is very greatly regretted on all hands. The banquet was presided over by Bro. E. C. Phillips, the Worshipful Master 651, and there were also present Bros. Edward J. Morris, D. Prov. G.M.; James G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; M. Tennant, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Richard Eve, P. Prov. S.G.W., Hants, and P. Prov. G. Purst., South Wales; John Jones, Prov. G. Treasurer; W. Whittington, Prov. G. Secretary; Henry Green, P. Prov. S.G.D.; H. St. G. Caulfield, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Herbert Rich, P. Prov. G. Steward; James Goodall, W.M., No. 237; W. P. Garrett, S.W., No. 364; Rd. Webb, Treasurer, 651; Dd. Evans, John Gwynne-Vaughan, &c., &c. After an excellent dinner, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was given from the chair, and heartily received. The Worshipful Master afterwards said:—Brethren, the next toast I have the honour of introducing to your notice is a toast which will be drunk with emotion by some and with enthusiasm by all. It is "The Health of our Grand Master." Any one who was present the other day at his installation, and who saw those serried lines—as Earl Carnarvon called them—of blue and silver, and purple and gold, would not doubt for one moment that Masonry was stronger than ever; and no one who heard the stately and heartfelt thanks of our Grand Master, as they welled from his very inmost heart up our ranks, and observed the marked tremor that characterised the latter part of his speech, could doubt for one moment that our Grand Master was not only a Mason in heart, but also in deed. Brethren, you, no doubt, saw a very good account of that installation—a ceremony which has not had its equal before in the annals of Freemasonry—in the *Times*; but I hope I may be pardoned for saying that I trust a great many of you did not see the article which the *Times* thought proper to write upon it. It was an article meaning, no doubt, to give scant praise, but at the same time ridiculing Freemasonry. I do not know whether you saw it yourselves, but it was an article that accused Freemasonry of lavishness in its charities and childishness in its organisation. With regard to the first charge, I would say that you cannot do a good thing too well. And with regard to the second, if those ten thousand brethren who assembled in London to do honour to their Master were children, all I can say is that proud must be the mother who can produce such children. Brethren, I assert that that article was not worthy of a paper of the magnitude of the *Times*, far less was it worthy of a body of men who are received with acclamation and honour in every quarter of the globe, and whose enemies number but a few despots, who, fearing right-minded men, throw cold water on our works and our charities. Brethren, I can only tell you that if Freemasonry is childish it must cease to exist, but if Freemasonry is carried out in its purity it must remain to the end. I give you "The Health of our most Worshipful Grand Master." The toast was received with great cordiality. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toasts of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master," and "The W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master," which were heartily received. The Dep. Prov. G.M., in responding, said that on the part of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and himself, he could say that the departure of Bro. Broughton from the province of the eastern division of South Wales was a departure they greatly deplored. This statement would be felt more especially by the Brecon Lodge, for there they had been especially and directly aided by the

great capacity and the administrative ability of Bro Broughton. In losing him, the speaker and the Provincial Grand Master felt that they were losing a sound adviser, and a thoroughly efficient and capable Freemason, one who had done the Province of South Wales great credit, and had represented it in a way which reflected honour upon the province to which he belonged. His future he trusted might be successful, and he begged to assure him that he went to his new abode freighted with the kindest and most fraternal good wishes for his health and happiness. They warmly hoped that whatever prosperity he had enjoyed in the past would be doubled and trebled in the future; that he might find, if possible, even kinder friends in a distant land than in his own; and that he might not quite forget them—that they might occasionally see him and frequently hear of his happiness, his progress, and his prosperity. The Worshipful Master, who in proposing the next toast betrayed great emotion, said they had met to drink the health of a very old and valued brother who was shortly going from amongst them—the health of Bro. Broughton. He would ask them first to drink it as the health of a Mason, and, secondly, as a man. In the first capacity they would remember how, when the lodge was under a cloud, Bro. Broughton had come forward and rescued it from the oblivion and the very heavy difficulties which surrounded it. They would not forget how well he had represented them both in London and elsewhere, how he had brought honour to the lodge and to himself. He was now going to a foreign land, far away from them, but when he looked upon the jewel, which the lodge had previously presented to him, and which represented the love of 24 or 25 Masons, his thoughts would find their way back over the intervening thousands of miles, and he would remember with pleasure those many evenings they had spent and enjoyed together. They all wished him God speed. Referring to Bro. Broughton in his other capacity, the speaker said that, looking back upon the many happy hours he had spent in the society of Bro. Broughton and his wife, and thinking that they would recur no more, the future seemed to him blank indeed. Every heart present would beat with his (the speaker's), and every feeling would go with his when he asserted that they would sorely miss their brother, that they wished him a prosperous journey, and remembering that they might never meet him there again, he would express the hope that they might all assemble in that Grand Lodge above where partings never take place. The toast was received with every mark of fraternal affection. Bro. Broughton, in responding, said there was a passage in Shakespeare which ran thus:—"It has been taught us from the primal state that the ebb'd man, ne'er loved till ne'er worth love, comes 'deared by being lacked." With all due respect to the immortal poet, he ventured to think that he was wrong. The kindness which the members of the Brecon Lodge had shown towards him on a former occasion, their presence that night, and the words which had fallen from the Worshipful Master, would prove that they, at all events, did not wait till a man had gone from the world before they acknowledged what they believed to be his merits. He thanked them most sincerely, and he also thanked Masonry, which put into every man's heart those kindly, brotherly, affectionate feelings. Their watchwords of brotherly love and truth did well compare with the words of that old Book which they all so much respected, and which bid them "do unto others as they would be done by," and told them that charity covered a multitude of sins. These were the sentiments which should and did fill the hearts of Masons; and when they looked upon the Order in that light they found that it disposed them to kindlier and more generous feelings—that it enabled them to put a more charitable construction upon each other's actions—and that it caused them to relieve men when they would not otherwise do so. It smoothed the way of life, and provided them with a platform on which politics, and religion, and sectarian differences found no part. Whether a man was a Unitarian, a Trinitarian, or even an Atheist, if he was a Mason, he should believe him to be an honest man. He (the speaker) could hardly see how an Atheist could be a Freemason. Freemasonry might include all men who believed in a God, without reference to sect or religion, but no man could enter a lodge and remain there who did not believe in an All-seeing Providence. Of course there were many Masons who were not what they ought to be; but he contended that Freemasonry was a thing which helped to make them good—a thing which no man need be ashamed of, and of which every man might be proud. Referring to the immediate subject of the toast, Brother Broughton thanked them with great fervour for their kindness, and remarked, in conclusion, that it might yet please the All-Wise Being to let him lay his bones and those of his wife and children in the country of his birth. However that might be, he left England with the full determination to do his best in the country of his adoption, and, please God, he would also do his best to keep up the cause of Freemasonry there. A succession of other toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was passed.

GIBRALTAR.—MERIDIAN LODGE (No. 743).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Governor's Parade, Gibraltar, on Wednesday, 12th May, 1875. Present: Bros. Lieut. W. T. Deverell, P.M.; W. Woodward, P.M.; W. Vines, Acting S.W.; M. A. McInerney, J.W.; W. A. Barron, Sec.; H. Rowe, S.D.; Major-Surgeon T. J. Tucker, I.G.; A. Burton, Tyler and Steward; W. Franklin, F. Compton, Lieut. R. W. F. Phillips, T. Woodward. Visitors: Bros. D. Dallas, P.M. 325; T. Beale, P.M. 325; J. J. R. Morgan, P.M. 115; J. Holliday, P.M. 325; and 19 Master Masons, &c., as visitors. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. In the absence of the outgoing W.M., Bro. Major T. E. Swettenham, through a family bereavement, the chair was ably filled by our distinguished

and excellent P.M. Lieut. W. T. Deverell, who has always taken the very highest interest in the Craft and our lodge in particular. He was supported by the P.M.'s above mentioned. The lodge being opened in the First Degree, the presiding Master stated the business of the evening, viz., the installation of Bro. W. Vines, M.M.M. and R.A., as W.M., in accordance with the minutes of the previous meeting, besides which Bro. Lieut. R. W. Fergusson Phillips was proposed a joining member by Bro. Deverell, and seconded by Bro. Vines, which proposition was unanimously carried. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Deverell requested the Installing Master to be so kind as to preside, which request was at once complied with. All brethren not P.M.'s were then requested to retire, and on being re-admitted went through the usual Masonic acknowledgments, the proclamation being most ably and enthusiastically made and declared by the Installing Master, Bro. Morgan, who declared that Bro. W. Vines had been duly installed W.M. of the Meridian Lodge, No. 743, for the present year. The W.M. then invested his officers with their badges of office as follows:—Bros. Phillips, S.W.; Franklin (M.M.M., R.A.), and Knt. Comp. of the B.E. of Prussia), J.W.; W. Arthur Barron (for the third year), Sec.; J. Herbert, Treas.; T. Woodward, I.G.; H. Rowe, S.D.; R. Randall, J.D.; A. Burton, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by P.M. Deverell, to P.M. Morgan for his kindness in conducting the installation, and also for the very admirable way in which he carried out his difficult but always heartfelt duty. Nothing further having been proposed for the good of Freemasonry, or this lodge in particular, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired to their banqueting room, where a splendid repast was provided under the direction of the newly installed W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," were given and responded to, and short speeches were the order of the evening. "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next proposed by the W.M., and responded to as Masons only can respond to their Royal Master. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was then proposed, and the W.M. in doing so remarked that the Meridian Lodge was always fortunate in this respect, as they, the Meridian Lodge, invariably had the pleasure of seeing many visiting members at their lodge meetings, and trusted that such a good feeling might continue during their stay at Gibraltar. The usual Tyler's toast followed, and after it had been responded to the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant and happy evening.

JERSEY.—ST. AUBIN'S LODGE (No. 958).—This prosperous lodge held its 12th anniversary meeting at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on Tuesday, the 18th May, for the purpose of installing Wor. Bro. Edward Martel, S.W., P.M. 491, P.G.D.C., and Prov. Grand Steward at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In consequence of the absence of the W.M., Wor. Bro. J. O'Flaherty, the ceremony of installation was performed in a most admirable style by Wor. Bro. Dr. R. J. F. Smith, P.P.G., J.W. The officers were invested with their respective badges by the newly-installed W.M. in a manner deserving of the highest praise, to which, be it said, every appointment met with the approbation of all present. After the lodge business was terminated the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where a sumptuous dinner was provided by W. Bro. W. H. Long, P.M. of the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in a most enthusiastic manner. In the course of the evening the W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to the ceremony of presenting a silver snuff-box and Masonic jewel (proceeds from a general subscription) to Bro. G. Rogers, in token of his faithful services as Tyler to the different lodges in the Province. At the request of the W.M. the Prov. Grand Secretary presented the tokens in a manner which fully interpreted the feelings of all present. Bro. Rogers thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said the beautiful present that was made to him would be a talisman for further diligence and assiduity to the cause of Masonry. Past Master J. O. Le Scur proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke of his capital working, and likewise of his sterling qualities as a working Mason. The W.M. responded in very appropriate terms, and proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bros. present—J. Durell, P.M. 590, and P.P.G.S.W.; M. Gallehan, P.M. 491, W.M. 877, and P.P.G.S.W.; Ed. Gilley, W.M. 491, P.G.A.D.C., and Prov. G. Steward at H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Installation; J. O. Le Scur, P.M. 491, and Prov. G. Sec., and several distinguished brethren. The toast was responded to by Wor. Bro. T. W. Benham, P.M. 1003, W.M. 244, and Prov. G. Treas. After several good songs, the Tyler's toast concluded an evening which will be long remembered in the annals of St. Aubin's Lodge.

SOUTHEND.—PRIORY LODGE (No. 1000).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Tuesday, the 25th May. The W.M., Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, and P.A.G.D.C., opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, viz.: Bros. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, S.W.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.M. and P.Z. 214, M.E.Z. 1000, Grand Chaplain, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M. and P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. A. Wardell, P.M., W.M. 160, and P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. Frost, S.D.; W. P. Belliss, J.D.; W. Chignell, I.G.; S. J. Weston and F. Cantor, Stewards. The following members were also present:—Bros. J. R. Hemmann, I.P.M.; H. Rowley, P.M. and P.P.S.G.D.; S. Cox, P.M.; W. Chaplin, J. S. Hanson, A. M. Masterson, H. Hicks, G. F. Jones, L. Warren, G. Berry, F. V. Sillings, J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), E. Plenty, J. South, jun., W. W. Whistling. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Fairlough, P.D.G.D., Malta; W. M. Greta, Lodge 1073, and De L'Anderson. The business of the lodge consisted of raising Bro. G. F. Jones to the sublime degree of M.M., and initiating into the mysteries of the Craft Mr. Henry

Joseph Hanceck, the whole of the ceremonies, including the traditional history of the Third Degree, being very ably performed by the W.M., the charge to the candidate being given by the S.W. with his usual ability. The W.M. then rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to beg Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram's acceptance of an address, signed by the members of the lodge, congratulating him upon being appointed to the dignity of Grand Chaplain of England by the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The W.M., on presenting the address to him, in the course of his remarks said that it would hand down to his family the memory of how he was honoured and respected by the members of the Priory Lodge. Bro. Wigram thanked the brethren for their kind feelings toward him in an appropriate speech. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated until September next. The address is a beautiful of the highest style of illumination, and framed in a handsome gilt frame.

