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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The eightieth anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Monday last, at the Alexandra Palace, when about 700 ladies and brethren sat down to dinner under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Past Senior Grand Warden of England. His Royal Highness was supported on his right by the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, and on his left by General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Col. Creaton, Capt. Wordsworth, James Lewis Thomas, Thomas Cubitt, R. B. Webster, W. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. for Kent; S. Rosenthal, Sir H. Edwards, Col. Peters, Edward Terry, George Kenning, H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; A. J. Altman, A. Brookman, H. C. Levanter, F. Kelly, J. Tanner, C. F. Matier, F. Adlard, J. Boyd, A. Dicketts, J. Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, C. Coote, E. C. Mather, T. Bull, I. Abrahams, W. Rcebuck, E. Bowyer, and Magnus Ohren.

When the banquet had been disposed of the list of toasts was proceeded with.

After dinner, in proposing the toast of the Queen, The Duke of Connaught said: The first toast I have the honour to propose to you requires no preface from me. I therefore call upon you to drink "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," the Patroness of this Institution.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, The Duke of Connaught said, My lords, ladies, and gentlemen, the next toast I have the honour to propose to you is, I am sure, only second in importance to the one which we have just drunk. It is "The Health of the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the President of this Institution." Ever since his Royal Highness accepted the important position of Grand Master of England he has never failed to show the deep interest he takes in everything relating to the Craft, and I can assure you that I know personally the immense interest he takes in every matter connected with it. (Cheers.) In the year 1870 his Royal Highness presided at a festival in connection with this Institution, and I am happy to think that he did an immense amount of good, for funds came in largely after that festival, and an immense amount of benefit was the result. I ask you to join me in drinking, with all honours, the health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. (Applause.)

Lord Suffield, in proposing the health of the Chairman, said: Your Royal Highness, ladies, and gentlemen, it is my proud privilege to propose to you the next toast. It is a toast which is somewhat difficult to propose in the presence of the person whose health is to be drunk. On this occasion the difficulties are greater than usual, because I have to propose a toast to your Chairman. We all know the readiness with which members of our Royal family at all times render their services to any object that is good. We know that our Chairman, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, has invariably come forward when he has been asked to come forward to serve any philanthropic purpose; and on this occasion he makes a most successful début in any great Masonic ceremony. (Cheers.) It must be as gratifying to you all as it is to himself to observe the enthusiasm of the noble gathering which has been brought together to do him honour. It is not always that assemblies of this kind are graced by the presence of so many ladies. We are indeed at all times most happy to see them, and I am certain that His Royal Highness must thoroughly appreciate the honour the ladies do him in coming and being present at this gathering. I could wish, ladies and gentlemen, that it had fallen to the lot of a more able person than myself to propose this toast. There are many persons, members of the Grand Lodge, who, I am sure, it would have given great pleasure to have been present on this occasion, but who are absent from unavoidable circumstances, and so it falls to my lot to perform a duty which otherwise would have devolved on them. It will, I feel sure, meet with your hearty approval if, before I sit down, I venture on the part of the Freemasons, as well as on the part of the ladies who are present, to congratulate His Royal Highness on an event which we all sincerely hope will be fraught with happiness to the contracting parties. (Cheers.) I venture to congratulate His Royal Highness on the marriage which is shortly to take place. (Renewed cheers.) Everything

that concerns the welfare of our Royal family is dear to us, and I know that it is the wish of you all, as it is the wish of myself, that His Royal Highness may long live to enjoy the happiness which he deserves with the wife he has chosen. (Loud applause.) I will not detain you any longer, but ask you to drink with all the enthusiasm and all the cordiality which I know I need not ask from you, "The Health of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught." (Cheers.)

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who was loudly cheered on rising, in reply, said: My lord, ladies, and gentlemen, I rise with great difficulty to return thanks in suitable terms for the great honour you have done me in drinking my health with such cordiality. I can assure you that I appreciate most fully the very kind and flattering sentiments which have been given expression to by Lord Suffield. I only feel that it is rather difficult for me to thank him sufficiently. It is a great pleasure for me to be present on this occasion, and I quite agree with Lord Suffield that this pleasure is enormously enhanced by seeing so many ladies present. I am afraid that among ladies Masons are credited with being very selfish. We generally keep all our pleasures to ourselves, but we are glad on this occasion that the ladies have come amongst us, and I am sure that we will always be glad to see them. Although only a Mason of short standing, and of not so high a rank as my elder brother, still I will not give way to him in the interest I feel for Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Lord Suffield mentioned that this was my début on a great Masonic occasion. He is not strictly correct in this; but still it is the first occasion on which I have had the pleasure of meeting so many of my brother Masons of England, and I only hope that I may often have a similar opportunity. Ladies and gentlemen, Lord Suffield touched in the kindest terms on what is always a rather delicate matter for any man to speak. (Hear, hear.) I am sure that it will touch her Royal Highness very much when I inform her of the kind reception she has met with, and that the first reference to her in England has been among Freemasons. Ladies and gentlemen, I beg to return you my most cordial and heartfelt thanks for the honour you have done me. (Applause.)

The Rev. H. A. Pickard, Grand Chaplain, in proposing the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Dep. G.M., and the Prov. Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers," said: Your Royal Highness, my lord, ladies, and gentlemen, I have had your Royal Highness's command to propose the next toast, and, as you are aware, having been brought up myself in the habits of military discipline, I cannot refuse the command which is imposed upon me from the chair; otherwise, I should have hoped that it would have fallen to some more distinguished brother than myself to propose the next toast which stands on the list. It is "The Healths of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, who is Vice-President ex-officio of this Institution; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers." It is not very often, Sir, that a man has to get up to propose among others his own health; but in obedience to your command, I propose the toast which has been put before you; and it gives me great pleasure personally to have to speak of that most distinguished man and Mason, the Earl of Carnarvon; because when I was the Master some twenty years ago of the Apollo University Lodge he joined that lodge; and Lord Skelmersdale also was initiated by me into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and afterwards in my second year of office became my Inner Guard. It is, therefore, with very great pleasure that I rise to propose the health of those two most distinguished men and Masons. With this toast, Sir, I have to ask you to drink "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, Gen. Brownrigg." I have often had the pleasure of seeing Gen. Brownrigg in Grand Lodge. His son, the Rector of Moulsey, is one of my most intimate friends. I give you the toast I have mentioned, and I couple with it the name of Gen. Brownrigg.

The toast having been most warmly received, General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, in reply, said: May it please your Royal Highness, my lord, ladies, and gentlemen, it is, I am sorry to say, in virtue of my old age that I am called upon to return thanks for this toast that has just been proposed; but old age, especially Masonic old age, has its duties as well as its privileges, and it is a great privilege to me to return thanks for this toast in this assembly. It is not only that we have in our chairman this evening the illustrious prince who promises so well for the Craft, but also it delights my heart to see so many of the other sex present on this occasion. I think when we are not strictly confined to our Masonic duties, it is always pleasant—at all events it is very pretty—to see the other sex among us. I will not detain you by saying anything in reference to the toast. The excellences of those distinguished brethren who had been mentioned, the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, were so well known that it would not be advisable for me at all events to dilate upon them on this occasion. Time is pressing. A great many of us I know have a great difficulty in reaching our distant homes, and I shall, therefore, at once conclude by thanking you very much for the honour you have done me and for the kind way in which my name has been coupled with this toast. (Cheers.)

The Duke of Connaught, in proposing the toast of the evening, said: "My lord, ladies, and gentlemen, the toast which I have now the pleasure to propose to you is one full of interest, and will commend itself to you all, namely, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." (Applause.) This Institution has now been in existence for 80 years, having been founded in 1798. Up to the year 1854 the Institution had no building of its own, and the boys were educated at schools adjacent to their parents' residences. In the year 1855 the buildings and grounds

at Wood-green were purchased; in 1863 the foundation-stone of the present edifice was laid, and in the year 1865 the building was completed. At first there were only 50 boys in the Institution, then 80, and now, I am happy to say, that there are 211 clothed, educated, and maintained there. (Cheers.) All this is most satisfactory, but these increasing demands require increasing funds; and I feel that I should not be doing my duty as chairman if I did not bring this point fully before you. I myself, as a Mason, am—and I am sure all of you here present are—proud of the Craft and proud of its leading principles. (Applause.) One of these—and, I think, the most important, and that which commends itself to the world at large—is that of charity. I appeal to you, therefore, brother Masons, to assist me in carrying out this grand principle for charity's sake. I am sure that we could not show our charitable wishes and interests better than by assisting to educate and to maintain the sons of poor Masons. (Renewed applause.) It is, therefore, on their behalf that I appeal to you. We ought to be very satisfied with the progress the school has made, and I am happy to be able to say that the health of the boys is everything that could be desired, and that their education has been most carefully carried out, so that at the last University examination a most satisfactory result was obtained. With this toast I have the honour of coupling the name of the Worshipful Bro. Geo. Plucknett, Treasurer and Vice-President. (Hear, hear.) After the satisfactory account of the school that I have given you, I am sure that we must congratulate him in all that he has done to carry out all that is best for the school, and I am sure that you will join with me in drinking his health, and in congratulating him on the prosperity of the Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. Geo. Plucknett, in response, said he thanked the brethren most sincerely for the way in which they had drunk the toast, and also the Chairman for having associated his name with it. His Royal Highness had so ably stated to the company the circumstances of the Institution, and so forcibly engaged the attention of the visitors, that it was quite unnecessary for him (Bro. Plucknett) to detain them by going over the same ground. He would, however, remind the brethren that the success of the Institution depended on themselves. The Committees had managed the Institution very successfully, and they were very grateful to the brethren for the support which they had extended to it. It was the most anxious desire of all those who took part in its management that everything should be done for the boys educated therein that their parents could wish for had they been alive. (Hear, hear.) He again thanked them sincerely for drinking, with so much warmth, prosperity to the Institution, and he hoped that the forcible appeal made by His Royal Highness, the Chairman, would produce good results.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary, then rose to announce the list of subscriptions, but prefaced the announcement by saying that he stood in the position of a comparatively disappointed man. With the presidency of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, he had hoped that the success of the festival would have been second only to that of 1870, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales took the chair. But he would ask that those present would not forget that for the last year or two commercial matters had not been, nor were they now, in the condition which all must wish them to be. Were they but in a fairly prosperous condition the brethren generally would be able to do for the Institutions what the dictates of their hearts prompted. The circumstances of the country would not however allow them to do so much as they would wish. Whilst recognising the prestige, the power, and the influence attaching to the Masonic début of the illustrious Prince who presided over the meeting, the brethren were absolutely prevented from responding to the appeal which he had made to them with that heartiness which they would otherwise have done. The presidency of His Royal Highness this evening was over one of the finest Masonic gatherings which he (Bro. Binckes) had ever had the pleasure of witnessing, and if there should be considered to be a financial failure, in other respects the meeting was a great success, and he was delighted that the brethren and the ladies associated in the good work had rallied in such large numbers to give His Royal Highness a hearty reception. Having achieved in connection with this Institution for a number of years an extended series of magnificent successes, the Institution was in a position for once to submit to a comparative failure. The Institution had a glorious past to which they looked back with satisfaction, and he was sure it had a future to which they could confidently look forward. (Applause.) Bro. Binckes then announced the following lists of subscriptions:

	£	s.	d.
Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., V.P. & Treas.	10	10	0
" Benj. Head, P.G.D., V. Pat.	13	13	0
" J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., V. Pat.	10	10	0
" Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., V. Pat.	10	10	0
" Thos. Cubitt, P.M., P.G. Purst., V.P., Hon. Secretary...	75	12	0

LONDON.			
NO. OF LODGE.		£	s. d.
2	Bro. J. E. Hilary Skinner	40	9 0
3	" Thos. Robinson	25	4 0
5	" Horace W. Scriven	52	10 0
6	" W. T. Marriott, Q.C.	11	11 0
7	" Frederick Adlard	19	19 0
8	" J. T. C. Winkfield	27	6 0
10	" Rev. Thomas Cochrane	59	17 0
11	" R. T. Pigott	25	14 0
12	" D. Nicols, V.P.; Leopold Ruf	28	2 0
14	" Alfred Isaac Bristow	13	13 0
18	" Herbert Geo. Huggins	52	10 0
21	" Joseph W. Zambra	44	1 0
22	" Thomas Fairweather	66	3 0
23	" E. C. Mather, V.P.	31	10 0