TIVERTON.—ST. PETER'S LODGE (No. 1125).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult.; present—Bros. T. Parkhouse, W.M.; Patterson, I.P.M.; Dickinson, Chaplain; Davey, P.M., as S.W.; Reed, jun., J.W.; Mills, P.M., P.G.O., Sec.; Cockram, S.D.; Bartlett, J.D.; Williams, as I.G.; John Melhuish and B. Taylor, Stewards; Crabb, M. C.; Andrews, Org.; Reed, P.M., P.Prov.G.D.; H. Melhuish, O. P. Martin, and Vaughan. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. E. Pike and Mr. A. Arbery, two candidates for Freemasonry, and in both cases was found in the affirmative. The former gentleman being in attendance, was duly initiated, the ceremony being performed in an admirable manner by the W.M., ably assisted as to the musical arrangements by Bro. Andrews, Org. The W.M. then, on behalf of himself and the other members of the lodge who had attended the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, presented, as a slight memorial of that grand event, a proof copy of the excellent portrait of our M.W.G.M., engraved by Bro. Harty, observing that, striking and grand as was the spectacle in itself, the thought that most impressed itself on his mind was the proof it gave of the reality and vitality of Freemasonry, that large and yet selected assemblage being brought together, not to discuss any great question, but simply to evince their loyalty to the Craft, and to pay their homage to the Prince who had consented to become their head. A vote of thanks to the donors for their acceptable present, proposed by Bro. Partridge, and seconded by Bro. Reed, P.M., terminated the proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1182).—This lodge, which has recently been transplanted from the coffee house, Wavertree, to town quarters at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, met there on Thursday, the 13th ult., when the First and Second Degrees were capitally given by Bro. J. A. Edginton, W.M. The officers and brethren present were Bros. J. W. Williams, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; T. B. Myers, S.W.; R. Martin, jun., J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; T. Davies, S.D.; G. Musker, J.D.; A. Vaughan, I.G.; T. Smelson, S.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; Tyler; A. D. Hesketh, J.O. Rea, T. Lincoln, A. Barclay, J. Parry, G. L. Brunton, R. Leader, J. Weston, J. T. Wood, W. Guylar, T. Hunt, J. Cleworth, H. Sawyer, C. Llewellyn, H. Sale, J. Bundell, J. Curlander, C. Jones, R. Pennock, B. Wilson, S. Newbold, R. Hargreaves, A. Thoms, and T. Curtis. The visitors were Bros. G. Graham, 823; A. Robertson, 22 (S.C.), and W. D. Rowse, I.P.M. 594. During the evening the revised by-laws with additions, were taken into consideration, and the whole of the suggestions made by the revising committee were agreed to, the most important alteration being the raising of the initiation fee. It was agreed, on the motion of Bro. Martin, J.W., that the thanks of the lodge should be conveyed to Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., and W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S.B., who had acted as arbitrators in connection with a recent reference in connection with the lodge. Five or six propositions for initiation having been made, the lodge was duly and solemnly closed.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, May 1st, at the Royal Archer, Dale-street. The lodge was opened at 4 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. Smith. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the candidate for initiation not being present, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Davies and Dickenson then answered the necessary questions in a very satisfactory manner, and having been entrusted, retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Davies and Dickenson were duly raised, the former by the W.M., the latter by Bro. R. Caldwell, P.M. and D. of C., whose working is too well known in East Lancashire to need comment, the general good working of the lodge being due to his zeal and ability as Instruction Master. The Historical Lecture was most ably given by Bro. C. Pearson, S.W., who also presented the working tools. After the lodge had been lowered to the First Degree, hearty good wishes were given from visitors, and two propositions for initiation. In consequence of the much regretted absence of the I.P.M., Bro. J. W. Turner, the motion to alter fees stands adjourned. At the banquet twenty-nine brethren sat down, the same being served by Bro. Potts, in his usual satisfactory style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed at the festive board, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. Cope, P.M., of Townley Parker; C. Raynor, S.W. of 149; and Bro. Holbrook, of Integrity, 163, who eulogised the working of the lodge, making special mention of the part taken by Bro. Pearson, S.W., whose position as W.M. of the Wilton, 1077, well qualifies him to discharge such important duties.

LIVERPOOL.—LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 1505).—The usual monthly meeting of this young but most prosperous

lodge was held on Monday evening, 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The duties of the lodge were under the direction of Bro. Ralph Robinson, W.M., who was supported in their discharge by Bros. Maurice de Frece, S.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, J.W.; Professor J. Prag, Chaplain; Isaac de Frece, Treas.; M. Hart, Sec.; S. Schonstadt, J.D.; B. Woolf, I.G.; P. H. Crozier, S.; A. Hart, S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The "Privates" were represented by Bros. R. Brown, J. Moss, D. M. Joseph, D. L. Marcus, I. Seline, S. Levy, W. Levy, A. Rabow, J. Frank, J. Goldberg, A. Saqui, S. Jacobs, J. H. Locke, I. Woolfe, M. Aaronsberg, J. Lazarus, S. Waring, M. A. Prencan, A. Vandyke, A. A. Lyons, A. Lamb, G. J. Somers, N. Tieski, H. M. Silver, and L. Simmons. The visitors were Bros. J. R. Goepel, P.G.D.C., W.L.; Mendoza, 673; J. R. Grant, 1356; T. G. Bark, W.M. 1380; J. Capell, S.D. 1299; W. C. Webb, 1264; E. Lebschütz, 1264; H. Hart, 1094; and R. M. Freeman, 27. During the evening the Rev. Dr. W. Stern, minister of one of the Jewish congregations in Liverpool, and Mr. Joseph Saber, a South African merchant, were initiated into the Order by the W.M. in a manner which has rarely been equalled for effect and efficiency, the whole of the officers doing their work in an admirable manner. At the banquet which followed business, the W.M. presided, and in giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts he spoke of the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. (at which he had been present as the representative of his lodge), as one of the most magnificent sights he (Bro. Robinson) had seen, far surpassing his highest expectations. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, referred to the flourishing state of the lodge, which was clearly shown by a very substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. Professor Prag responded to the toast of "The Chaplain" in a most eloquent and appropriate speech. "The Newly Initiated Brethren" was very forcibly acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Stern and Bro. Saber. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Bark, W.M. 1380. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed. Harmony, which prevailed to a great degree, was much promoted by the vocal efforts of Bros. R. Brown, M. Hart, Sec.; Jacobs, &c., and the excellent recitation of the S.W. (Bro. A. J. Henochsberg.)

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 177).—The brethren of this flourishing lodge of instruction met on Tuesday evening last, at the Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park-Camberwell Gate. Present—Bros. Mark S. Larlham, Preceptor; T. Harvey, W.M.; E. Towell, S.W.; W. Snow, den, J.W.; G. Palmer, S.D.; I. Dann, J.D.; T. Sleep, I.G.; T. Young, Sec., pro tem; also Bros. Cackett, Wallis, Hampton, Acocks, Chalk and Guider. The lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Chalk, having offered himself as candidate, was initiated. The Second Degree was then ably worked, with Bro. Guider as candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Towell was proposed as W.M. for the ensuing week.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—This flourishing lodge held its last meeting of the session at the Castle Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, the 28th ult., when the 15 Sections were worked by the brethren in the following order, Bro. Friday Rogers, P.M., of Confidence Lodge putting the questions. There were also Bros. Pincler, S.W.; Dickinson, J.W.; Gilchrist, P.M.; Ballantyne, P.M. Royal Standard, and numerous brethren from the mother and other lodges. 1st Section, Bro. Dunn; 2nd Section, Lee; 3rd Section, Dickinson; 4th Section, Shackell; 5th Section, Turner; 6th Section, Gilchrist; 7th Section, Pincler. Second Degree, 1st Section, Burr; 2nd Section, Wright; 3rd Section, Shackell; 4th Section, Pincler; 5th Section, Gilchrist. Third Degree, 1st Section, Ballantyne; 2nd Section, Yeomans; 3rd Section, Rogers. The lodge then resumed to the First Degree, when a vote of thanks was carried unanimously for the able manner in which Bro. Rogers, the Preceptor, had filled the chair on the occasion. Bro. Rogers thanked the brethren who had so kindly assisted, and assured them that it had afforded him great pleasure to see the manner in which the brethren had worked the various Sections. The lodge closed and adjourned until the first Friday in October.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—This lodge held the regular weekly meeting at the Crown, Clerkenwell-green, at seven, p.m., on Monday last, Bro. Beckett, P.M., presiding. The Fifteen Sections were admirably worked by Bros. Pearcey, Killick, Defriez, Pross, Sadler, Tolmie, Saul, and Beckett. Bros. Killick, P.M., 781, Stedman, P.M., 754, and Pross, 1278, were unanimously elected joining members. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the brethren, members of other lodges, who had assisted in working the Sections, and also to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had presided.

LIVERPOOL.—MARINERS' LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 249).—What was termed the "closing night of the season" of this very successful instruction lodge was fixed for Thursday evening, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. There was a large attendance of members. The lodge enjoys the privilege of the preceptorial talents of Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., who, at much sacrifice of valuable time, has long given the Masonic students of the lodge his valuable tuition at almost every meeting. The business before the meeting on this occasion was the Second Degree, which was given with considerable efficiency. The W.M. was H. P. Price; Bros. W. Hamilton, the S.W.; W. P. Jennings, the J.W.; R. R. Martin, the Treas.; J. Hayes (W.M. of the regular lodge) the Sec.; W. Corbett, the S.D.; E. A. Wright, the J.D.; T. Bodin, the I.G.; and R. W. Jones, the candidate for the evening. The other members present were Bros. N. Whalley, R. Washington, F. Cooper, J. Lawrie, W. Garlick, E. J. Callow, J. R. Cave, J. C. Robinson, R. Jones, F. Mollitt, W. Healing, W. G. Veale, C. Leighton, J. B. Mackenzie, and others. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Smith, Preceptor, it was unanimously resolved to have an extra meeting, so as to give Bro. J.

Hayes, W.M. of 249, the opportunity of performing the installation ceremony in view of his installing his successor in the regular chair of the lodge. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet under the chairmanship of Bro. Dr. Smith, Preceptor, and the vice-chairmanship of Bro. Price, the W.M. for the evening. After the usual toasts, "The Health of the Preceptor" was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Price. Bro. Dr. Smith, in thanking the brethren for this compliment, said that although he had hitherto attended the Lodge of Instruction at considerable inconvenience and loss, still he was willing to be as useful as he could in the future if it was their pleasure to have him again as their Preceptor; the only favour he would ask being a change in the night of meeting. During his two years' preceptorship everything had gone on very smoothly—there had not been a single wrangling word, and he hoped this true Masonic spirit would continue. "The Secretary and Treasurer," given by the Preceptor, was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Hayes and Martin. The Preceptor also proposed "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Hamilton in a humorous speech. "The W.M. and Vice-Chairman," acknowledged by Bro. Price. "The Honorary Members," responded to by Bros. Veale and Mackenzie. "The Private Members of the Lodge of Instruction," acknowledged by Bro. Washington; and "Health and Prosperity to the Mariners' Lodge No. 249," responded to by Bro. Hayes, W.M., were the other toasts. A most enjoyable evening was greatly enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Washington, Veale, Martin, Smith, Price, Robinson, Cave, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 12, Trongate, on Monday, the 24th ult., Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. Horne, J.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Garth, acting S.W.; Bro. Ross Rennie, S.D., acting J.W. There was a goodly number of members and visiting brethren present, amongst whom were Bros. J. Wilson, I.P.M.; Wilson, 27; A. Bain, P.M., Union and Crown; and W. H. Bickerton (Freemason). Bro. Morgan, in opening the lodge, said he regretted that the Secretary, Bro. Crawford, was not present to read the minutes of last meeting, but that Bro. Crawford, he expected, would be present in about one hour's time. At this stage of the proceedings, Bro. Garth, S.W., entered and took his office, and Bro. Horne that of J.W. Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., informed the lodge that Bro. Angus McEwen, of Lodge No. 926, Madras, had applied to him for affiliation into Lodge Star. He now held Bro. McEwen's diploma, also an acknowledgment from Lodge No. 926, Madras, stating that all dues had been paid, and that Bro. McEwen was a very worthy brother, and from what he knew of him, which was a great deal, he had much pleasure in proposing that the affiliation should be granted, which was received with acclamation. Bro. A. Bain, P.M., Union and Crown, No. 103, administered the obligation of affiliation. The motion of the lodge for having a test fee, tabled at last meeting, was then brought forward. Bro. Smart, Treas., spoke at length in support of the motion. In the course of his remarks, he pointed out to the brethren the great advantages and necessity for the same, and that even in the recommendation of Bro. McEwen, who had been affiliated into the lodge that evening, it was supported by a certificate, showing that he had paid his fees and was eligible. At the conclusion of Bro. Smart's excellent remarks the motion was proposed and carried unanimously. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft when Bros. John Morgan, sen., John Macfarlane, and James Patterson entered, and were passed to that degree by Bro. A. Bain, P.M., Union and Crown, No. 103, in his usual masterly style. The Secretary, Bro. Crawford, then entered and took the seat of his office. Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., informed the brethren that their I.P.M., Bro. Wilson, he was sorry to say, was about to leave Glasgow for Rothesay. They all knew Bro. Wilson's value as a member of the lodge, and he knew that he could safely say for himself and the members of the lodge that they very much regretted his having to go from amongst them, but hoped that he would be long spared, and that they might occasionally have a visit from him. Bro. Wilson said that he was sorry to leave Glasgow, but that his health compelled him to leave, and that should any of the brethren have an occasion to come to Rothesay, he hoped they would give him a call. He should always be pleased to meet any of them and stretch out the right hand of fellowship. The presentation of a beautiful lithograph from Bro. Ira Chase, Lodge Cain, New York, to Lodge Star, 219, Glasgow, was then brought up, and decided that a committee be appointed to draw up a letter in behalf of the lodge, thanking Bro. Chase for his most handsome present. Bro. Morgan said he was about to close the lodge, but before doing so he thought there would be something wanting on his part if he did not propose Bros. Bain and Bickerton a hearty vote of thanks for their services to Lodge Star. He therefore would call upon the brethren to join with him in so doing, which was received with acclamation. Bro. Bickerton, on behalf of himself and Bro. Bain, thanked Bro. Morgan and the members of Lodge Star for their kindness, and assured them that anything they could do for the benefit of Lodge Star, or Masonry in general, they should always be happy to do so. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 24th ult., within Queen's Park Rooms. Present: Bros. Julius Brodè, R.W.M.; W. M. G. Mason, S.W.; S. Findlater, J.W.; and a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. On the recommendation of the Standing

Committee, Mr. William Blair, bookseller and stationer, Queen's Park, was admitted a member of the lodge—the E.A. Degree being given by the R.W.M. in a style which commended itself to all the brethren present. A circular from St. John's Lodge, Rothesay, inviting a deputation to be present at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Rothesay Aquarium, on Saturday, June 5th, was read, and it was agreed that as many of the members as could find it convenient to go should signify their intention to the Secretary before 29th ult. After the transaction of some other business the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

Masonic Tidings.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN MASONIC COSTUME.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was photographed in full Masonic dress as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, at Marlborough House, on Friday week. The photographer selected for this auspicious sitting was Mr. Charles Watkins, of 34, Parliament-street. Several sittings took place, and the Craft will, therefore, have the opportunity of selecting the distinguished M.W.G.M. in the pose which best pleases them. H.R.H. Prince Louis of Battenberg, now on a visit to this country, was also taken by Mr. Watkins at the same time.