LODGE			
27	Bro. John Walker	...	68 5 0
28	" Thomas Jeremy Thomas	...	32 11 0
29	" H. Wallis Hunt	...	28 7 0
33	" James Ricks	...	41 9 6
46	" Jas. R. Cassell	...	22 1 0
49	" William Bailey	...	103 19 0
55	" James Johnston	...	63 0 0
59	" Charles Harrison	...	112 7 0
60	" Thomas Stoward	...	10 10 0
63	" Ernst Emil Wendt	...	26 5 0
65	" W. H. Barber	...	31 10 0
79	" Charles Fowler	...	52 10 0
90	" T. P. Griffin	...	85 1 0
91	" R. W. Sprague	...	49 7 0
95	" Henry Bonner	...	18 18 0
101	" John Alderson Scott	...	60 18 0
140	" Charles Jardine	...	31 10 0
144	" George Allen	...	65 16 0
145	" Thomas Bull	...	42 0 0
165	" G. E. Wainwright	...	36 15 0
167	" George Davis	...	63 0 0
174	" George James Hilliard	...	72 9 0
176	" J. Brockett Sorrell	...	33 11 6
179	" Wm. Hughes	...	10 10 0
183	" C. W. Todd	...	73 10 0
185	" G. S. Pare	...	96 0 0
188	" Israel Abrahams, F.R.G.S., F.S.S.	...	10 10 0
197	" Thos. G. Bullen	...	36 15 0
198	" George Cooper	...	37 16 0
201	" W. Yardley	...	53 0 0
205	" C. F. Hogard	...	29 8 0
222	" R. Grey	...	63 0 0
228	" Robt. H. Halford	...	79 14 0
235	" A. S. Wildy	...	11 11 0
255	" John Kirke	...	61 6 6
256	" Charles Birch	...	45 3 0
259	" Reginald Hanson	...	31 10 0
435	" John William Garrod	...	57 4 6
511	" Asher Barfield	...	52 10 0
534	" Ferdinand Rath	...	33 12 0
560	" Richard Godfrey Webster	...	45 15 0
657	" Joseph Douglass Mathews	...	79 16 0
704	" George A. Garratt	...	31 10 0
715	" E. W. Richardson	...	16 16 0
720	" C. Pulman	...	40 0 0
742	" William Land	...	90 6 0
822	" Lewis Phillips, jun.	...	38 17 0
860	" W. G. Dickins	...	66 17 0
871	" John George Vohmann	...	10 10 0
896	" James John West	...	29 8 0
898	" Joseph Ross Waller	...	57 15 0
905	" Alexander Peckles	...	13 13 0
907	" Thos. Griffith	...	65 2 0
957	" Craven P. Cobham	...	37 16 0
1139	" W. C. Corner	...	21 0 0
1185	" Frederick Binckes, V.P.	...	163 16 0
1201	" E. J. Hartly	...	21 0 0
1310	" Edward Terry	...	39 18 0
1319	" Frederick Burgess	...	33 12 0
1320	" R. B. Webster	...	10 10 0
1365	" J. Sydney Badkin	...	34 7 6
1383	" Raphael Costa	...	158 11 0
1397	" Robert William Inglis	...	30 9 0
1420	" John Thomas Gibson	...	24 3 0
1524	" G. F. M. E. Dietrich	...	28 7 0
1540	" E. S. Stidolph	...	11 0 0
1541	" E. M. Haigh	...	52 10 0
1572	" Walter S. Whitaker	...	63 0 0
1593	" W. Bristow	...	10 10 0
1624	" George Watkins	...	72 9 0
1627	" C. E. Soppet	...	68 5 0
1629	" Rev. C. W. Arnold	...	52 10 0
1657	" John D. Allcroft, V.P., M.P.	...	52 10 0
1673	" Joseph Langton	...	52 10 0
1695	" W. T. Purkiss	...	30 9 0
1706	" Joyce Joshua Murray, V. Pat.	...	110 5 0
1707	" Joseph Tanner	...	33 12 0
1716	" John Aird	...	52 10 0
1728	" John Dixon	...	21 14 6
1732	" J. J. Michael	...	18 7 6
UNATTACHED.			
Bro. W. Roebuck, V.P.	...	73 19 0	
" Stephen B. Wilson, V.P.	...	63 0 0	
" C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G. Purst.	...	21 0 0	
CHAP. LONDON CHAPTERS.			
12 Comp. J. Winter, V.P.	...	31 10 0	
188 " H. M. Levy	...	7 7 0	
813 " Jno. Ross Gallant	...	81 18 0	
A. AND A. RITE.			
Bro. H. C. Levander	...	21 0 0	
LODGE BERKS AND BUCKS.			
574 Bro. Walter B. Wilson	...	26 10 0	
1501 " L. M. Nixon	...	27 6 0	
BRISTOL.			
" Edward Thomas Inskip	...	81 18 0	
CAMBRIDGE.			
859 " C. F. M. Mundy	...	15 15 0	
CHESHIRE.			
293 " Henry Cland Lisle	...	10 10 0	
425 " F. A. Dickson	...	10 10 0	
425 " James Salmon	...	33 12 0	
537 " Francis Henry	...	10 10 0	
979 " John Blackhurst	...	26 5 0	
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.			
129 " Geo. J. McKay	...	150 0 0	

DERBYSHIRE.			
LODGE			
353 Bro. Hugh E. Diamond	...	18 18 0	
353 " William Boden	...	37 16 0	
DEVONSHIRE.			
70 Bro. C. Godtschalk	...	220 0 0	
DORSET.			
" J. M. P. Montagu	...	401 12 0	
ESSEX.			
51 " T. J. Ralling	...	40 19 0	
51 " Charles Cobb	...	68 5 0	
1000 " Frederick Wood, V.P.	...	109 19 10	
1457 " Thos. W. Nicholson	...	14 1 9	
DURHAM.			
" W. H. Crooker	...	155 8 0	
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
82 " Col. Henry Basevi, V.P.	...	93 9 0	
592 " John Hyde	...	85 1 0	
839 " R. W. White	...	168 0 0	
855 " Geo. W. Collen	...	33 3 0	
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			
723 " Richard Eve, V.P.	...	105 0 0	
HERTS.			
1580 " Edgar Bowyer	...	26 5 0	
KENT.			
20 " Thos. Wyle	...	66 3 0	
199 " Edward Lucky	...	136 10 0	
1464 " Charles Dinham	...	42 0 0	
1206 " R. Joynes Emmerson	...	151 9 0	
1209 " George Page	...	81 18 0	
LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).			
37 " Geo. Brockbank, V.P.	...	10 10 0	
146 " William Cooper	...	31 10 0	
146 " J. Taylor	...	10 10 0	
221 " Thos. Entwisle	...	21 0 0	
" J. L. Hinc, V.-Pat.	...	200 5 0	
317 " J. H. Sillitoe	...	21 0 0	
LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).			
203 " Bradshaw W. Rowson	...	57 15 0	
LINCOLNSHIRE.			
792 " D. Hansen	...	16 16 0	
MIDDLESEX.			
946 " T. R. McIlwham	...	42 0 0	
1326 " William Copeman Fox	...	42 0 0	
1415 " T. Keene	...	26 5 0	
1460 " Lieut.-Col. Peters	...	40 0 0	
" George Kenning, V.P.	...	10 10 0	
CHAP.			
1194 " Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., V.P.	...	23 2 0	
1423 " Henry Faija, C.E.	...	10 10 0	
MONMOUTH.			
" Lieut.-Col. Lyne, P.G.M.	...	166 19 0	
NORFOLK.			
LODGE			
52 " Lord Suffield, H. G. Barwell	...	173 5 0	
943 " Edward Orams	...	53 11 0	
943 " A. Tysson	...	52 10 0	
OXFORDSHIRE.			
357 " Rev. John A. Lloyd	...	27 16 0	
478 " Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.	...	47 15 6	
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
419 " James Walker	...	35 14 0	
SUFFOLK.			
1008 " W. H. Lucia	...	120 15 0	
SURREY.			
" Gen. G. S. Brownrigg, C.B.	...	141 15 0	
370 " James Boor, V.P.	...	17 6 6	
452 " Frederick Alfred Manning	...	10 10 0	
1714 " T. J. Pulley	...	25 14 6	
" Frederick West	...	10 10 0	
SUSSEX.			
40 " Rev. E. F. Cave-Brown-Cave	...	77 14 0	
1466 " Charles John Smith	...	40 19 0	
WARWICKSHIRE.			
473 " Walter Short and Jas. Cooper	...	73 10 0	
284 " James G. Moore	...	42 0 0	
587 " Charles F. Rowe	...	42 10 6	
1431 " B. J. Allsopp	...	57 15 0	
YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST DIVISION).			
57 Bro. Thomas Thompson	...	48 10 0	
1611 " J. S. Cumberland and A. T. B. Turner	...	26 5 0	
1611 " W. Thompson	...	10 10 0	
YORKSHIRE (WEST).			
154 " John Harrop	...	15 4 0	
154 " R. I. Critchley, V.P.	...	15 4 0	
208 " Thomas Bateman Fox	...	20 8 0	
208 " Albert Green	...	20 8 0	
208 " Thomas Richard Vaux	...	20 8 0	
302 " Thomas Hill, V.P.	...	30 2 0	
302 " H. Smith, V.P.	...	30 2 0	
302 " Alfred Robertshaw	...	30 2 0	

LODGE				
521 Bro. Thomas M. Benton	...	137 11 0		
750 " Daniel Hopkin	...	15 15 0		
750 " Rawson Kelley	...	15 15 0		
827 " William Machell	...	15 15 0		
827 Bro. D. Allison Shaw	...	15 15 0		
974 " James Douglas Laurie	...	15 15 0		
1019 " William Porrett	...	15 15 0		
1019 " Benjamin Watson	...	15 15 0		
1102 " Arthur Alfred Stott	...	15 15 0		
1102 " John Barker	...	15 15 0		
1102 " John Kitson Ibberson	...	15 15 0		
1102 " John Crowther	...	15 15 0		
1102 " S. E. Howell	...	15 15 0		
1102 " J. Poole	...	15 15 0		
1239 " John Edwin Darliag	...	15 15 0		
NORTH WALES AND SALOP.				
1143 " Robert James Sisson	...	137 11 0		
1336 " J. Oswell Bury	...	15 15 0		
1477 " John Corbett	...	15 15 0		
SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).				
1578 " J. Edwards Price	...	84 0 0		
HONG KONG.				
" T. G. Linstead	...	15 15 0		
PUNJAB.				
" Major M. Ramsay	...	50 10 0		
" George Davies	...	5 5 0		
PROV. G. LODGE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND, LANCASHIRE, AND CHESHIRE.				
Bro. Jas. Fredk. Tweedale	...	105 0 0		
GRAND MARK LODGE.				
" C. Fitzgerald Matier	...	68 6 0		
Making a total received (with 20 lists to come in) of—				£10,100 0 0

Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey, then rose and said: Your Royal Highness, my lord, ladies, and gentlemen, I rise to propose the next toast, "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Committees, and Auditors of the Institution." Their name is legion; their works are best known and best seen by those who will take the trouble to go to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. If they will go down to Wood Green they will see how the children are cared for, and how the business of education is carried on. In proposing this toast I shall call on Col. Creaton to respond.

Col. Creaton, in responding, said he would give the company to understand that all the brethren named in the toast did their best to promote the welfare of the Institution. They had greatly increased the number of boys, and if the brethren would support them sufficiently they would be enabled to take in a much larger number than they had at present in the school. (Applause.)

Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, proposed "Success to the Sister Institutions, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." He said: I have very great pleasure in proposing this toast, and considering the great interest I have taken in Masonry for so many years, I do not know any one who could have had more pleasure than I have in proposing the toast. Although I have always taken great interest in the Girls School and in the Aged Freemasons' Institution, I have always looked to the Boys' School as that to which our first consideration must be given. All that you have heard about the Boys' School from H.R.H. I can repeat for the Girls' School. I presided last year at the Girls' School, and I never remember a greater success than that was. I trust that all these Institutions which have been founded by good old Masons in the olden times may continue to flourish, and that in every province and every county contributions will be made equal to those given in former years, and at all events under existing circumstances, when trade was very bad, years may follow when as large subscriptions may be given as we have had in former periods. I thank you sincerely for the honour you have done me in allowing me to propose this toast. (Cheers.)

The toast having been drunk, Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in response said:—Your Royal Highness, my lord, ladies, and gentlemen, permit me to return you, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the grateful thanks of the separate Committees for the past services which the members of the Craft have given at their festivals during this year, and whilst we heartily congratulate Bro. Binckes and the Stewards representing the Boys' School on raising the magnificent sum of £10,100 this year, I must inform you that the amount raised during the present year and announced at the three festivals now totals over £30,000. I can assure your Royal Highness that much of the success in raising that sum has occurred from your having accepted the presidency of the Boys' School on this its eightieth anniversary. (Cheers.) And in looking forward to the ensuing festivals of the Benevolent Institution and Girls' School hope and trust that as this Institution, so in the future may be that of the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, and on no occasion may it ever be in the province of the executive officers of either of these Institutions to announce a less sum than that which has been announced by the Secretary of the Boys' School to-night. I thank you exceedingly for all that you have done. And trust that in the future the same kind

feeling will be displayed on behalf of all our Institutions, and with this earnest hope I leave the future of the three Institutions for the year 1879 in the hands of those good friends who have hitherto supported them so zealously. (Cheers.)

The Duke of Connaught then said: My lord, ladies, and gentlemen: I beg to propose the last toast but one on the list, namely, "The Board of Stewards and the President, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk." When I look round upon the splendid festival of this afternoon I feel that our thanks are due to the Stewards of this festival, and I congratulate them on their admirable arrangements and on the entire success of this festival. I am particularly glad to couple with this toast the name of Lord Suffield. I am happy to say that I have had the pleasure of knowing him for a great many years, and there is nobody I appreciate more highly. I will ask you to drink his health with all honours, especially as he is the Right Worshipful Master for Norfolk.

Lord Suffield, in replying, said: I rise with great gratitude to thank you, sir, for the very kind way in which you have proposed "The Stewards of this Festival," coupled with my name. You are most of you aware that as regards the working of this great festival I have had very little more to do with it than any of you have. I have been willing indeed to come and give what poor services I had at my command; but the work of the festival has been done by others, and it is not for me to take to myself that credit which belongs to them. I feel certain that when this or any other festival requires the services of myself and of those who have acted with me, they will never be found wanting.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," and said the pleasure of the evening had been enhanced by their presence. Ladies not only graced these meetings, but they did all they could to further the welfare of the Masonic Institutions. It was the incentive which the ladies gave which produced the very large lists of magnificent contributions which were proclaimed at these meetings, because they took a most active part in the furtherance of the welfare of the Masonic Institutions. It would, therefore, he was sure, meet the feelings of every brother present when he said how much they respected and felt indebted to the ladies for their presence. (Cheers.)

The whole party then adjourned to the conservatory, where a concert was given by Madame Parodi, Madame Collini, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Josephine Sherrington, Mr. William Shakespeare, Mr. Thomas, Signor Francheschi, M. Thierry, and Mr. Thurley Beale. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Bro. Rialp, and Signor Bisaccia were the conductors, and Mr. George Magrath presided at the pianoforte.

Bro. Harker was the toastmaster.

The following lists have been received since the evening of the Festival:—

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).**—The brethren of this lodge met for their summer banquet, at the Alexandra Palace, on Thursday, 27th June. The W.M., Bro. Purkiss, presided, and was supported by a good attendance of the brethren and many visitors, among whom were Col. Hope, Capt. Bird, Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution; Bros. Wright, 1298; Dickinson, 1298; Wilkinson, 167; Burnett, 95; Wood, 1288; Searle, 1288; Stannard, 1275; Green, P.M., 1538; May, P.M., 212. An elegant repast was admirably served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, and its enjoyment was greatly enhanced by its being served in a spacious and lofty room, the large windows of which opened on to the balcony, so that the splendid weather and fine prospect were not lost. When the cloth had been removed, the Chairman remarked that he should not consume a great deal of their time in proposing the toasts generally honoured by Freemasons on occasions of assembling together round the festive board, indeed, he should get through this part of their arrangements as soon as possible. His first duty was to propose "The Health of the Queen," whose good qualities they all knew so well that no words from him were required to recommend the toast. The toast having been duly honoured, that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was proposed, and enthusiastically received, after which "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," was proposed by the Chairman, coupled with the name of Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. Bro. Buss said, Mr. Chairman and Worshipful Master, I rise at once to respond to this toast. I will not trespass upon your time, but briefly return thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers and myself. I need not say one word, for the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale are so well known to you in their labours of love on behalf of Freemasonry. You know so well that they spare no effort in working for the good of the Order, that no words of mine are needed to enhance your appreciation of them. I congratulate you, sir, upon having passed through the