The consecration of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, will take place on Friday next, the 11th inst., at the Bull Inn, Chislehurst. The ceremonies will be worked by Bro. Jas. Eastes, D.G.M., Kent, assisted by Bros. Jas. Terry, the Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G.C.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.G.S.W.; W. Page, P.G.J.W.; and Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., the officers designate being Bros. John Coutts, W.M.; Geo. F. Guest, S.W.; and William Kipps, J.W.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB.—Amongst other distinguished Masons who have already joined the club are the following: Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., and Rt. W. Dep. G. Master of England; the Rt. Hon. David Henry Stone, Lord Mayor of London, Rt. Worshipful Grand Junior Warden of England; his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G. Master, Northampton and Huntingdonshire; the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. G. Master, Cambridgeshire; the Rt. Hon. Lord Sherborne, Prov. G. Master, Gloucestershire; the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., Prov. G. Master, Norfolk; the Rt. Hon. Lord Pelham, M.P., Prov. G. Master, Sussex; Lt. Col. Fras. Burdett, Prov. G. Master, Middlesex; Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Master, Surrey, P.G.S., P.G.S.W., 30°; Lt. Col. Edward Chas. Mallet de Carteret, Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Supt., Jersey; the Rev. James Simpson, L.L.D., P.P.G.S., P.P.G.C., P.P.S.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland, and G. Chap. of England; Sir Corly Burrows, Kt., J.P., P.P.G., J.W., Sussex; J. B. Monckton, Pres. of the Board of General Purposes. Grand Lodge of England; Samuel H. Wright, P.P.G.S.D., Suffolk; Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Kt., P.M. 1, P.G.S.; Dr. Woodman, Grand Sword Bearer of England; Captain Love Jones Parry, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies, N. Wales and Shropshire; Samuel Waddy, Q.C., M.P.; James Arthur Birch, P.P.G.S.D., Cheshire, P.P.G., J.W., East Lancashire; Frederick Binckes, P.G. Steward and Sec. Royal Masonic Inst. for Boys.

A telegram from Berlin, dated May 30, says: "This morning King Oscar received a deputation of the Grand Lodge of Freemasonry, composed of the Grand Master, General Ziegler, Herr Alexis Schmidt, and Privy Court Councillor Bork. His Majesty afterwards paid visits to the foreign Ambassadors, and called in his carriage at the residence of Field-Marshal Count von Moltke, who is away on his estate in Silesia. At eleven a.m. he drove with the Emperor and Imperial Crown Prince to Potsdam. The Queen of Sweden and the Crown Princess of Germany will proceed thither this afternoon, being engaged this morning in visiting the charitable institutions of Berlin. The news that King Oscar would later on pay a visit to the Emperor of Russia appears to be confirmed."

Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, has consented to act as Steward for the Acacia Lodge No. 1309, at the forthcoming anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The August, September, and October parts (Vol. 1., 1873) of the *Masonic Magazine* are now reprinting, and will shortly be ready.

Twenty-five thousand Masons marched through the streets of New York on the 2nd inst., to participate in the ceremony of dedicating a Masonic temple in Twenty-third Street.

At the last meeting of the Acacia Lodge No. 1309, Bro. C. Horsley, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M., and the installation of this popular and highly esteemed brother will take place on Tuesday, June 29th, at 3.30 p.m., at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.

Bros. Thomas Joseph Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 73, is the W.M. Designate of the Chaucer Lodge No. 1540, to be held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Bro. Henry James Green, J.W. 1275, S.D. 19, and other lodges, a popular and well esteemed brother in Her Majesty's Civil Service, is W.M. Designate St. Martin's le Grand Lodge, to be opened at Masons' Arms, Masons' Avenue, City (Bro. E. Gosden's).

The Bedford Lodge No. 157 will hold its usual summer banquet at Bro. W. Holland's (P.M. 157), North Woolwich Gardens, on Friday, June 11th, Bro. L. Drew, W.M., presiding.

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Careful attention will be paid to all MSS. entrusted to the Editor, but he cannot undertake to return them unless accompanied by stamp directed covers.

WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND BEAUTY.—Which columns correspond with these respectively, and where are they respectively placed in the lodge?—BETA.

[We have always understood that they represent "nominatum," as they stand the Master's light, the S. Warden's light, and the J. Warden's light, respectively.—ED.]

Will you or some of your numerous readers kindly answer me the following questions.—SUNDIKOS.

CRAFT MASONRY.—Should a P.M. visiting a strange lodge take his seat with the P.M.'s of the lodge, or take a lower seat and wait till he is asked to take it?

[A visiting P.M. will be invited by the W.M. to take his seat on the dais; unless he does so the P.M. cannot claim it out of his own lodge.]

ROYAL ARCH.—Should the companions wear their sash on the right or left shoulders?

[The sash is worn from right to left.]

BRO. BURDETT F. YEOMAN.—Poetry received—thanks. Part next week.

Several other Communications and Reports stand over.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1875.

MASONIC FINANCE.

The two balance-sheets we published last week are both most satisfactory. First with regard to Grand Lodge. By that balance-sheet it appears the whole receipts of the Fund of Benevolence, including balance for 1873, and repayment of loan, dividends, &c., amounted to £12,913 5s. 6d. Per contra, £4,020 were voted to petitioners, £800 were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; small expenses amounted to £16; £6,953 3s. were invested in the purchase of £7,500 3 Per Cent. stock; while a balance remains of £1,124. This balance is less again than last year, and demonstrates the absolute necessity of not in any way forestalling further our funds for benevolent purposes. The whole amount of the Fund for General Purposes reached to £12,040 14s. 8d. The outgoing included the repayment of £5,091 17s. 6d. to Fund of Benevolence, and the balance at the end of the year amounted to £1,195 11s. 7d. Thus the two accounts put together amounted in receipts to £24,954 os. 2d., and the payments to £22,632 7s. 7d., leaving a balance on both

accounts of £2,321 14s. 8d. This is, we think, a very satisfactory state of affairs. As regards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the accounts are equally flourishing. To the 31st of March, 1875, the receipts for the Male Fund amounted to £10,051 16s. 10d., and the payments to £7,822 2s. 5d. These payments included a purchase of £1,500 3 Per Cent. Bank Annuities, and £1,500 placed at deposit. The balance on this amount is £2,219 14s. 5d. For the Female Fund the receipts are £6,785 7s. 4d., and the disbursements £5,227 13s. 1d. This amount includes a purchase of £1,500 3 Per Cents. The balance to the good is on this account £1,557 14s. 3d. We observe that the actual income for the two Funds is £2,162 17s. 3d., while the present payment to annuitants amounts for the two Funds to £6728. Hence, though the balance-sheet is very good, there remains a large margin to be supplied annually by the zeal and energy of our Order. Financial statistics are generally dry, and it is said you can prove anything by them; these, however, we think do prove at any rate that, even taken by themselves, our English Freemasonry is materially most prosperous.

THE MASONIC PRESS.

On looking over some bygone Masonic journals we have been struck with the greatly improved tone of the Masonic Press at the present hour. To the Freemason of a well-regulated mind it is almost depressing to-day to note the personalities of happily forgotten pages. There are some unfortunate Masons in the world who never can write without attacking others; be the subject what it may, they will lug in their hateful pettiness of thought and feeling, their bad taste, their perverted sympathies, and their rancorous animosities. Hence to them even the peaceful arena of a Masonic journal becomes a battle field; the tone they give to all Masonic discussion is as bad as bad can be, because, based on low personal grounds, it is ever marked by vulgarity, and tainted by unbrotherly uncharitableness. The polished and educated Freemason shrinks from these tirades of inflated egotism, or these childish vapourings of a hopeless self-sufficiency, these maunderings of an ill-regulated intellect, or this wordy warfare of a Masonic Ishmaelite. Nothing has done Freemasonry so much harm in the past as the personalities of its journalism, because these weekly evidences of irrepressible and unbrotherly utterance gave a simple if practical lie to every Masonic profession of fraternal love or fraternal consideration. We rejoice in an altered condition of affairs, and as far as the *Freemason* is concerned, we do not intend to allow the older character to be revived amongst us. If now and then tokens of the ancient leaven peep out, if now and then "sputterings," so to say, of the old animus crop up, if the fire is only smothered not put out, we yet now are happily on our guard, and for whatever else the pages of the *Freemason* may be blamed, they will not be blamed for personality. But we must say one word more. Everything is not personality which some angry correspondents may consider personality. There are times when the honest writer has to speak plainly. If you have to deal with a professed begging letter writer you hand him over, "pro bono publico," to that useful personage, Mr. Horsford. If you have to encounter a nocturnal visitor, or some agreeable swindler, you invoke the aid of one of the experienced gentlemen from Scotland Yard. And so in literary work you may often have to speak plainly and act decidedly. Some impostor comes forward, for instance, and tries to impose on the credulity of your contemporaries; are you not justified in telling him that he is an impostor? Some charlatan seeks by his pretentious ignorance to claim an honour for himself which is due to others, or endeavours to palm himself off on the public as the great discoverer, or the greater light of the hour! Are you not to tell him that he is a charlatan, and that those who heed him are dupes? If some vulgar overbearing individual seeks with a plethora of ill-digested sentences to make you credit his utterances of infallibility, and to accept his many assertions, are you not at liberty to tell him that he is both overbearing and

ignorant, vulgar and incompetent, and that you deny his assertions and reject his conclusion? Surely, in all these cases, and many more might be adduced if needed, there is, and can be, no personality, even in the plainest speaking! What we consider personality proper we will now venture to put before our readers. When some feeble writer of the press finds he cannot meet argument, he always has recourse to "cheek" and to abuse. He will tell you, though you may have devoted a lifetime to the study of the question, that you know nothing whatever about it. He will assert that you are animated, in your dissent from his views, only by personal feelings; that you are no wiser or better than you should be; that, in short, you yourself are "no great shakes;" and that your ignorance is only equalled by your audacity. Whenever you see, in the writing of these hopeless personalists, any imputation of bad motives to their opponents, which almost always immediately is alleged, you know at once with whom you have to do, and you shun that writer, or you had better do so, as you would the plague. None of his contributions can do any good, either to Freemasonry or to truth; they are not written honestly; they are simply intended to promote personality, and to praise Number One. When Dr. Johnson said that he who wanted to write the English language well must give his "days and nights to the study of Addison," he meant to encourage a style of writing, equally clear and correct. But some there are who take part of his advice and devote themselves on all occasions to personalities. No occasion is too great, no matter too trivial, for that angry, that intemperate, that low-minded spirit. We know nothing more melancholy, or more unmasonic. For Freemasonry would teach us at a holier and a better lore. It would bid us give up our own personal selfishness and littlenesses, our love of display, our egotism, our overbearing tendencies, our quarrelsome disposition, and would invite us to be kind and considerate, temperate of speech, and thoughtful of others, never even imputing bad motives, never condescending to low personalities, never forgetting that every Freemason is a gentleman in tone and manners alike, in outward decorum, and in inward feelings. Let us hope that the age of personality is over for Freemasonry, and that we may show to the world that our professions are true which declare our great characteristic to be Brotherly Love.

THE DERBY DAY.

The great meeting on Epsom Downs for 1875 has past and gone, amid the exultation of the winners and the depression of the losers. "Galopin" has galloped to the fore, and Prince Batthyany's colours have received a well deserved ovation. Seldom, probably, did a Derby Day witness finer weather, or a more enthusiastic and orderly assembly. The presence of that goodly muster of our Royal Family added alike prestige and grace to the wonderful spectacle, and augmented in a remarkable measure the gratification of sightseers and the pleasurable reminiscences of a popular holiday. How childish and perverse it is for cynics and puritans to rail at the annual Derby Day. For though moralists may moralize, and preachers may preach, and the jester may jest, the fact remains indisputable, that this annual gathering is a great annual "outing" for a large section of our English people. And we are inclined to think that not only long will it continue so to be, humanly speaking, but that it is very well that it should be so. For despite the opposition and even denunciations of well-meaning enthusiasts, if somewhat weak and very wordy, we confess to have no little liking for that annual celebration of the English "Hippodrome" which is so cherished by our people, and is so attractive to foreigners. Look at it which way you will, it is a very great sight in itself, unequalled actually in the world, and affords a great deal of enjoyment and healthy recreation for an almost overwhelming mass of holiday seekers. If Mawworm comes in with a very sour look and says "people might better amuse themselves," if true in theory probably, yet practically the same thing may be actually said

of any worldly amusement. We know of no purely amusement of earth, whether attracting large numbers or small coteries, of which the same might not be predicated. And if it is added that the "accessories are bad, and the associations are hurtful," not only is a race-course not the only locale in this sublunary scene where the associations are hurtful, and the accessories are bad, but we may and do meet the same bad and hurtful things wherever we are and wherever we go. Indeed, if "Stiggins" is right in his view of the evil attaching to such places, the monks in the Thebaid were perfectly right who left the world of old for deserts and for caves, and practically helpless idleness. The great old moralist condemned all this illogical perversity years ago, when he said even with his reverential spirit to the head of a Nunnery in Paris, "Madam, you are not here from love of virtue, but from fear of vice." The old canon, in our opinion, may then fairly be pleaded, "defendit numerus," and that other equally true axiom, "it is not the thing that is wrong but the person." We apprehend that seeing a race, and admiring the horses, and meeting pleasant friends, and eating a good luncheon, and enjoying a rural drive do not constitute in whole or in part, a very grave moral offence. It may be true that you may witness lamentable outbreaks of painful inebriety, and listen to the coarse jests of the vulgar or the "rough," but we fancy a good many of these descriptions are "sensational," something like the "Dwarf and the Dog" of the "Casual Warder," creditable to the imagination but hardly consonant with fact. But even if so, "Abusus non tollit usum," and we have yet to learn that well-conducted people are to give up their legitimate amusements because some foolish persons possibly may and actually do misconduct themselves. This is "post hoc propter hoc" with a vengeance! We are therefore prepared to contend, pace Sir Wilfred Lawson, not only that Lord Palmerston was quite right in the thoroughly English and practical view he took of the matter, but that our legislators are wise in their generation in giving themselves this annual holiday. Nothing is so easy, as we well know, for persons to take the "high moral line" on very childish, perverse, fanatical grounds, and often on no grounds at all. Nothing is so simple as to make merry at old customs, or even, if you like, cherished idiosyncrasies. But he is the wiser and sounder person, and especially is this the case with the statesman, who seeks to recognize the national instinct and the national tastes, especially when by a wise concession he can afford a day's amusement of social pleasantry and agreeable companionship to many a toiling and many a smoke-dried fellow-citizen. Notwithstanding then the complaints of those, to whom life with all its sunshine and brightness, and gay day-dreams, and softening imaginations, seems to be ever dark with clouds, and whose sky is ever lurid with the threatenings of a coming storm, we prefer that more genial philosophy which finds a proper season and time for everything, which declines to make us miserable when we should be joyous, or serious when we are full of cheerful associations, and which does not disdain above all to think of the people, and with the people, and for the people, and is even willing to condescend for the nonce to share in "Suburban Saturnalia," and to take part in a "Cockney Carnival."

MONSEIGNEUR DUPANLOUP.

We have read with much attention, and we may add, with much interest, the "Etude sur la Francmaçonnerie," recently put forth by the well known Monseigneur Dupanloup, R.C. Bishop of Orleans, and which "Etude" has already reached a third edition. Many of our readers well know that that eminent French prelate is a writer of very great ability, and that his literary productions always command, as in truth they justly merit, not only respect, but perusal. We may not, and probably shall not, agree with all he says, but we shall gladly recognize the honesty of his convictions and the outspokenness of his statements. It is given, moreover, to few writers to possess a clearer style or a more forcible utterance of his views, and he has this

singular recommendation, in these days of wordy obscurity or mystic jargon, that he always makes you understand what it is he is "driving at," while he is gifted with a power, shared by few writers of the hour, of putting into the fewest possible, but equally the clearest possible words what it is he has got to say. As Freemasons, we are specially bound to be ever tolerant and generous even in the hottest controversy, and we should be always willing to admire, as we believe, to our credit we are, those evidences of "geist" and talent, which always appeal so forcibly to the mind and the approval of men. Monseigneur Dupanloup, it seems, has recently made an "Etude" of Freemasonry, and that "Etude" has been so unsatisfactory, his original bad opinion of Freemasonry has been made so much worse by the result of his investigations, that he feels bound, he tells us, to make known at the earliest possible opportunity, these, his conclusions, discoveries, fears, and griefs to others, that they may avoid the dreadful delusions and the fearful pitfalls of Freemasonry. Indeed, so alarming, in his view, are the real end and teaching of Freemasonry, that, agreeing with the opinion of Bishop Ketteler of Mayence, he declares that no true Roman Catholic, no religiously-minded person, nay, no man of sense, can be or ought to be a Freemason. Well, these are very hard words, and this is a very serious conclusion, especially when spoken and deliberately avowed by the Bishop of Orleans, and we therefore have thought it well to call the attention of our readers to the subject and the controversy. It is well to observe, that this pamphlet of ninety pages, written in the Bishop's usual vigorous verbiage, is mainly directed against French and Belgian Freemasonry. He does not actually deal with Freemasonry in general, except by implication, and therefore his remarks have more of a particular than a general bearing. English Freemasonry is not by name actually assailed, though no doubt he would strongly disapprove equally of our basis of organization and of our universal platform. But, as it is, we are not named either in his criticisms or his censures, severe as they are, and we think we may fairly say, that had Monseigneur Dupanloup only to deal with our Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, he would not have thought it necessary to have published the "Etude." For we fear that it must be fairly confessed, that the Bishop of Orleans has some grounds for complaining of many of the indiscreet utterances of our brethren in Masonry in Belgium and France. As he introduces these to our notice, we see at once how alien they are from the truer teaching of our good and peaceable English craft. We know nothing in England of political discussions or of religious controversies. Ours is purely a benevolent and philanthropic order, most kindly to all men, most attached to the brotherhood, and most friendly, on our sound English principles, to toleration and civilization, to progress and improvement, to liberty of conscience and liberty of worship! We quarrel with no man's dogmas, we cavil at no brother's creed, and we are tolerant of all, yet holding firmly the sanctity of the individual belief, and the importance and need and blessing of religious truth. We equally uphold as a great feature of our Order the governing, controlling, Divine moral law, and we keep from us the avowed atheist and the open libertine. But if the extracts adduced by the Bishop of Orleans be correct, (we hope that some of them are coloured,) though he apparently confirms them by published authorities, some of the French and Belgian Freemasons have certainly openly identified themselves with one political party in each country, namely, the extreme revolutionary party. But we would fain believe, that such violent words are rather those of individual than of general concurrence, and that whatever some Freemasons may hold in both countries they are still a minority in the Order. We in England should utterly repudiate their expressed views alike on political questions, as on religious topics, as we strongly hold that Freemasons have nothing whatever to do with either, and we deeply deplore many of those very acts to which the Bishop alludes, just as we deprecate many of the addresses to which he refers. We have always contended, and we always shall contend,

that there is but one safe onward path for Freemasonry, namely, that happy via media which passes through the host of angry politicians on the one side, and of angrier controversialists on the other. We have always lamented that coquetry, for instance, with the Commune, which so many of the French Freemasons seemed so rashly to approve of, for such proceedings are, we believe, most opposed to the teachings of true Freemasonry, and most detrimental to the peaceful and loyal character of Freemasons. Equally repulsive to us are those negations of the Supreme Being, of the immortality of the soul, of the Divine Law of morality, of religious rites, and of religious instructions, all sad echoes from dark and dangerous days, which we, alas! find are so often and so loudly expressed by some Freemasons both in France and Belgium. Few English Freemasons we believe there are, who from our good old-fashioned way of looking at all these questions, would not practically agree with Monseigneur Dupanloup even, in his energetic reprobation of such declarations and such teaching. But beyond this we cannot go with him. Though he has not attacked Freemasonry in general, he does so, as we said before, by implication, and especially when, as a faithful child of the Roman Church, he adduces the Papal Briefs, entirely condemnatory as they are of Freemasonry generally everywhere, as decisive of the whole question. Here it is then where he and we must respectfully part company. With him we warmly regret and openly disavow all those mistaken views which would represent Freemasonry as an atheistical, or a communistic, or a revolutionary association, which would assert it to be in perpetual war with the very idea of a church, with revelation, with religious instruction, with government, with society, and, in fact, with liberty of conscience and toleration of opinions. For curiously enough, just as there is nothing like the "credulité des incredules," so there is nothing to equal the intolerance of Freethinkers. But we cannot agree with the Bishop that because "Roma locuta est causa finita est." Here in England, as in Scotland and Ireland, and the United States, Freemasonry is flourishing in spite of "ban" and "anathema," and flourish it will everywhere, we believe, so long as its members remain true to its great landmarks and its leading principles. We can quite understand that conscientious religionists may object to the constitution of Freemasonry, per se, but yet Freemasonry is, we believe, too strong, both in its inherent worth and its practical utility, to be impeded or put down either by menace or by censure. And then, even in France and Belgium, the words and acts which the Bishop holds up to reprobation are no doubt the result of honest conviction, and he must also permit us to say, the intolerance of his Church against any thing like untrammelled thought, freedom of conscience, and individual liberty of action, has rendered the antagonism of many whose sympathies are warm and whose opinions are decided, almost an internecine war. We do not say this to excuse many of these unwise and unfitting avowals to which the Bishop calls attention, but simply to explain what is the actual condition of affairs, greatly to be regretted in our opinion, the more so as it is not, and ought not to be, the normal position of Freemasonry. We do not in conclusion think that the Bishop of Orleans's "Etude" will have much effect on the Freemasons in France or Belgium. The struggle has become so very severe and is becoming hourly more embittered. We should ourselves rejoice if the French and Belgian Freemasons could be induced to retrace their steps and become once again a purely non-political body; if they could be persuaded to disassociate themselves openly from any avowed sympathies, either with the "Commune" or with revolution. If too they can see their way to remove from their official regulations any negation of religion, of the Supreme Being, of the immortality of the soul, to become once again if a tolerant yet a theistic body, we feel sure the greatest good would ensue to Freemasonry and to themselves. We then should have but little fear for their future progress, and no apprehension whatever either for the hostile criticism of the outer world, or the vehement denunciations of the ablest of their adversaries.

A COMMEMORATION INSTALLATION MEDAL.

We have to announce that in answer to many applications, Bro. George Kenning is about to issue a medal commemorative of the Installation of our Royal Grand Master, of which further particulars will be announced in the columns of the *Freemason*. The medals will be of gold, silver, and bronze, and will bear on one side the bust of our Grand Master, in Masonic costume, and on the reverse, the date of the Installation, and his and our watchwords, Loyalty and Charity. Though simple, the design appears to us to be most effective, and Bro. Kenning may be relied on to issue a medal which shall do credit to the occasion and the Craft.

PORTRAIT OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

We have seen, with great pleasure, a photographic portrait of H.R.H. the Grand Master, taken by Bro. Charles Watkins, of Parliament-street. The likeness is most true, and the expression most happy.

THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.

We have been requested to inform the Craft that the July number of this very useful and interesting periodical will be adorned with a portrait of our Royal Brother the Grand Master, and that subsequent numbers will also be illustrated by portraits of brethren distinguished in Masonry. With the July number the *Masonic Magazine* will be permanently increased with eight pages of letter-press. We recommend our readers, if not subscribers, now to begin with the volume commencing July. We have also been requested to state that the bound volumes for 1873 and 1874 will shortly be ready.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly communication of Grand Lodge of England, was held on Wednesday evening in the Temple. The building was very full of the brethren, and as every meeting appears to increase the numbers of those who attend, in an extraordinary degree, it is not unlikely that before another two years are past the Temple will not be nearly large enough to hold the brethren, leaving out of the question its capability to accommodate them with comfort. On Wednesday evening, comfort formed no part of the proceedings, for although the brethren were seated to a larger number than on any previous occasion, the room was almost insufferably hot. The general appearance of the lodge was somewhat altered, and certainly not for the better. The magnificent throne was placed at the back of the dais behind the chair in which the acting Grand Master sat; thus causing considerable inconvenience to the Past Grand Officers; while the Senior Warden's chair was placed to the left of the entrance to Grand Lodge, destroying the square appearance of the assembly, and giving the notion of something or other being out of place. On the whole, Grand Lodge looked much like the reception room of a London house, out of the season, which, on a sudden emergency arising, had been hastily and imperfectly arrayed for a party. The splendid carpet presented to Grand Lodge for the Installation (for which, however, there was no vote of thanks proposed) was laid down the centre of the room.

For some days previously it had been expected that the M.W.G. Master himself would be present to propose the vote of thanks which stood on the agenda paper in his name to the Committee of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Sir Albert Woods, and Bro. Thomas Fenn, for the successful arrangements made by them for the Installation of H.R.H. on the 28th of April. A great number of the brethren, no doubt, attended in that belief, but a great many more were probably influenced by a desire to

vote for the members of the Board of General Purposes. Long before seven o'clock, the body of Grand Lodge was full, and at that hour, to the music of Bro. Kuhe, on the organ, the procession entered. The Prince of Wales, however, formed no part of it; neither did Lord Carnarvon; but Lord Skelmersdale, for the first time in his Masonic career, appeared in the place of the Grand Master. His lordship was vociferously cheered as he entered and took his seat, surrounded by a large body of present and past Grand Officers, amongst whom were the Marquis of Hamilton, G.S.W.; Colonel Whitwell, M.P., as G.J.W.; Dr. Hamilton, as Dep. G.M.; Bros. Sir Michael Costa; W. Beach, M.P.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; H. D. Sandeman; S. Rawson; Thomas Fenn; J. C. Parkinson; Dr. Hogg; W. E. Gumbleton; R. W. Stewart; H. Browse; Joshua Nunn; James Mason; John Havers; R. J. Spiers; Dr. Erasmus Wilson; E. S. Snell; W. Winn; Revs. A. B. Frazer, Sir J. Warren Hayes, James Simpson, D.C.L., S. R. Wigram, and C. J. Martyn; Capt. Platt; J. B. Monckton; — McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; Dr. Woodman, G.S.B.; John M. Clabon; Samuel Tomkins; S. L. Tomkins; Hyde Pullen; — Savage; Brackstone Baker; John Symonds; John Hervey, G.S.; Ough; Brett; Cubitt; Jos. Smith; Thomas Wright; and E. P. Albert.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed,

The Acting Grand Master rose and said—Brethren, it is now my pleasing duty to propose to you three resolutions; but before doing so, I must express to you the regret H.R.H. the Grand Master wished me to convey to you, at not being able to be present on this occasion. He hopes to be able to attend more regularly in the future. I have also to regret that the Pro-Grand Master is not here to-night; but we all know how great a task it was for him to perform that he undertook on the 28th of April, and how little we ought to expect from him at present. The Grand Master wished me also to express to you his cordial assent to the resolutions which I am about to propose to you. I need hardly dilate on them, for I think all who were present on the 28th of April must have expressed astonishment at the admirable way in which all the arrangements were carried out. (Hear, hear.) I will not detain you by saying any more on the subject, for I am sure you will endorse everything that has been said in public and in private. I will read the resolutions to you. His lordship then read the following resolutions, which were put seriatim, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, and carried amidst great applause:

"That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and are hereby given to Bro. John B. Monckton, the President, and to the members of the committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes to assist the Grand Director of Ceremonies, for their successful exertions in carrying out the arrangements for the installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 28th April last, and to the Grand Secretary and the executive generally for their willing and able assistance on the occasion."

"That the best and most cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby given to Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, for the most able manner in which he conceived and carried out the details of the ceremony of installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 28th day of April, 1875."

"That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby given to Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., for the very able manner in which he carried out the duties of superintending the arrangements relating to the admission and seating of the brethren on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 28th of April, 1875, and for his indefatigable exertions in the discharge of that duty."

His Lordship observed, on putting the motions, that he was sure he need hardly put them, as he knew the brethren were of the

same opinion as himself with regard to the whole arrangements on the 28th of April.

On the election of Trustees of Grand Lodge Funds coming on,

Dr. Hamilton said, he begged to propose the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro-Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden, as such trustees.

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman seconded the proposition, which was put and carried.

The election of members of the Board of General Purposes was then taken, and scrutineers appointed.

There was no contest for the membership of the Colonial Board, or the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution, the requisite number only having been nominated. They therefore stand as follows:

Colonial Board.—Bros. Brackstone Baker (21), James Brett (177), J. M. Case (1), H. Grüning (197), J. G. Marsh (28), W. F. Nettleship (14), and S. Poynter (1491).

Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution.—Bros. James Brett (177), C. A. Cottebrune, (733), T. Cubitt (157), J. A. Farnfield (256), H. M. Levy (188), J. G. Stevens (554), A. H. Tattershall (140), H. G. Warren (173), and Thomas White (21).

Bro. Hervey afterwards read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—A brother of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, 12, London, £100; a brother of the St. Paul's Lodge, 374, Montreal, Canada East, £50; the widow of a brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, 189, East Stonehouse, £150; the widow of a brother of the Belgrave Lodge, 749, London, £50; a brother of the St. Thomas's Lodge, 142, London, £100.

All these grants were then proposed by Bro. John M. Clabon, president of the lodge, and four of them were seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President. Bro. H. Garrod seconded the fourth on the list. All the grants were confirmed.