first year of this lodge with credit to yourself and credit to the lodge, and I congratulate the lodge upon its prospect of brilliant success in the future. With these few words I return you our best thanks. The Chairman then said: The next toast I have to propose is a rather unusual one at Masonic meetings, but we are not following Masonic rule strictly this evening. I am sure it will be a toast appreciated by all. It is the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers." We have the honour of having in our company Col. Hope, who has been decorated with the Victoria Cross. That is an honour not given lightly, but is strictly the reward for personal gallantry. We have also the advantage of having the society of the old and distinguished volunteer officer, Capt. Bird, and we have also Bro. Edmonds, who has known some service as a seaman, so that the three services are represented. Col. Hope in response, said: Worshipful Master, on behalf of my old comrades of the army I venture to return my thanks for the toast which you have just given. It is the recollection of such scenes that cheer soldiers by the camp fire. I am sure if on all occasions we could anticipate the good things in store for us when we come home we should strive even more than we have done in the past. Captain Bird: I am sure, sir, there is very little left for me to say as an unpaid soldier, but when we speak of the volunteers, we speak of an arm of the service which can command at very short notice from one hundred to one hundred and thirty thousand well qualified troops, ready to face the enemy in any part of the world to which they may be called. It is an honour that I am proud of to have a command in that service. There are higher honours, like that which has been won by my friend on my left. It is an honour to which many aspire. I would go myself this very night, and if there were a chance I would have that cross. Bro. Edmonds said it had been his pleasing duty to travel some thousands of miles in many ships of Her Majesty's navy, and also in the mercantile marine, and also in those of foreign navies, and the British were beyond comparison the best. The Past Master said it was his privilege to propose the next toast, "The Health of their Worshipful Master." It needed no words of his to urge it on the notice of those present. They had seen him at his work in the lodge, and it was a proof of their good opinion that they had re-elected him to be their Master for the ensuing year. He concluded by referring to the origin of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, which was caused by the overgrowth of the lodge to which the founders belonged. He proposed "The Health of the W. Master, Bro. Purkiss," and hoped that the causes of discomfort in the old lodge would be avoided in the new one. Bro. Purkiss, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he fully appreciated the honour of being Master of the lodge, and the increased honour the brethren had done him in electing him to fill the chair for another year. His best efforts would be directed to secure the comfort of the brethren and the well working of the lodge. If they all tried to perform their separate duties and to aid each other that result would be attained. The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Terry. The last toast was that of "The Officers of the Lodge," which the Chairman coupled with the name of Bro. Davis, who, in returning thanks, made some appropriate remarks on the great importance of possessing a staff of officers thoroughly efficient for the duties required of them. The remainder of the evening was enlivened by some delightful vocal music, the New Finsbury Park Lodge being unusually fortunate in the possession of a large number of musical members and friends. There was besides an air of the most genuine amity and good fellowship prevailing all present, which rendered the party a thoroughly enjoyable one, and we beg to congratulate the Worshipful Master and the brethren in having made this summer meeting at the Alexandra Palace such a genuine success.

**MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).**—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Assheton Arms on Thursday, June 27th. There was a large attendance both of brethren and visitors. Bro. W. Percival, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hatton, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; S. Hewitt, Sec.; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; and J. Kent, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Clarke, Stephens, Andrews, Crompton, Dawson, J. M. Percival, Appleby, Whiley, Nowell, and Southworth. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. J. Iliffe was proposed for initiation by the W.M. The ballot was unanimously in his favour. Mr. Iliffe was accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree by the W.M. The working tools were presented by the J.W., and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. J. Wood, P.P.G.A.D.C. Heartly good wishes were accorded from Lodges 152, 163, 1034, 1219, 1588, 1633, and 1730. It was unanimously agreed that the lodge adjourn until September 26th. The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Wood proposed "The Health of the Initiate," to which Bro. Iliffe responded, and expressed the gratification he felt at being admitted amongst their number. Bro. H. Heywood proposed "The Visitors," which was very warmly received, and expressed the gratification felt by the members of No. 78 at seeing the representatives of so many lodges present with them that evening. He trusted it would not be long before they repeated their visit. Bros. Southworth and Clarke responded on behalf of the visiting brethren, and expressed the pleasure they had felt in being present that evening. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Sun Square and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).**—The last of the festivals of St. John the Baptist, in West Cumberland, for the present

year, was held in connection with this old and flourishing lodge on Friday afternoon, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. The members did not muster in a force consistent with the number on the roll (over 120), but the visitors attended from far and near. The following is a list of the members present:—Bros. J. L. Paitson, W.M., P.G.S.B.; J. W. Montgomery, S.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler, as J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. and Treas., P.G. Sec.; W. H. Atkinson, Sec.; J. Cooper, Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. Beslay, Steward; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; E. Fearon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. Henry, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. Tyson, W.M. elect; Chas. Rigg, J. Casson, W. Holloway, S. J. Newman, M. Golightly, W. F. Hunter, D. Dickinson, T. Smith, J. Rothery, J. W. Mills, J. I. Wilson, Chas. Mossop, W. Pagen, Chas. Dalton, J. Milligan, W. Jackson, T. Tyson, and G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. The visitors were:—Bros. W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Spittal, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Supt. W.; W. F. Lamsonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (Freemason); G. J. McKay, W.M. 129, P.G. A.D.C.; J. Wood, P.M. 962; F. Hodgson, S.W., 872; J. T. Ray, J.W. 872; J. W. Young, P.M. 1400, P.G. Purst.; J. Tallentire, J.W. 1400; J. H. Banks, 371; J. S. Braithwaite, 872; R. Bailey, 1002; A. Hardie, 872; W. Gaspey, 1073; T. Atkinson, 872; W. Carlyle, Treas. 1400; R. Pearson, P.M. 995, Ulverstone, P.G. Reg. West Lancashire; G. Case, 995; W. Bath, J.W. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; D. W. Finney, P.M. 1250, Warrington; J. S. Probert, P.M. 24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and 424, Gateshead. The lodge having been opened Bro. Gibson, P.M., took the chair, whereupon, Bro. E. Tyson, W.M. elect, was presented to him for installation, and afterwards was regularly installed, saluted, and proclaimed, according to ancient custom. The following appointments were made:—Bros. J. L. Paitson, I.P.M.; J. Milligan, S.W.; J. Rothery, J.W.; W. B. Gibson, Treas. (ninth time); J. W. Miles, Sec.; W. F. Hunter, S.D.; I. Wilson, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, Org.; W. Jackson, D.C.; J. Casson, and M. Golightly, Stewards; W. Bewley, I.G.; and G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Kenworthy, P.M., and that to the brethren generally of 119 by Bro. Gibson. The Treasurer then presented a very satisfactory balance sheet, which was adopted nem. dis.; and, after a running fire of hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in form. The brethren immediately adjourned to the banquet hall below, where an excellent collation was provided by Bro. E. Fearon, P.M., Bro. E. Tyson presided, faced by his Wardens, and supported right and left by several P.M.'s of different lodges. The Chairman proposed in succession the usual loyal toasts, and opened the craft portion of the post-prandial proceedings with "The Health of H.H.H. the M.W. Grand Master of England," which was drunk with full honours. Bro. Gibson gave the "M.W. Pro. Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," which also was received with all the honours, Bro. McKay, in proposing the "R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland," gave one evidence of the flourishing state of the Province under the Earl of Bective's Grand Mastership, in the fact that £100 was voted at the last meeting for the Boys' School, and he (Bro. McKay,) who would represent the province as steward at the forthcoming festival, expected he should be able to take up a total of £200 for the institution. Bro. Dr. Henry proposed the "R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," which he coupled with the names of Bros. Gibson, Lamsonby, McKay, and Paitson, who severally responded. Bro. Paitson, in highly complimentary terms, proposed the "Newly installed Master of Lodge 119, Bro. E. Tyson," and, as his I.P.M., promised him every assistance during his year of office. The toast being drunk with much warmth, the chairman rose to reply. He hoped that what had been said of him by Bro. Paitson would be no exaggeration at the close of his year of office. Ever since he entered the threshold of Masonry eleven years ago, he had made up his mind never to stop till he got into the chair, and no effort of his should be wanting to keep the lodge in that working order which had now existed during so many years. He should do everything to promote the still further welfare of 119, and hoped the lodge would not lose any of its former prestige. He would conclude by saying that if his year of office was only as successful as that of his predecessor, he should be perfectly happy and content. Bro. Barrs proposed the "Newly appointed Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Milligan, Rothery, Miles, and others. The Chairman then gave the "Immediate Past Master, Bro. Paitson," who replied. Bro. Montgomery proposed the "Installing Masters, Bros. Gibson and Kenworthy," and the former brother acknowledged the compliment for his colleague and himself. Bro. Sandwith proposed the "W.M.'s, P.M.'s and Officers of other Lodges," which was replied to by those present. The Chairman, in giving the "Visiting Brethren," welcomed more especially Bros. Pearson and Case, from Ulverston, two of his oldest friends. Bro. Pearson, in reply, said that it spoke well for the prosperity of so old a lodge as 119, and Bro. Tyson had been thrice a candidate for the Master's chair, and at last had been successful, as he had lately observed in the *Freemason*. Those three contests certainly did not detract from Bro. Tyson's claims and abilities, but showed unmistakably that the lodge had abundance of working talent to fall back upon. There was therefore all the more credit in Bro. Tyson having stood three elections for the Master's chair. Bros. Case, Primey, and McKay also replied. At this moment the W.M. received a telegram from Bro. Bowes, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W., Cumberland and Westmorland, at Warrington, conveying his congratulations and best wishes. Bro. Atkinson proposed the "P.M.'s of lodge 110," which was responded to by Bros. Gibson, Barr, Sandwith, and Henry. After the "Masonic Charities," by Bro. Gibson, the "Tyler's Toast" brought a pleasant evening to a close at a few minutes past nine. In the