Bro. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, moved that the following report of the Board of General Purposes, printed on the agenda paper, be taken as read, which was agreed to:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—It appeared from the return of its members made to the Grand Secretary by a Provincial Lodge, that the names of initiates were withheld from such return. This being in contravention of the Constitutions (Art. 14, page 66), the attention of the Lodge was called to the circumstance and an explanation requested, and it was stated in reply (and upon investigation the Board have every reason to be satisfied with the bona fides of the statement,) that the belief had always prevailed in the Lodge that members ought not to be returned until raised to the third degree. The Board have received the strongest expressions of regret that such a mistake should have occurred, and have admonished the Lodge in respect to it.

It is thought right to report the matter to Grand Lodge, as a warning to other lodges in case a similar misapprehension prevails elsewhere. (Signed) John B. Monckton,

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. President.
18th May, 1875.

In moving that it be received and entered on the minutes, Bro. Monckton said, that though it had been taken as read, he trusted that no member of Grand Lodge would be satisfied without reading that report in its entirety, because it contained that which without being intended to be at all severe on the lodge in question, was brought before Grand Lodge as a warning to lodges that might not be so well-informed as others of their responsibilities and liabilities. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was put by the Acting Grand Master, and carried.

Bro. A. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., said that as

he did not see the Vice-President of the Board (Bro. Peter De L. Long) in his place, he would move that the rest of the report be received and entered in the minutes. He was sure it would be immediately adopted by Grand Lodge, because all the brethren were aware how well and ably the President of the Board of General Purposes had discharged his duties. (Hear, hear.) The report was as follows:—

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved:—"That the thanks of the Board be given to the President, Brother John B. Monckton, for the urbanity and unvarying courtesy which he has displayed, and the very able and satisfactory way in which he has conducted the business of the Board during the past eventful year." (Signed) Peter D. L. Long, Vice-President.

Amidst much laughter Bro. Long (whom Bro. McIntyre "did not see in his place,") rose and seconded the motion.

The motion was put and adopted *nem. dis.*, accompanied by loud cheers.

The next business was the—

Appeal of Brother William F. H. Temple, W. Master of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, Constantinople, against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, relative to the resignation and subsequent election of Bro. Taylor as Master of the lodge, and also against his (Bro. Temple's) suspension from his Masonic privileges.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., stated the circumstances of the case, from which it appeared that a dispute had arisen between the two brethren, between the date of the election of Bro. Taylor and that when he should have been installed. Charges had been made by Bro. Taylor against Bro. Temple on matters of business, and entirely outside Masonry; and, moreover, the charges were not made in a Masonic Lodge, and had nothing to do with Masonic conduct. Bro. Temple preferred a complaint to the District Grand Lodge. The District Grand Master was away, and a deputy was acting. The matter was brought before the Dist. Board of Gen. Purposes, who met, and after having heard the statements of both parties, decided that Bro. Temple was not guilty of the charges brought against him by Bro. Taylor, and that the latter should apologise. There was some little difference between the Dep. Dist. Grand Master and Bro. Temple as to the words used, but the result was, Bro. Taylor having been urged to make an apology, said, "I regret I have made a charge, and have not been able to substantiate it." (Laughter.) Bro. Temple, however, accepted this as an apology, according to the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, though Bro. Temple said he never did. Bro. Taylor then resigned his membership of the Bulwer Lodge by letter, which was read in lodge, and a resolution was passed accepting the resignation. (Bro. McIntyre then repeated what he has frequently said before, and which is perfectly well known to Masons in general, that if a member of a lodge resigns, even though his dues are unpaid, he ceases to be a member of the lodge; that no motion of the lodge is necessary upon that resignation; and that no lodge can compel a resigning member to remain a member, incurring fresh liability for dues, until his dues in arrear are paid. Freemasonry is a voluntary society, and whenever a member wishes to resign he may resign. If dues are unpaid, he remains liable to the lodge for those dues.) The lodge accepted, which was not necessary, the resignation, and it was complete and entered on the minutes. The Secretary of the lodge, who was clerk of the W.M. elect (Bro. Taylor), sent in his resignation as well, which was also accepted. Shortly afterwards the Deputy District Grand Master, who was a P.M. of the same lodge, and several other members, thought it would be good for Freemasonry that the resignations should be allowed to be withdrawn, and at the next meeting, when Bro. Taylor was in the chair, a motion was made that a resolution be come to, asking Bro. Taylor and the Secretary to withdraw their resignations. The W.M. said that the resolution could not be put. Bro. Taylor had ceased to be a member, and he could only come

in again in the ordinary way by proposition as a rejoining member, and ballot. The Deputy District Grand Master, whose decision was now appealed against, was in lodge but not clothed in the paraphernalia of his office. He seemed to have advised the W.M. that the resolution could be put; but the W.M. was firm, and refused to put it. Lodge was closed, and afterwards communications took place between members of the lodge and the W.M., and a great many were in favour of Bro. Taylor withdrawing his resignation. Still the W.M. declined to accede to anything of the sort. At the next meeting of the lodge the Deputy District Grand Master again attended, and being then clothed in his official clothing, the gavel was presented to him, and he took the chair, and proceeded to rule the lodge. Among the first things that were done, a resolution was moved that Brother Taylor and Brother Secretary be requested to withdraw their resignations. The W.M. stated that as their resignations had been accepted, they could not withdraw them; it was too late, and they had ceased to be members of the lodge. The Deputy District Grand Master seeing that there were not eight members, under the English Constitution, present when the resignation was accepted, ruled that every proceeding at that lodge was annulled, and that there was no resignation sent in or accepted. (Laughter.) Therefore, he ruled that this resolution would be put, the W.M. protesting against it in very energetic language, which the Dep. Dist. Grand Master said was of much stronger expression. Bro. Temple, W.M., said he was responsible to the Dist. Grand Master and to Grand Lodge of England for the observance of the rules and laws of Masonry within the lodge, and could not be superseded by the Deputy District Grand Master coming and taking the chair. In spite of all his opposition, the resolution to ask the W.M. elect, and the Secretary to withdraw their resignations was put by the Deputy District Grand Master, and carried. That took place in February. The W.M. protested and wrote to the District Grand Master; but the day after the meeting of the lodge, when the W.M. energetically, and perhaps rudely, protested against the proceedings, the Deputy District Grand Master, without calling upon him or summoning him before him, acted on his own knowledge, and suspended Brother Temple from all his Masonic functions, not only from this lodge, but two other lodges in the province. So that he was thenceforth entirely suspended. A District Grand Lodge had since been held, and this brother, in consequence of his suspension, had not been able to attend it, and could not be elected to grand office until the decision of Grand Lodge of England on the appeal was known. He was not a Mason to all intents and purposes in the district. The Deputy District Grand Master did not stop there, but called a Lodge of Emergency, the summons for which was of a peculiar character; it was, "to meet to receive the answer of Bro. Taylor, W.M., elect, and the brother who was the secretary of the lodge," to the letter requesting them to withdraw their resignations, and if withdrawn, to instal Bro. Taylor in the to the chair." Bro. Temple was more furious than before. The Lodge of Emergency was held; the brethren withdrew their resignations, and Bro. Taylor was installed; he appointed the officers and reappointed the Secretary. Bro. Temple complained that the Deputy District Grand Master chose to suspend him from all his Masonic functions without ever having summoned him before him to be heard; the Deputy District Grand Master did not deny that, according to the accounts of both sides. It was a principle both of Freemasonry and of the law of every civilised country that a man should be heard before he was condemned. The Deputy District Grand Master said, "I had heard enough of him before I suspended him." (Laughter.) Under these circumstances he (Grand Registrar) would move "That Bro. Temple's appeal be allowed, and that he be restored to his Masonic rights and privileges." Great powers and privileges were given to Provincial and District Grand Masters, and they ought to take very great care that those powers, rights, and privileges

were exercised with due caution. If they found in any case that there was an arbitrary use of power Grand Lodge should mark its sense of it and admonish the District Grand Master. He would therefore add, "and that the Deputy District Grand Master be admonished not to act in a similar way on another occasion." Then there was another important point to be considered. Bro. Taylor had ceased to be a member of the lodge, and having so ceased two irregularities were committed by the Deputy District Grand Master; first of all, he incited the lodge to pass a vote asking a brother to withdraw his resignation after it had been formally sent in and accepted by the lodge; secondly, he put it that the resignation when accepted by the lodge was not sufficient until the acceptance had been communicated to the resigning brother. He (Grand Registrar) held that the Deputy District Grand Master was wrong. If a member of a lodge in the heat of the moment said, "I resign my membership of this lodge," and other members said, "Don't do that; pray don't resign," he might withdraw what he said; for until the resignation was recorded it was no resignation at all. But if he wrote a letter resigning his position, and so showed his intention of resigning, and, moreover, when that resignation was accepted, he could not withdraw it. A man might have sufficient friends in a lodge to out-vote the Master. It was not for the Master of a lodge to be called upon to say that the resignation should be withdrawn. It was a thing accomplished. As to the other point, there not being eight Master Masons under the English Constitution present when the resignation was sent in, it was absurd. The requisite number of Masons were present to form a lodge, and the thing was perfect. He would also move, "That the installation of Bro. Taylor as W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge was, and is hereby declared to be, illegal." (Cheers)

Bro. James Mason seconded the proposition, which, after a few words from Dr. Hogg, were carried unanimously in the following form:—"That the appeal of Bro. Temple be allowed, and that brother restored to his Masonic rights and privileges, and that the Deputy District Grand Master, not having summoned Bro. Temple and heard him in his defence, be seriously admonished not to act in the same manner on a similar occasion," and "That the installation of Bro. Taylor as W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge, was, and is hereby declared to be, null and void."

The motion by Bro. J. H. Wynne, No. 101 and 554—"That this Grand Lodge recommend from the funds of Grand Lodge that five pounds be given to each unsuccessful candidate at the election for annuitants of old men and women, belonging to the Craft of Freemasons, held on the 21st May, 1875"—not finding a seconder, fell to the ground.

Brother Benjamin Head, P.G.D., moved "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

Bro. Monckton seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. Binckes, according to notice, moved "That the £200 awarded by the Board of Benevolence, and confirmed by Grand Lodge in March last, voted to a brother, be placed in the hands of certain brethren in trust for the said brother."

Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, seconded the motion; but after opposition on the part of the Grand Registrar, and especially of Bro. John Havers, it was lost.

Grand Lodge was then closed and adjourned, the Acting G.M. saying that as the scrutineers of votes had not completed their task, he would take the result of the election in his private room.

Late at night the following return was made:—

MASTERS.

Bro. Betts, Daniel	No. 1351
" Forrester, James	222
" Headon, Nathan Bryant	1426
" Poynter, Samuel	1491
" Smith, Griffiths	509
" Stephens, William	1489
" Tomkins, Alfred Savill	822
" Wood, Henry Trueman	1159

PAST MASTERS.

Bro. Grady, Standish Grove	No.14
„ Levander, Henry C.	507
„ Long, Peter de Lande.....	114
„ March, Edwin	99
„ White, Thomas William	21
„ Wilson, Erasmus	1464

The following brethren were nominated by the M.W.G.M. to the Board of General Purposes:— J. B. Monckton, P.G.D.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C.; John Havers, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), John A. Rucker, Joseph C. Parkinson, John Savage, James E. Saunders, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; Thomas Fenn, Joseph Smith.

The following brethren were nominated to the Colonial Board by the M.W.G.M.:—John A. Luckson, President; Hugh D. Sandeman, Joseph Smith.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge in this Degree was held on Tuesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Grand Master, Earl Percy, M.P., was not present, having to return immediately to Northumberland, but his lordship sent a note explaining the circumstance and regretting his inability to attend. The Master's chair was, in his absence, occupied by the Most Worshipful brother, the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., Past Grand Master.

Lodge was very numerously attended, and among the brethren present were Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.P.G.M.; Col. Fras. Burdett, Pr. G.M., Middlesex and Surrey; Sir Jno. Cordy Burrows, Pr. G.M., Sussex; Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, J. Hordern Jukes, and D. J. Drakeford, P.G. Chaplains; Morton Edwards, P.G.D.; J. F. Lilley, P.G.D.; H. R. Trigg, P.G.D.; Geo. Lambert, P.G.D.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.D.; Geo. Neall, P.G. Supt. of Works; Thos. Cubitt and S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C.'s; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C.; T. W. Coffin, P.G. Swd. B.; S. W. Lazarus, P.G. Org.; Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org.; J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; S. Funkensztejn, P.G.I.G.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler; D. M. Dewar, James W. Smith, Geo. Page, Clement Stretton, Rev. C. R. Davy, G. Stewards; H. Massey, P.G. Steward; Major Geo. Barlow, P.J.W., R. W. Edes, P.P.G.T.W., and Thos. H. Parker, Pr. G.S.D., Midx. & Surrey; James Holroyd, P.Pr.G.S.D., and W. Roberts, P.Pr.G.M.O., West Yorkshire; Wm. Robert Wood, Pr.G.O., and Thomas Trollope, Pr.G.S.W., Sussex; and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Brethren of many private lodges.

Grand Lodge when opened was formed as follows:—Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., as G.M.; Bros. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Dep. G.M.; Tyrrell Leith, G.S.W.; Col. Burdett, G.J.W.; R. W. Little, G.M.O.; Meggy, G.S.O.; Wilkins, G.J.O.; T. F. Ravenshaw and D. J. Drakeford, G. Chaplains; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C. as G.D.C.; Henry Dubosc, Sen., G. Swd. B.; S. R. Ade, G. Std.B.; Henry Parker, G. Org.; Henry W. Binckes, Asst. G. Sec., G.I.G.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler. The minutes of last Grand Lodge—December—having been read by G. Sec. and confirmed, Bro. Thomas Meggy asked a question with regard to the festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund last year. The sum of £168 had been said to have been subscribed on that occasion, whereas only £100 had been received. Had application been made to the brethren whose names had been given in as donors for the £68 not received?

Grand Secretary replied that numerous applications had been made for the amount, but hitherto without success.

Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the Special Grand Lodge at which the Earl of Limerick was elected Grand Master, which were then put and confirmed. He then read the following report of the General Board:— In the six months ending the 31st March last the number of certificates issued was 444.

During the same period warrants for the following new lodges have been granted:—

- No. 180, Ramsay, Bengal.
- „ 181, Burdett.
- „ 182, Humber, Hull.
- „ 183, Baldwyn, Bristol.

Though the important question of recognition of this Grand Lodge by other supreme bodies has not made all the progress anticipated, it is believed to be in a fair way of satisfactory settlement. It was discussed at the triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of America held in 1874, and its consideration deferred to the next triennial meeting.

The Grand Chapter of Ireland gives evidence of its continued friendly feeling and of its fraternal desire for a close and more intimate relationship between the two bodies.

The Board thus publicly reminds the brethren that the Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held, as already announced, at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, the 21st of July. R.W. Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, Deputy Grand Mark Master, has kindly consented to preside, and it is hoped that the success of the gathering will exceed that of former years.

A committee has been appointed to consider the question of the expenses of the Annual Installation Banquet, in connection with the stewardship and responsibilities connected with the Mark Benevolent Festival. They hope to be prepared at the next meeting of Grand Lodge to submit recommendations, the object of which will be to reduce the personal expenses of the brethren who from year to year undertake these duties.

Notice has been received from the acting authority of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple of the expulsion from the Order of a member who is also a member of this degree.

Representations having been addressed to the Board as to the desirability of reprinting the early half-yearly reports of proceedings in style and form similar to the present half-yearly issue, the Board has resolved to invite estimates of cost for this, and for printing the papers connected with the proceedings which resulted in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

The Board recommends that, in order to facilitate business and the settlement of questions which sometimes arise, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Registrar be ex officio members of the General Board, and other committees of Grand Lodge, and that the necessary alterations to that effect be made in the Book of Constitutions.

Subjoined are the Treasurer's accounts for the half-year ending 31st March, 1875, shewing a balance in favour of Grand Lodge of £359 on General account, and £146 9s. 6d. on Benevolence account. H. C. LEVANDER, G.R., President pro tem.

RECEIPTS.

Six months ending 31st March, 1875.

FEES OF HONOUR.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bro. G. J. Smallpiece as G.J.W. ...	5	5	0			
„ H. C. Levander as G.R. ...	1	1	0			
„ C. Harrison as Dep. Prov. G.M.M. for Lincolnshire ...	2	2	0			
„ J. W. Cunningham as Dep. Prov. G.M.M. for Sussex ...	2	2	0	10	10	0
Dispensations, 6 at 10/6	3	3	0			
Sale of Books of Constitutions, &c. ...	2	19	8			
Rituals... ..	15	11	6			
Tracing Boards ...	12	7	7			
				34	1	9

LODGES TO DATE.

Certificates	218	6	6
Annual Dues	148	4	6

UNAPPROPRIATED.

	No.	£	s.	d.
Friendship, Adams, Southwark, Albert Victor, Love and Honour, Carnarvon, Hiram, Royal Sussex, „ „ „	16, 6, 22, 70, 94, 119, 153, 177	0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 5, 0, 0	3, 12, 13, 2, 2, 12, 19, 3	3, 0, 0, 6, 6, 0, 0, 0
				8 18 9

£420 1 6

DISBURSEMENTS.

Six months ending 31st March, 1875.

ORDINARY.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Office Rent and Attendance, 2 quarters ...	41	0	0			
Binckes, F., Gd. Sec., Salary ...	50	0	0			
Binckes, H. W. Asst. Gd. Sec., Salary ...	50	0	0			
Binckes, F., Gd. Sec., Postage, &c. ...	20	0	0			
Binckes, H.W., Fees on Certificate, R.A.M. ...	1	0	0			
Messrs. Warrington and Co., Printing, Stationery, &c. ...	29	7	8			
„ Pewtress and Co., Printing ...	33	3	5			
„ Hardman and Co., Ben. Fund Jewels ...	2	2	0			
Mr. J. Hatton, G. L. Signature Books ...	2	15	0			
„ I. T. Keene, Coals ...	1	11	0			
„ E. Ledger, advertising in Era ...	1	3	0			
„ H. Parker, Music for G.L., Dec., 1874	5	5	0			
London Gaslight Co., Gas ...	1	5	0			
Freemasons' Tavern Co. (Limited) ...	5	0	0			
Bankers' charges, Cheque Book, Stamps, &c. ...	0	5	0			
				253	17	1

EXTRAORDINARY.

Messrs. Howitt and Co., Furniture ...	37	9	0
„ Cooper and Holt, Seats ...	35	10	0
„ Henry Greene & Son, Gas Fittings ...	18	3	0
Mr. E. Cox, Fenders, &c.	2	12	6
„ C.W.Sears, Platforms	11	6	0

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The Grand Treasurer's accounts are presented herewith, showing:

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last account ...	298	3	2
Receipts, 6 months to 31st March, 1875 ...	420	1	6
	718	4	8
Expenditure, 6 months to same date	£358	17	7
Balance in favour of Grand Lodge ...	359	7	1
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.			
Balance from last account ...	158	2	8
Dividends on £400 Bonds ...	9	18	4
Donations ...	6	8	6
	174	9	6
Deduct two petitioners ...	28	0	0
	£146	9	6

Examined and found correct (Signed) THOS. MEGGY, Auditor.

28 May, 1875. Grand Secretary said that, before going further, perhaps he had better read the following letter he had received from Earl Percy:—

25, Grosvenor-square, 31st May, 1875.

Dear Sir,—I have just returned to town from Northumberland on business, but I am sorry to say I must go north again to-morrow morning. Under these circumstances I fear it will be impossible for me to be present at Grand Lodge to-morrow, and to have the satisfaction of installing Lord Limerick in the chair of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters. Will you convey to Lord Limerick my sincere regret for my enforced absence, and my best wishes for the success of his tenure of office, and to the brethren my best thanks for the support I have always received during my Grand Mastership, which I shall always look back upon with satisfaction.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully, (Signed) PERCY.

F. Binckes, Esq.

The recommendation of the report that Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar should, ex officio, be members of the Board of Committees was then adopted, and after an amendment had been moved, seconded, and lost on another clause of the report, Grand Treasurer read his accounts, which were also adopted, and the report of the Board was confirmed.

The Earl of Limerick here retired, and a deputation was formed to escort him into Grand Lodge to be installed. On his entry, Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie presented his lordship to the Grand Master, and informed him that Lord Limerick had been duly elected to fill the Grand Master's chair. His lordship's zeal for Freemasonry was well known. It was well that a man's actions should be known, as on this occasion it gave the brethren an opportunity of testifying to their appreciation of the services of a brother who deserved well at their hands. The highest reward they could give for his eminent usefulness to the Order was to elect him as their Grand Master, and this they had done unanimously. It was therefore his pleasing duty to present the Earl of Limerick for installation. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. said he was happy to carry out the request made by Bro. Starkie. He perfectly coincided in what Bro. Starkie had said, and he was happy to find that Lord Limerick had been unanimously elected. He was sure it was the wisest choice the brethren could have made.

After the ceremony of installation had been performed,

The Earl of Limerick, M.W.G.M., M.M., speaking from the throne, said—Brethren, as the time is late I will not detain you long in expressing to you my sense of the high honour you have done me to-night. It is a high honour indeed to be placed in the chair of this Grand Lodge, and to succeed such a number of distinguished brethren as have previously occupied the chair. Through their labours, brethren, this degree of Mark Masonry has gone on flourishing in a most remarkable manner. It has spread wide its branches and extended deep its roots; and I trust that what has been going on during the past time will be continued during the time that I occupy the chair in which you have so kindly placed me. I can only say that my efforts shall always be at the service of this Grand Lodge, and I trust that every member of this Grand Lodge will place the most favourable construction upon all my acts, and that I may receive that support in this degree that you have extended to those who have preceded me in this chair. I thank you, brethren, for the honour you have done me (applause).

The following brethren were then appointed Grand Officers for the year, and invested by his Lordship with the insignia of their rank:—

- W. Romaine Callender Dep. G. Master.
- Sir Fredk. Perkins G.S.W.
- Capt. N. G. Philips..... G.J.W.
- Rev. C. R. Davy..... G. Chaplain.
- Rev. A. B. Frazer
- Frederic Davison..... G. Treas.
- H. C. Levander G. Reg.
- F. Binckes G. Sec.
- Major Geo. Barlow..... G.M.O.
- John Chadwick G.S.O.
- John Trotter G.J.O.
- Samuel Jones G.S.D.
- J. C. Gregg..... G.J.D.
- Robt. W. Edis..... G. Supt. of Wks.
- Thos. Trollope, M.D..... G.D.C.
- Fredk. Watson G.A.D.C.
- Thos. Holroyd G. Swd. B.
- Thos. J. Mortlock G. Std. B.
- Henry Parker G. Org.
- Joseph H. Spencer G.I.G.
- H. W. Binckes Assist. G. Sec.
- Frank Richardson, Hiram, 13; Geo. Yaxley, Macdonald, 104; William Tasker, Fearnley, 58; Joseph D. Sugden, Old York; William Noll, Wiltshire Keystone, 178; Thos. Dolling Bollon, Carnarvon, 7; Wm. Munroe, Carnarvon, 119; Wm. Thompson.

The jewels for Stewards of the Benevolent Fund Festival were afterwards presented by Lord Limerick to Bros. Page, Charles Lacey, F. Richardson, Stretton (Leicester), and Cerephe. The other Stewards not being present, the pre-

sentation of their jewels was deferred till December communication.

Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, W. E. Gumbleton, Thomas Meggy, James Stevens, S. Rosenthal and Magnus Ohren were nominated by the Grand Master as six members to serve on the General Board; and Bros. T. J. Sabine, D. M. Dewar, Stidolph, Neall, and Cubitt were elected by the brethren as members of the same body.

[The Report of Grand Mark Lodge will be continued next week.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A further meeting of the Stewards for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Wednesday evening in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. A. Rucker, Past Grand Senior Deacon, in the chair for a short time, when he was succeeded by Bro. Montague, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Dorset. There were also present Bros. Bingemann, W.M. 55; D. Betts, W.M. 1351; H. J. Adam, P.M. 569; S. Rosenthal, A. Barfield, C. Barker, P.M. 834; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Robert B. Webster, S.W. 1320; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 1237; F. Adlard, P.M. 7; R. R. Davis, W.M. 236; W. Stephens, W.M. 1365; W. H. Smith, 108; H. Hollis, P.M. 167; H. Dubosc, P.M. 156; I. J. Hooper Wilkins, W.M. 73; John Healey, P.M. 59; E. C. Woodward, Samuel Jones, 112, P. Prov. G.S.D.; C. J. Morgan, G.S. and S.W. 8; A. H. Burrell, W.M. 1446; W. H. Farnfield P.M. 907; W. C. Parsons, W.M. 180; Joseph Reade, 951; John R. Vine, P.M. 173; Israel Abrahams, P.M. and P.Z. 188; J. C. Cox, W.M. 1257; and W. Lane, W.M. 28.

Bro. Binckes, Hon. Sec. to the Board of Stewards, read the minutes of the meeting of the 12th of May, from which it appeared that the former minutes were received and adopted, and the following arrangements were made—the sub-committee on music recommending that proposals for the musical entertainment be invited from Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, and Bro. Chaplin Henry, when it was resolved that to these be added the names of Bro. J. Kerr Gedge and Bro. E. Van Noorden, the sum allotted being thirty-five guineas.

The report of the sub-committee appointed to enquire as to the facilities for holding the festival at the Alexandra Palace, with recommendations, which, by separate resolutions, were approved, shewed—

- 1.—That the accommodation at the Alexandra Palace is in every respect admirable, and more than ample for any possible number attending the festival.
- 2.—That the Board receives with regret the information that the Palace has already been secured for the 30th of June, and that the negotiations for a surrender for that day have failed.
- 3.—That recognising the desirability of holding the festival at the Alexandra Palace, the sanction of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, as Chairman, be sought for a change in the date, from Wednesday, 30th of June, to Wednesday, 7th of July.
- 4.—That in the event of such sanction being obtained, the festival be held at the Alexandra Palace, and that ladies and brethren dine together at the same tables.
- 5.—That the price of dinner tickets be—ladies fifteen shillings; brethren one guinea.
- 6.—That dinner be served at five o'clock precisely.
- 7.—That morning dress be worn, ladies with or without bonnets as may be preferred.

The following brethren were elected as special Stewards:

- Bro. Adlard, Frederick Lodge 7
- " Morgan, C. J. " 8
- " Marsh, W. R. " 9
- " Clever, Joseph " 12
- " Gray, C. W. " 22
- " Wilkins, J. J. H. " 73
- " Griffin, Joseph " 90
- " Seex, John " 186
- " Jones, Edward " 192
- " Rosenthal, Sig. " 435
- " Cusworth, Thomas J. " 813
- " Hose, Samuel... .. " 1155
- " Verry, George W. " 1278
- " Kipps, William " 1531
- " Hacker, H. Prov. of Hants, I. of W.
- " Smith, Thomas Kent.
- " Thompson, J. H. Middlesex.
- " Moody, Charles Surrey.
- " Morris, Thomas J. W. Yorkshire.]
- " Sabine, Thomas J. Mark Degrec.
- " Venn, Henry Rose Croix.

And the Officers of the Board, ex-officio. With power to add to their number.

F. BINCKES, Hon. Sec. Bd. of Stds.

The report of the sub-committee on the music recommended that five guineas be authorised to be set apart for the musical arrangements in case it should be wanted.

The report was received and adopted. As to the ladies' tickets to be issued, it was resolved that the number should be unlimited for each Steward. It was resolved that the applications for tickets should be made by the 28th of June, for the purpose of balloting for places, both for brethren and ladies. It was also resolved that the ballot for places should be left to the officers of the Board.

Bro. Binckes then explained the Alexandra Palace and the arrangements he had made for the successful carrying out of the festivals, for the information of the Stewards and Special Stewards.

Bro. Wilkins moved, and Bro. Israel Abrahams seconded,

the adoption of these arrangements, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Binckes said he was much obliged to the brethren for adopting his suggestions for arrangements. He had spent a good deal of time incubating them, and they seemed to him to be the best that could be made, and Messrs. Bertram and Roberts had written him a letter saying they could make no improvement upon them.

Bro. Binckes then explained that he had received the permission of the Grand Master to clothing being worn, provided it was not worn in public, or going to or coming from the Alexandra Palace. Bro. Binckes then submitted whether collars and jewels only should be worn.

Bro. W. R. Marsh proposed, and Bro. R. B. Webster seconded, that the clothing should be full Masonic Craft clothing to be worn on the occasion.

This was carried unanimously.

It was understood that either evening or morning dress should be worn, and the ladies with or without bonnets at pleasure.

Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. Francis Bennoch as to the removal of the festival from Freemasons' Tavern, of which company he is the chairman. Bro. Binckes also read his reply to Bro. Bennoch.

The letter in reply was unanimously authorised to be written and sent by the Secretary to Bro. Bennoch.

Bro. Wilkins having asked what arrangements had been made about the wines, Bro. Dubosc said the wines were stipulated to be of known brands.

As to the trains, Bro. Binckes said he would have further information to give on this point at next meeting.