course of the proceedings some excellent harmony was contributed by various brethren, to the able accompaniments of Bro. Cooper, Organist of Lodge 119.

**LIVERPOOL.—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).**—Of the numerous summer celebrations of the Festival of St. John, in Liverpool—and these are about as plentiful as the leaves in June at present—none excites more general interest than that in connection with the Merchants' Lodge. The reason for this special feeling is to be found in the fact that for a long time the lodge has held a premier place in West Lancashire, as a result of influential membership and extensive charitable work in almost every direction of Masonry. Many good men and true Masons have occupied the Merchants' chair, and the maintenance of the prestige of the lodge seems to be the ruling passion amongst its members. The annual installation which took place on Tuesday week, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, was no exception to the success which has attended former annual gatherings, and the whole of the long day's business and after pleasure was characterised by a thoroughly enjoyable amount of unanimity. Bro. Councillor George Peet, W.M., was in his place of honour in the East at the opening of the lodge, at 10 o'clock a.m., and his official supporters were Bros. R. Robinson, P.M.; R. Brown, P.M.; James Winsor, S.W. (W.M. elect); T. H. Sheen, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.G. Registrar, P.M.; Treasurer; Thomas Salter, Secretary; W. Williams, S.D.; John Latta, J.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; T. Whitehead, I.G., and Peter Ball, Tyler. The members present were, Bros. E. Vash, S. Jacobs, E. C. Jones, N. H. Huther, C. Warner, J. Brotherton, F. W. Coates, W. Williamson, R. F. Manson, C. Durringer, R. W. Barnes, W. Davies, J. O'Keefe, G. Robson, and D. Hughes. The visitors were Bros. J. Healing, P.M. 1264; M. P. Tueski, I.G. 1502; A. Barker, 1012; J. T. Alston, S.W. 203; Julius Frank, I.P.M. 203 and 1502; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; and J. P. Bryan, 1035 and 203. Brother Councillor George Peet, W.M., opened the lodge in due form, and after the transaction of some formal business he brought a most popular year's service to a close by installing Bro. James Winsor, P.M., 203, in the W.M.'s chair, as his successor. The presentation for this purpose was made by Bros. P. M. Brown and Broadbridge. The ceremony was admirably performed, eliciting the commendation of all who were present. The following was the staff of officers appointed, elected, and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. George Peet, I.P.M.; T. H. Sheen, S.W.; Thomas Salter, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.G.R., Treasurer (re-elected); W. Williams, Secretary; John Latta S.D.; T. Whitehead, J.D.; J. Pendleton, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; and Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., was re-appointed D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. J. Winsor, W.M., in the name of the brethren of the Merchants' Lodge, presented Bro. G. Peet, I.P.M., with a very chaste and valuable P.M.'s jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held by the lodge. Bro. Peet suitably acknowledged the presentation of the jewel. After luncheon in the Masonic Hall, the brethren proceeded to Southport, where, after inspecting the numerous "lions," and enjoying the sea breezes, they gathered in strong force at the Prince of Wales Hotel, where a recherché banquet was served under the personal direction of Bro. W. Clark, of the Lodge of Unity, No. 641, manager of the hotel. When dessert had been placed on the table the W.M. said he hoped that short speeches would be the order of the day, in view of the bright and brilliant weather outside. He would set the example in this respect and trusted it would be followed by all who might succeed. He had also thought it desirable to make a slight innovation in the toast-giving on that occasion, as he intended to distribute the proposition of these amongst the various officers who had that day been appointed. He hoped this would meet with general approval, and that the course thus adopted would prove acceptable to all the brethren. The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Queen." The W.M. next gave "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon." He said the Prince was esteemed as the first gentleman in the land, but this esteem was increased and deepened by the position he held as the head of their noble Order. The fact that three members of the Royal Family were connected with the Craft showed the deep interest Her Majesty the Queen must take in the Order. In Lord Carnarvon they had a gentleman of rare ability, a Mason whose heart was in the right place, and who spared no pains to effectually fulfil the duties of his high and important office. The S.W., Bro. T. H. Sheen, was entrusted with the toast of "The R.W.D.G.M. and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," referring to the eminent services in the cause of Freemasonry throughout the length and breadth of the land which his lordship had performed. The next toast was given by the J.W., Bro. T. Salter, "The W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rt. Hon. F. A. Stanley, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Past and Present." That toast, he said, was always received in the Merchants' Lodge with especial enthusiasm, and he felt the Worshipful Master had done his officers good service by allowing them to have a little practice even in speech making. Bro. Stanley was well-known as a zealous Mason—ever ready to put his hand to the Masonic plough. All the P.G. Officers were tried men, and by their efforts they had proved themselves equal to the great work entrusted to them. A conspicuous example in this direction was Bro. H. S. Alpass, their admirable P.G. Sec., to whose zeal and ability the present unparalleled prosperity of Masonry in West Lancashire was largely due. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., in responding to the toast, (enthusiastically received) expressed his continued admiration for the Merchants' Lodge, his earnest desire for its

future welfare, and his deep thankfulness for the eulogistic manner in which his name had been mentioned by the J.W. It was to him a source of great satisfaction to find that his work—extensive and increasing year by year—was so greatly appreciated, and it would give him even greater pleasure to devote the whole of his leisure to the proper fulfilment of his Secretarial duties. In conclusion, Bro. Alpass referred to the great progress the Order was making in that division, and to the interest which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., and Bro. the Right Hon. F. Stanley, D.G.M., took in the welfare of the Craft. The Secretary (Bro. W. Williams) proposed "The Masonic Charities," referring to the fact that the invested capital of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution had now nearly reached £14,000, the available interest for the charity being about £600, and he further stated there were now nearly 100 children on the foundation of the Institution. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. G. Broadbridge (in the necessary absence of Bro. R. Brown, P.M., Honorary Secretary of the Institution), and the P.G. Secretary strongly advised the brethren to endeavour to secure the election of a daughter of the late Bro. Captain Mott, P.M. 241, in connection with the Girls' School, London. "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. G. Peet, I.P.M., and received with great cordiality. Bro. Peet said it had been his proud privilege that day to place one in the chair who, he was sure, would do honour to the position. He was satisfied that under Bro. Winsor's sway the Merchants' Lodge would not decay, but would continue to hold the place of honour which it did with respect to the influence of its members and the extent of its charity. Bro. J. Winsor, W.M., in responding to the toast, thanked the brethren for the very great honour which they had conferred upon him that day—an honour to which he had aspired from the very moment that he saw the pure light of Freemasonry. Nothing would be wanting on his part to maintain the high reputation of the lodge, and he trusted to be able to hand down to his successors the warrant as pure and unsullied as he had received it. No brother ever entered that chair with a greater number of personal friends, and no candidate ever entered it with fewer than he did. Bro. Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.G. Reg., Treas., proposed "The Visitors," the toast being acknowledged by Bros. Julius Frank, P.M. 203; J. P. Bryan, 1035 (on behalf of the musical brethren); Barker, P.M. 1012, Bury (on behalf of the brethren from a distance); and J. B. MacKenzie, J.W. 1609 (*Freemason*) (on behalf of the press). The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," referring to the excellent services which he had performed that day; and Bro. Peet I.P.M., in response, spoke of the lively satisfaction which it had given him to perform the work of installation—the second or third occasion only on which it had been done by a retiring Master. Bro. J. Latta, S.D., gave "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., and J. Cobham, P.M.; and "The Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. Thomas Whitehead, J.D., and James Pendleton, I.G. After the Tyler's toast had been given, the brethren returned to Liverpool at an early hour. An excellent band played during dinner, and a choice selection of vocal music was given during the evening by Bros. Queen, Hobart, Bryan, and Pugmire. Bro. A. B. Ewart, Organist of the lodge, most efficiently played the pianoforte accompaniments. The toast list, lithographed by Bro. S. Jacobs, 241, was exquisitely got up, and a splendid portrait of the W.M., photographed by Bros. Brown, Barnes, and Bell, added immensely to its value as a souvenir of the highly successful installation gathering of 1878.

**LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).** On Thursday, the 4th inst., the brethren of this strongly constituted lodge gathered in great force at the headquarters of Freemasonry in Liverpool, Hope-street, for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the W.M. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. J. C. Robinson, supported by Bros. J. Lloyd, I.P.M.; H. Pearson, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Hayes, P.M.; P. Pinnington, P.M.; J. T. Rose, P.M.; F. Barnett, S.W.; W. P. Jennings, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Treas., P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.Z.; R. Collings, Sec.; W. Corbett, S.D.; J. Whalley, J.D.; H. N. Parry, I.G.; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325, Org.; W. H. Vernon, S.; W. Morney, S. The members present were Bros. W. Williams, H. Hall, M. Davies, J. Hyams, J. Molloy, J. L. Whitney, W. Sambrook, J. Chambers, J. Lear, J. Simpson, D. Thomas, S. Johnson, M. G. L. Stone, M. W. Thornton, J. Baines, W. Lother, R. Bradley, D. Oliphant, Wm. Pye, G. C. Reeceham, F. Cooper, R. Fitzgerald, J. Whittall, J. Messenger, R. Thompson, J. Pye, G. Bowker, J. Wood (*Freemason*), P. Stern, N. Cohen, J. Williams, W. Yates, M. Howarth, jun., D. Cangle, R. Thomas, J. White, W. Gamble, J. Jenaway, F. J. Porter, J. Chisnall, R. Morrin, J. Morrison, E. Owen, J. N. Pendleton, A. Barnan, J. K. Walker, F. G. Ross, J. Crebbin, and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The visitors' list included Bros. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; J. Peters, P.M. 597; J. Lecomber, I.P.M. 594, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales and Shrop.; R. Ramsden, P. M. 579; M. Harr, P.M. and Sec. 1502, Sec. 724; W. H. Cooper, W.M. 1350; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; F. H. Bradshaw, W.M. 1325; A. Cohen, 1502; R. Williams, 594, 1609; A. Samuels, J.D. 1325; J. D. Griffiths, 724; A. Finger, 1182; L. B. Goodman, 594; Lindo Courtney, S.W. 1609; H. Jones, I.G. 1675; J. N. Bryant, 1035, 203; S. M. Davies, 22, Canada; S. Schonstadt, S.W. 1502; and F. H. Walker, 1675. Bro. Frederick Barnett, W.M. elect, having been presented by Bros. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., and J. C. Robinson, P.M., was installed by Bro. John Hayes, P.M., in a very effective manner. After the usual honours the following brethren were invested officers for the coming year: Bros. John C. Robinson, I.P.M.; W. Corbett, S.W.; W. P. Jennings, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., P.M., Treasurer (re-elected for eighth time); John Hayes, P.M., D.C.; J. Whalley, and H. W. Parry, S.D. and

J.D.; W. Vernon, I.G.; W. Mooney, S.S.; Joseph Jenaway, J.S.; and James Simpson, Assistant Steward. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hayes, P.M., for his impressive carrying out of the installation ceremony, and the W.M. then proceeded to give a degree to two brethren in a manner which showed him to be no novice in Masonry. The officers also showed considerable proficiency. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Robinson. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the large banqueting-room, where a substantial dinner was provided by Bro. Vines, and was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. That of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.G.R.; Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; and Pearson, P.G. Steward. "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Robinson, I.F.M., who stated that he need say nothing to recommend Bro. Barnett to them. During his five years' connection with the lodge his conduct had been that of a worthy Mason; and his working in the subordinate offices, such as amply to justify their choice. Bro. Barnett briefly thanked the brethren, and promised his best efforts to promote the interests of 249. "The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., and cordially received. Bro. Hayes replied, and thanked the brethren. A very handsome set of diamond studs was presented to Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of his long services as Treasurer, by Bro. Robinson, I.P.M., and also of his past Preceptorship of the lodge of instruction. A very fine timepiece and vases were handed over to Bro. Hayes, P.M., at the same time, as a token of esteem, and in consideration of his services as Past Master and present Preceptor. Bros. Smith and Hayes acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms. "The Past Masters" was spoken to by Bros. J. K. Smith, P.M.; Rev. Philip Pennington, P.M.; H. Pearson, P.M.; J. J. Ross, P.M.; J. Hayes, P.M.; and J. C. Robinson, I.P.M. "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bros. M. Hart, P.M. 1502; J. W. Burgess, I.P.M. 1325; Peters, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales; Le Comber, I.P.M. 594, and others. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Rev. P. Pennington, who spoke more especially of the value of their educational charities, and made an appeal for their funds. Bro. M'Kenzie, J.W. 1609, responded, and spoke of the singularly honourable position held by West Lancashire with regard to its educational charities. "The Officers" was fully done justice to, and was responded to by Bros. Corbett, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; James Simpson, Assist. S.; and others. "The Press" was proposed by Bro. Robinson, and responded to by Bros. M'Kenzie (*Freemason*), J. P. Bryan, and Davies. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated.