Bro. Binckes added that as the annual visit to the Boys' School on the 8th of July would this year be done away with, the Stewards' visit preparatory to the festival would be made on the 30th of June. Lord Carnarvon could not attend on that day to distribute the prizes, but he had authorised the President of the Board of Stewards, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.S.W., to do so for him. That nobleman had consented, and the visit would take place on that day.

After it had been arranged that the next meeting of the Stewards should be held on the 28th inst., at 5 p.m., a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the meeting separated.

Bro. Captain Boyton's successful attempt to cross the Channel terminated amid a warm welcome from the people of Folkestone about half-past two o'clock on Saturday morning last. Although he had been in the water twenty-three hours and a half, he showed but few symptoms of fatigue.

ROYAL NAVY SCHOOL, NEW-CROSS.—Prince Leopold, following the example of her Majesty and his Royal brothers, has become a patron and liberal donor to this school.

BELGIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have accepted the invitation of the stewards and committee to attend the banquet in aid of the funds, which will be given at Willis' Rooms on Saturday, June 19th, under the presidency of his Excellency the Belgian Minister.

Ever on the look out for novelty, and interesting subjects, the managers of Madame Tussaud's Exhibition have added to their already diversified collection a portrait figure of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the insignia of M.W. Grand Master. We can say that to the minutest detail everything is complete.

THE LORD MAYOR AND THE PREFECT OF THE SEINE.

—At a meeting of the Common Council, held at the Guildhall, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. William Lawley, chairman of the City Lands Committee, that the Council, desiring to evince its high appreciation of the cordial reception accorded to the Lord Mayor on the occasion of his visit to Paris, and being also desirous of maintaining the friendly feeling which has always existed between the representatives of local self-government, invite the Prefect of the Seine and the municipal authorities of various cities of France, and other parts of the Continent, to meet the Mayors and the Corporations of the United Kingdom to a banquet in the Guildhall, and that a Ward Committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

THE LONDON TAVERN IN THE AUCTION MARKET.

—The announcement of the sale by auction of the London Tavern, on the premises in Bishopsgate, on Wednesday, brought together a large company of capitalists and City men. The property covers an area of 6500 superficial feet, and included in the sale were the licences and goodwill of the trade of the tavern, which has been carried on for more than a century. The property is subject to a mortgage debt of £50,000, which it was stated would be allowed to remain. Messrs. Gadsden, Ellis, and Co., were the auctioneers. The biddings rose to £84,500, at which sum the property was brought in by the vendors.

The Lord Mayor has consented to preside at a meeting at the Mansion House on the 19th inst., at three o'clock, in aid of a fund for obtaining permanent premises for the Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the blind. There will also be a meeting for the same object at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on the 17th inst., the Earl of Aberdeen in the chair.

Twenty-eight drags took part in the meeting of the Four-in-hand Club in Hyde Park on Wednesday. The Prince of Wales drove with the Duke of Beaufort, and Prince Louis of Hesse occupied a seat on another coach.

Lord Selborne presided at the annual meeting of the Legal Association held on Wednesday last.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck Street, Calcutta, on Thursday, April 15, 1875. There were present—The Worshipful J. B. Roberts, P.D.D.G.M., as D.G.M.; W. Bros. W. B. Mactavish, D.S.G.W.; W. G. Amos, P.D.G.D., as D.J.G.W.; W. H. Jones, D.G. Treasurer; H. H. Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., as D.G.S.; W. H. Fitze, P.D.G.D., as D.S.G.D.; A Le Franc, D.J.G.D.; Jas. Watson, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; Prosonno Coomar Dutt, D.G.A.D. of Cer.; J. H. E. Beer, P.D.G. Org., as D.G. Org.; W. H. T. Ayres, D.G. Pursuivt.; Bro. Dr. E. Reilly, as D.G.S.B.; H. M. Rustomjee, D.G.S.; J. L. Anderson, D.G.S.; Lieut. B. D. Hayes, D.G.S.; G. Alexander, D.G.T.

The following lodges were represented:—Industry and Perseverance, 109; Humility with Fortitude, 229; True Friendship, 218; Marine, 232; Anchor and Hope, 234; Courage with Humanity, 392; St. John, 486; Excelsior, 825; Star of Orissa, 1106; Temperance and Benevolence, 1160; Sandeman, 1374.

Visitor—Bro. E. Stegemann.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 5.40 p.m. Apologies for non-attendance were announced from several brethren.

The following notice, which had been issued to every lodge in the province, with the summons for this special communication of District Grand Lodge, was read:—

“Worshipful Master,—I am directed to notify to you, and to the Wardens of your lodge, and to such Past Masters in the Craft as are subscribing members of your lodge, that a special communication of District Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Bentinck-st., Calcutta, on Thursday, the 15th April, at half-past five o'clock p.m., for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at the special communication of the 7th Feb., the minutes of which are herewith enclosed as required by the Constitutions.

“I am to request that you will make known this notice to your Wardens and Past Masters; three spare copies being enclosed for circulation.

“I am, Worshipful Master, yours fraternally,
“H. H. LOCKE, “P.D.D.G.M., A.D.G.S.”

The District Grand Master in the chair:—Worshipful Brethren, I might say that I am sorry to call you together to an extra meeting of District Grand Lodge at a season of the year when the heat is so trying as it now is, and at an hour when many of you have barely concluded your business for the day, but I am sure that you do not regret being so summoned on this occasion, the business before us being the completion of a circle of Masonic labour which was begun some nine months ago. Looking to what this work is (and I may tell you that, even although it is not yet fully accomplished, it has already called forth not only a unanimous support from the members of our fraternity, but expressions of admiration from those who are outsiders), looking, I say, to what this work is, I feel sure that, with me, you all feel glad that at this communication of D.G.L. in which we are met this afternoon, we have to take what is, for us at any rate, the last step towards its complete accomplishment.

W. Bro. McGregor, W.M. 392, moved—

“That the minutes of the special communication of District Grand Lodge held on the 7th January, 1875, having been printed and circulated, and having been passed at the quarterly communication of the 20th March, 1875, as a correct record of the proceedings of the aforesaid special communication of the 9th January, 1875, be now taken as read.”

W. Bro. Mactavish, D.S.G.W. and P.M. 109, seconded the motion, which was carried.

W. Bro. Fitze, P.D.G.D. & P.M. 218, moved—

“That the resolutions passed at the special communication of District Grand Lodge held on the 7th January, 1875, be now confirmed.”

The resolutions referred to are as follows:—

“That an assessment of one rupee per quarter be paid by all Lodges in the province of Bengal towards the support of the Bengal Masonic Association for the Education of the Children of Indigent Freemasons.

“That in order to give effect to the foregoing

provision, the following alterations and additions be made in, and to, the Bye-laws of District Grand Lodge, and transmitted to England for the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master.

“Page 10.—After the line ‘2nd—The Fund of Benevolence’ insert as a separate line, the words ‘3rd.—The Masonic Association Assessment.’

“The headings ‘Masonic Hall Sustentation Fund’ and ‘Grand Stewards' Banqueting Fund,’ now numbered respectively ‘3rd’ and ‘4th,’—to be numbered respectively ‘4th’ and ‘5th.’

“Between the Bye-laws No. 20 and No. 21, insert the following, which shall be numbered 21, the present No. 21 becoming 22, and all the following numbers being altered so as to follow in proper sequence. The Masonic Association Assessment is a subscription towards the support of the Bengal Masonic Association for the Education of Children of Indigent Freemasons, and consists of a contribution from each lodge in the province of one rupee per quarter for every Brother who has been a subscribing member of such lodge for any part of the quarter. The payments on account of this Assessment shall be sent to the District Grand Treasurer, along with the returns and dues to District Grand Lodge and Fund of Benevolence, and the District Grand Treasurer shall, within three clear office days of his receipt thereof, pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Association.

“At page 13, in the Bye-law now numbered 40, but which, as provided for above, will become No. 41, after the words ‘Fund of Benevolence’ insert ‘and the Masonic Association Assessment.’

“At page 25, endorsement of Form A, under the head ‘abstract of dues,’ insert below the word ‘contributions to Fund of Benevolence,’ ‘Ditto to Masonic Association (same amount).’

“At page 26, insert ‘Masonic Association,’ as above, under the words ‘Fund of Benevolence,’ in the abstract of payments at foot of returns.”

W. Bro. W. G. Amos, P.D.G.D. and W.M. 229, seconded W. Bro. Fitze's motion, for the confirmation of the above resolutions; the motion was then put, and was declared by the District Grand Master to be carried unanimously.

W. Bro. D. McGregor, W.M. 392, said that on behalf of his lodge which had voted against the proposed assessment when it was first brought forward, he desired to say that they had opposed the measure simply because it was thought that it would be found impracticable to carry it out, and because some members thought that improvements might be made as to the manner of the elections to the benefits of the Bengal Masonic Association.

W. Bro. W. H. Ayres, D.G.P. and W.M. 825, said that his lodge had also been set down as against the proposition, but they had not really disapproved of it; they had only suggested another way of attaining the same result.

W. Bro. Locke, P.D.D.G.M. and A.D.G.S., said it must have been gratifying to have heard the remarks just made by Bros. McGregor and Ayres, as practically the number of dissentient lodges was now reduced to three; even these appeared to have abandoned opposition at the last stage, inasmuch as no vote had been given by any of them against the resolutions.

After a few words from the D.G.M., the lodge was closed in due form.

Correspondence.

THE 1717 ASSERTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Bro.,

I observe that Bro. Hughan offers to enter upon a controversy with Bro. Buchan upon this exploded subject.

Bro. Hughan's time, devoted to Masonic writings and researches, is valuable, and I would ask him to pause ere he enters upon the waste of it, which would be involved in such a discussion.

What is erroneously called a “theory” (1717) has never been shown to have any other origin than the bare persistent assertion of Bro. Buchan himself. That brother has never supported it by one single piece of evidence; and what is still worse, he ignores any evidence which is adduced by anybody else. He challenged me to produce any proof of the use of the word “speculative,” in any document dated before 1717; I accepted his challenge, and produced two instances in the MS.

of circa, 1500, of which a transcript was published by Bro. Cooke. Bro. Buchan then cast doubts upon the genuineness of the MS., and upon the good faith of the transcriber; upon which I took the trouble to have the original examined and verified by a competent expert, and published an extract from his letter. What was the result? Why, Bro. Buchan, who as good as placed his “theory” in the balance with his challenge, said not a word afterwards, but retreated into defeated silence until the circumstance was perhaps forgotten, and then reproduced his pet myth as fresh as ever. I observe that he now repeats his 1717 assertions for the benefit of new brethren, and new readers; but I would call their attention to the foregoing fact, and I warn them that the 1717 theory (so called) is nothing but a bare assertion, which has been long since amply disproved.

I strongly recommend Bro. Hughan to enter upon no such discussion until Bro. Buchan will be content to fairly admit distinct evidences when they are published, and on his own part to adduce proofs (which he has never yet done) instead of mere personal assertions. I some time since called attention to an Indenture of Covenants, temp. Hen. VI., noticed in XXV Quarterly Review, p. 146, between the churchwardens of a parish in Suffolk, and a company of Freemasons, which contains a stipulation as to white apron and gloves, and a properly tyed lodge, to be provided at the expense of the parish. The original of this indenture can perhaps be inspected, and I invite Bro. Woodford's attention to it. If it bears out the notice in the Quarterly, it may go far, if not the whole way, to prove that these were operative Masons, practising the speculative element.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I can best answer the query of “W.D., 489, S.C.,” in your last number, by quoting from the Laws of the Institution. “2. Object. To receive under its protection, and to maintain, clothe, and educate the sons of Freemasons of every religious denomination under the *English Constitution*, &c.

This definition amounts to an exclusion of the sons of brethren under the Irish or Scotch Constitution.

Our Irish brethren are energetically promoting the cause of Masonic education. Their schools for boys and girls, though in their infancy, especially the former, are making wonderful progress. It was my good fortune to be present, in April last, at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of both schools. The Queen's representative presided, the prizes were given by his daughter, Lady Georgina Hamilton, in the presence of 9,000 of the *élite* of the Order, and of Irish society. I regarded the scene with singular feelings of surprise, admiration, and—I must confess it—envy; and while indulging in the hope that I might live to witness such a scene in England in association with our own schools, I could not repress a sigh in despair at its accomplishment.

As regards our Scotch brethren, I opened a correspondence with the late Grand Secretary, some few years since, on the suggestion of an influential and generous brother, who is both an English and an Irish Mason, and a noble supporter of our Institution, with a view to an enquiry if it were not possible that by some well-arranged scheme, approved by the authorities in both kingdoms, the benefits of our Institutions might be rendered available for the children of Scottish Masons. My communication found its way, as I presume, to its most fitting destination—the Grand Secretary's waste paper basket—for no reply was vouchsafed, and the matter ended.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Secretary.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

A letter appears in your issue of February 6th, from the pen of a worthy brother T. C. W. 141, 1381, 1503. I am sure many of the brethren in this distant part of Her Majesty's dominions will cordially agree with all its contents, and all the office bearers of lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, would be proud to wear some memento of that kind, and got up in that way, to commemorate the most important Masonic event in 1875, viz.: the Installation of H.R.H. as Grand Master.

Trusting you will kindly do me the honour of inserting this humble epistle in your interesting paper, I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. J. MAY, S.W., No. 1233, E.C. Greymouth, N.Z., April 10th, 1875.

OLD TIME FREEMASONRY.

The following reminiscences of Freemasons' Lodges, and the famous Freemasons' Tavern, London, are taken from Timbs's *Club Life of London*, vol. 2, pp. 263, 280, and will interest our readers, as being views of the Craft by non-Masons:—

FREEMASONS' LODGES.

Mr. Elmes, in his admirable work, *Sir Christopher Wren and his Times*, 1852, thus glances at the position of Freemasonry in the metropolis two centuries since, or from the time of the Great Fire:

"In 1666 Wren was nominated Deputy Grand Master under Earl Rivers, and distinguished himself above all his predecessors in legislating for the body at large, and in promoting the interests of the lodges under his immediate care. He was Master of the St. Paul's Lodge, which, during the building of the Cathedral, assembled at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, and is now the Lodge of Antiquity, acting by immemorial prescription, and regularly presided at its meetings for upwards of eighteen years. During his presidency, he presented that ode with three mahogany candlesticks, beautifully carved, and the trowel and mallet which he used in laying the first stone of the Cathedral, June 21, 1675, which the brethren of that ancient and distinguished lodge still possess and duly appreciate.

"During the building of the city, lodges were held by the fraternity in different places, and several new ones constituted, which were attended by the leading architects and the best builders of the day, and amateur brethren of the mystic Craft. In 1674 Earl Rivers resigned his Grand Mastership, and George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, was elected to the dignified office. He left the care of the Grand Lodge and the brotherhood to the Deputy Grand Master Wren and his Wardens. During the short reign of James II., who tolerated no secret societies but the Jesuits, the lodges were but thinly attended; but in 1685, Sir Christopher Wren was elected Grand Master of the Order, and nominated Gabriel Cibber, the sculptor, and Edward Strong, the Master Mason at St. Paul's and other of the city churches, as Grand Wardens. The society has continued with various degrees of success to the present day, particularly under the Grand Masterships of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King George IV., and his brother, the late Duke of Sussex, and since the death of the latter, under that of the Earl of Zetland; and lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England are held in every part of the habitable world, as its commercially and annually-increasing lists abundantly show."

Sir Francis Palgrave, in an elaborate paper in the *Edinburgh Review*, April, 1839, however, takes another view of the subject, telling us that "the connection between the operative Masons, and those whom, without disrespect, we must term a convivial society of good fellows, met at the 'Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul his Churchyard,' appears to have been finally dissolved about the beginning of the eighteenth century. The theoretical and mystic, for we dare not say ancient, Freemasons, separated from the Worshipful Company of Masons and Citizens of London about the period above mentioned. It appears from an inventory of the contents of the chest of the London Company, that not very long since it contained 'a book wrote on parchment, and bound or stitched in parchment, containing 113 annals of the antiquity, rise, and progress of the art and mystery of Masonry.' But this document is not now to be found."

There is in existence, and known to persons who take an interest in the history of Freemasonry, a copperplate list of Freemasons' lodges in London in the reign of Queen Anne, with a representation of the signs, and some Masonic ceremony, in which are eleven figures of well-dressed men, in the costume of the above period. There were then 129 lodges, of which 86 were in London, 36 in English cities, and 7 abroad.

Freemasonry evidently sprang up in London at the building of St. Paul's; and many of the oldest lodges are in the neighbourhood. But the headquarters of Freemasonry are at the Grand Hall, in the rear of Freemasons' Tavern, 62 Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields: it was commenced May 1, 1775, from the designs of Thomas Sandby, R.A., Professor of Architecture in the Royal Academy. £5000 was raised by a Tontine towards the cost; and the hall was opened and dedicated in solemn form, May 23, 1776; Lord Petre, Grand Master. "It is the first house built in this country with the appropriate symbols of Masonry, and with the suitable apartments for the holding of lodges, the initiating, raising, and exalting of brethren." Here are held the grand and other lodges, which hitherto assembled in the halls of the City Companies.

Freemasons' Hall, as originally decorated, is shown in a print of the annual procession of Freemasons' Orphans, by T. Stothard, R.A. It is a finely-proportioned room, 92 feet by 43 feet, and 60 feet high; and will hold 1500 persons: it was re-decorated in 1856; the ceiling and coxing are richly decorated; above the principal entrance is a large gallery, with an organ; and at the opposite end is a covered recess, flanked by a pair of fluted Ionic columns, and Egyptian doorways; the sides are decorated with fluted Ionic pilasters; and throughout the room in the frieze are Masonic emblems, gilt upon a transparent blue ground. In the intercolumniations are full-length Royal and other Masonic portraits, including that of the Duke of Sussex, as Grand Master, by Sir W. Beechey, R.A. In the end recess is a marble statue of the Duke of Sussex, executed for the Grand Lodge, by E. H. Baily, R.A. The statue is seven feet six inches high, and the pedestal six feet; the Duke wears the robes of a Knight of the Garter, and the Guelphic insignia; at his side is a small altar, sculptured with Masonic emblems.

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET.

This well-appointed tavern, built by William Tyler, in 1786, and since considerably enlarged, in addition to the usual appointments, possesses the great advantage of Freemasons' Hall, wherein take place some of our leading public festivals and anniversary dinners, the latter mostly in May and June. Here was given the farewell dinner to John Philip Kemble, upon his retirement from the stage, in 1817; the public dinner, on his birthday, to James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, in 1832; Mollard, who has published an excellent *Art of Cookery*, was many years Maitre d'Hotel, and proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern.

In the Hall meet the Madrigal Society, the Methodists' and other musical clubs; and the annual dinners of the Theatrical Fund, Artists' Societies, and other public institutions, are given here.

Freemasons' Hall obtained some notoriety as the arena in which were delivered and acted the Addresses at the Anniversary Dinners of the Literary Fund, upon whose eccentricities we find an amusing note in the latest edition of the *Rejected Addresses*.—*Keystone*.

INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.

The following circular has been issued relative to the commemorative jewel for the Stewards:—

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
26th May, 1875.

Sir and Brother,—

It has already been intimated that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has sanctioned the adoption of a commemorative jewel, to be worn by those brethren who acted as Stewards on the occasion of his Installation at the Royal Albert Hall on the 28th April.

The Grand Master having now approved the design of such jewel, instructions will be forthwith given for its striking. I have, therefore, to ask the favour of your returning to me the enclosed form, duly filled up and signed, within one week from this date.

The approximate period for the completion of the jewel will be about two months from the present time, and the issue will take place solely through this office.

The cost to each brother will be £5, and as no more than the precise number of jewels required will be ordered, it is necessary that this amount should be remitted to me with the enclosed form, if filled up affirmatively.

So soon as the number of jewels so required have been supplied the dies will be destroyed.

Until the completion of the jewels the amount of these contributions will be placed on deposit in the names of two members of the Installation Committee.

A drawing of the approved jewel is enclosed.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The annual picnic of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Auckland, was appointed for Feb. 18th, and from the able exertions of the stewards would have been an unqualified success; but the fates, in the shape of the weather, were decidedly against the movement. In spite of the threatening sky, the brethren, with a large number of the gentler sex, started for the trysting-place, on the banks of Lake Takapuna, but after getting within sight of the landing place there were signs made that no landing could be effected, and there was nothing for it but a return; before effecting this the rain came down in earnest. Notwithstanding this, the indefatigable stewards were determined the annual treat should not be altogether a failure, and took immediate steps to ensconce the party at that favourite suburban retreat, the Flagstaff Hotel, where, between the spacious rooms and tasteful grounds, a very pleasant and thoroughly enjoyable day was spent in social converse and amusing games, the evening being devoted to Terpsichore, so that notwithstanding the apparent failure in the morning, every one seemed heartily pleased with their day out.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Lodge, 1229, Westland District, took place on Tuesday, March 9th, when the installation of the W.M. and investment of his officers was the principal work of the day. We have only to say that the impressive ceremony was performed by the D.G.M., Bro. J. Lazar, and that he was assisted by P.M.'s Bevan and Hudson. To satisfy any member of the Craft who has ever visited the province that the work was well and truly done, and to those of our brethren who have not had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the venerable District Grand Master of Westland at his work, we can only say they are not likely to experience a similar pleasure during their lifetime. Such another Master of the work is not to be met with in these colonies. The list of officers for the ensuing year is as follows:—Bros. T. Bramwell, W.M.; W. Ramsay, S.W.; C. Hill, J.W.; C. T. Lineman, Treas.; H. S. Wales, Sec.; G. Benning, S.D.; J. Dixon, J.D.; J. M. Douglas, I.G. The brethren assembled at the banquet in the evening, and, as is their usual custom on such occasions, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The prospectus of a Masonic Hall Company at Auckland has been issued; capital £10,000, in shares of £2 each. We wish the company every success in its enterprise. If successful in accomplishing their object, they will supply a want long felt by the brethren of that city.

An instruction lodge is now being held attached to the Pacific Lodge (Wellington), the J.W. of the Pacific, Bro. N. Marchant, being the Convener, and P.M. Edwd. D. Butts, a Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of England, the Preceptor.

An application has been made for a warrant to open a M.M.M.'s lodge at Hokitika, Westland District, to be holden under Grand Mark Lodge of England, and to be named the "Lazar Lodge." Bro. C. D. Cuddeford is appointed the first W.M.

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

On Saturday, May 1st, 1875, the following Conclaves of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, established in Vermont, viz:—Star of Bethlehem, Burlington, No. 113 (English Register); DeMolay, Windsor, No. 18; St. Helena, Montpelier, No. 19; Bethany, Burlington, No. 20; Lilly of the Valley, Northfield, No. 21; St. Johnsbury, St. Johnsbury, No. 22, met in Masonic Hall, by their representatives, and organised a Grand Imperial Council of the Order for the State of Vermont, and the Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The following Grand Officers were elected to serve during the ensuing Masonic year: Sir George O. Tyler, Burlington, Grand Sovereign; Sir Henry D. Bean, Northfield, Grand Viceroy; Sir Frank H. Bascom, Montpelier, Grand Senior General; Sir Jesse C. Paine, Windsor, Grand Junior General; Sir Rev. George C. V. Eastman, Northfield, Grand High Prelate; Sir Joseph L. Perkins, St. Johnsbury, Grand High Chancellor; Sir William Brinsmaid, Burlington, Grand Treasurer; Sir Edward E. Greenleaf, Winooski, Grand Recorder; Sir J. W. F. Washburn, Montpelier, Grand High Almoner; Sir Milton K. Paine, Windsor, Grand Chamberlain; Sir Abner K. Cole, Burlington, Grand Orator; Sir Mitchell Bowker, St. Johnsbury, Grand Marshal; Sir Joseph S. Farnsworth, Windsor, Grand Architect and Engineer; Sir Cyrus P. Currier, Burlington, Grand Stand. Bearer; Sir E. A. Newcomb, Montpelier, Grand Herald; Sir George W. Kingsbury, Northfield, Grand Sentinel.

The officers elect were then duly installed by Sir D. Burnham Tracy, 33°, Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of Michigan.

The M.I. Grand Sovereign made the following appointments of Divisional Intendent Generals:—Sir Kts. Comp. William H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington; Milton K. Paine, Windsor; Frank H. Bascom, Montpelier; Henry D. Bean, Northfield; Joseph L. Perkins, St. Johnsbury; Abner K. Cole, Burlington.

Sir Kt. Comp. George W. Gregg, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was appointed Grand Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Michigan.

M.I. Sir George O. Tyler presented credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Michigan, and he was received and acknowledged as such.

The Grand Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Council of Michigan, with the design of the seal, were adopted as the Grand Statutes and Regulations, and Grand Seal of this Grand Council, making the necessary changes of wording and dates.

The original charters issued to the subordinate conclaves in this jurisdiction by the Imperial Grand Council of England and the Grand Imperial Council of Michigan were surrendered to this Grand Council for its endorsement.

The time of annual meeting was referred to a committee, and will be held on its call, of which due notice will be given.

The fees for conferring the orders shall not be less than twenty-five dollars. And on either or all of the degrees the fees to this Grand Council shall be five dollars.

The Orders shall only be conferred on Knights Templar or members of the 32° A.A.S.R. in good standing.

The "Text Book of Christian Knighthood," by M.I.C.L. Stowell, 33°, Grand Sovereign of Grand Imperial Council of Penn., was adopted as the text book of this jurisdiction.

A motion requesting fraternal recognition and interchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Councils of the Order was adopted.

On motion of Sir Kt. Comp. William Brinsmaid it was unanimously resolved "That the thanks of the Imperial Grand Council of Vermont be, and are hereby tendered, to M.I. Sir D. Burnham Tracy, 33°, Grand Sovereign of Grand Council of Michigan, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the ceremonies of our inauguration, and for the interest manifested for the future advancement and prosperity of this Grand Council."

The Grand Council then adjourned, subject to the call of its committee.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE STUTTARD, P.M. 126, 1504, 56.

The funeral of this lamented brother, who died at the early age of forty-two years, took place on Thursday, May 20th. Notwithstanding the extremely unfavourable weather, the following lodges were represented:—East Lancashire Provincial Grand Lodge; West Lancashire Provincial Grand Lodge; 1476, Blackpool; 268, Ashton-under-Lyne; 219 (Prudence) 67 (Temperance), Todmorden; 308, Bottoms, near Todmorden; 116, Colne; 1504, Padiham; 462, Accrington; 1064, (Borough) 126, (Silent Temple), Burnley. The deceased was one with whom Freemasonry had become second nature. Always ready to perform an act of kindness, the large attendance at the Church of St. Mary le Gill, Barnoldswick, was an unmistakeable proof of the affection with which he was regarded.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

At the regular meeting of the Oxford University Rose Croix Chapter on Friday, 28th ult., Prince Leopold was admitted to the 18°, the ceremony being ably performed by the Most Wise Sovereign, Bro. Hugh H. Riach.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—No one should treat the present changes in the weather with indifference, for they undoubtedly have a great effect upon the human body. It is necessary for every one to be cautious and watchful. Cautious as regards clothing and exposure, and watchfulness as regards the effect on the body. The skin, nervous system, and breathing organs often suffer severely, as is evidenced by Erysipelas, Rheumatism, Colds, Sore Throats, &c. When, therefore, symptoms of any of the above diseases show themselves, they should be at once attended to. The Ointment should be rubbed into the parts affected, and the Pills taken according to the printed directions; this treatment soon eradicates the disease and restores the general health.—AUNT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 11, 1875.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptorics, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 " 1460, Thames Valley, Ship Hotel, Halliford, near Shepperton.
 Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Ga Bridge.
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms St. James's
 " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead..
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
 Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Tavern, St. John's Wood.
 Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
 Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
 " 619, Beadon, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, B singhall-street.
 Precep. 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.
 Rose Croix Chapter 8, St. George's, 33, Golden-square.
 Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, W.
 Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Burdett Coult's Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggerridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 12, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1350, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 12, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 20, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Lesmahagow.
 " 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.
 " 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
 " 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.
 " 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
 " 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
 " 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hotel, Old Cumnock.
 " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
 " 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James's-street.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Mas. Hall, High-st. Renfrew.
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street, Glasgow.
 " 543, St. John, Masonic Hall, Dalmauir.
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 203, St. John Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
 " 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 313, Buchanan-st.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Kilwinning Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
 " 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Hotel, Leven.
 " 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilbrnie.
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road,
 SATURDAY, JUNE 12.
 Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 12, 1875.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
 TUESDAY, JUNE 8.
 Lodge 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 2, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st.
 FRIDAY, JUNE 11.
 Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.

Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master.

Copies of THE FREEMASON for May 1st and 8th, containing a full and accurate account of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand Master and First Grand Principal, may still be obtained at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, or of any News-agent.

ON SALE, a complete Set of Craft Lodge Furniture, of splendid design and workmanship, and in condition equal to new. A low price will be taken, the lodge having removed to the Masonic Hall do not now require it. For further particulars apply to Bro. James A. Edginton, W.M. 1182, 164, Park-lane, Liverpool.