**HULL.—Minerva Lodge (No. 250).**—Monday, the 24th ult., being the feast of St. John the Baptist, the annual installation of officers of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, took place according to ancient custom. The following is a list of the brethren installed:—Bros. Richard Huntley, Worshipful Master; Charles Newton, Im. Past Master; John Charles Serres, Senior Warden; John Campbell Thompson, Junior Warden; Henry Haigh, P.M., P.J.G.D., Lecture Master; Charles Wells, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treasurer; Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer Benevolent Fund; J. L. Jacobs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer Building Fund; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., P.G. Sec., Secretary; John Henry Glover, Senior Deacon; Arthur Jones, Junior Deacon; Edmund Bulchin, Director of Ceremonies; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., Almoner; Vessey King, J. Hearfield Walker, William England, Alfred Thornton, William R. Cross, Stewards; Chas. H. Hunt, P.P.G.O., Organist; William Foele, Inner Guard; Jeremiah Faulkner, Tyler; Daniel Swallow, Assistant Tyler. The installation ceremonies were performed by W. Bro. J. P. Bell, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master. At the conclusion of the business an elegant collation was provided in the dining-hall of the lodge, of which over fifty brethren partook; the musical arrangements were under the superintendence of the Organist, and the collation was provided from the Cross Keys Hotel.

**LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).**—The members of this lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, who hold their meetings at the Athenæum, in Lancaster, celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist, or "Little St. John," as it is more generally termed, on the 27th ult. by dining together at Rigg's Hotel, Wintermer. For many years past it has been customary to hold this festival at the North-Western Hotel, Morecambe, but this year the members decided to go a little further from home, and the Lake district was selected. The day was remarkably fine, and as there was no fixed order as to how the brethren should arrive at the place of meeting, each individual member in this respect followed the bent of his own fancy, but the bulk of them made a day of it, and in the interval which elapsed before dinner, visited some of the scenery for which the Lake district is so noted. Five o'clock was the hour named for dinner, and with commendable punctuality between thirty and forty of the brethren had assembled at Rigg's Hotel, and sat down to a dinner for which the mere mention of the hotel is a sufficient guarantee as to the quality of the viands that were placed before the guests. Bro. Jowett, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Dale and J. Hartley, 1353, James Hatch, A. Bell, Shaw, Hall, T. Atkinson, J. Harrison, Heald, Acton, &c. In the absence of the S.W. the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Kelland, who was supported by Bros. Bell, 1353, Bond, Bailey, Whiteside, Thistlethwaite, Melrose, Pilkington, J. Atkinson (*Freemason*), and others. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. These were followed by the Masonic toasts customary on such occasions, and which were received in a manner "peculiar among Masons." The toast of "The W.M."

was very cordially received, as was also that of "The Visitors;" the evening's proceedings being further enhanced by the harmony of several of the brethren. The brethren returned to Lancaster by the 8.30 p.m. train, all of them having enjoyed a pleasant out.

**LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—**The annual installation meeting of this well established and estimable lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at ten o'clock, on Thursday morning, the 27th ult. There was a very large gathering of the brethren, drawn together for the special purpose of witnessing the ceremony of placing Bro. J. L. Houghton, S.W., the W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. Bro. John Lecomber, W.M., opened the lodge shortly after ten o'clock, and he was supported during the ceremony by Bros. R. P. France, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; H. Hunt, P.M.; T. Dilcock, P.M.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; John L. Houghton, S.W., W.M. elect; Thomas Boswell, J.W.; A. Pedersen, Sec.; J. H. Burch, S.D.; J. V. Clitherow, J.D.; W. H. Vevers, I.G.; R. J. Wilkinson, S.; J. Yapp, Org.; and T. Malcolm Tyler, and a numerous assemblage of brethren of the lodge and a number of visiting brethren. After the transaction of the usual routine of preliminary business Bro. R. P. France took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. Houghton (presented by Bros. P.M. Larsen and Dilcock), and his rendering of the ceremony and the accompanying addresses gave every satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. then invested the following officers:—Bro. John Lecomber, I.P.M.; Bro. S. Ibbes, P.M., D.C.; Bro. Thos. Boswell, S.W.; Bro. Adolph Pederson, J.W.; Bro. Robert Ing, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); Bro. J. H. Burch, Honorary Secretary; Bro. J. J. Yapp, Organist; Bros. J. J. Clitherow and W. H. Vevers respectively Senior and Junior Deacons; Bro. R. J. Wilkinson, I. G.; Bros. J. D. Thomas, E. Messham, W. S. Larkey, and C. W. Ing, Stewards. Bro. Malcolm was unanimously re-elected and invested as Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks given to Bro. France for his excellent work as Installing Master. The lodge was then closed in solemn form and harmony, and after partaking of luncheon the brethren proceeded to Lime-street Station, where they were joined by their lady friends, and proceeded by train to Frodsham. The journey was most enjoyable, and the change from the sultry streets of Liverpool to the breezy slopes of the Overton hills was a delightful one. Those who were inclined to exercise their climbing powers soon set out for their destination, while others pressed into their service the much enduring donkeys of the neighbourhood. Soon all were seated, to the number of 150, to a substantial dinner, provided by Mr. Rigby, of Belmont. There was a large number of visitors, among whom were Bros. A. Hart, W.M. 724; James T. Callow, P.M. 673, 1505; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; John C. Robinson, W.M. 249; Barnett, S.W. 249; John Hayes, P.M. 249; William May, P.M. 673; Myers, W.M. 1182; and others. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, but the list of other toasts was curtailed to enable the excursionists to enjoy the beautiful scenery. In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. Lecomber said it gave him great satisfaction to see such a worthy brother placed in the chair that day. The reins of government could not have been given to better hands, and he had every confidence in the future of the lodge under Bro. Houghton's guidance. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren, and stated that, with the assistance of the very efficient staff of officers under him, he hoped to be able to render a good account of his stewardship. He then proceeded to propose the toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters," complimenting Bro. France on his working that day, and said that Lodge 594 might be proud of its Past Masters. In conclusion, he said he had a most pleasing duty to perform—viz., to present Bro. Lecomber with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the lodge. This vote was supplemented by the private donations of members, and the result is one of the most magnificent jewels of its class ever seen in Liverpool. It contains over one hundred brilliants, and is of most pleasing design. Bro. Lecomber briefly and feelingly thanked the brethren, and the toast was also spoken to by Bro. France and Bro. Ibbes, the latter of whom also responded for "The Ladies." After "The Visitors" had been honoured, various amusements were indulged in, and dancing on the grass seemed, notwithstanding the warmth of the weather, to be spiritedly entered into. The company departed for home after tea, arriving at Lime-street at 10.30, evidently having thoroughly enjoyed their outing.

**LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—**A most interesting evening was enjoyed by the members and visitors of this capital lodge on Thursday evening, the 18th ult., when the ceremony of raising possessed a peculiar attraction from the fact that the sons of two P.M.'s were raised at the same time, one of their fathers occupying the chair. It will be remembered that two or three months ago Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S., initiated his own son and that of Bro. George S. Willings, I.P.M., and on this last occasion Bro. Willings completed the good work thus begun by raising his son and Bro. Jackson, jun., along with two other candidates, to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. John Ellis, W.M. The ceremony of raising was performed with the perfection of impressive effect by Bro. G. S. Willings, I.P.M., and the manner in which he afterwards gave the lectures of the degree still further enhanced the Masonic enjoyment of an evening which will be long remembered with pleasure. Charity was voted, propositions were made, "hearty good wishes" were conveyed by various visitors, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a most pleasant evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.—St John's Lodge (No. 673).—**The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. Bro. H. Burrows, W.M., occupied the chair, and amongst the principal members present were Bros. Thos. Roberts, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; D. Jackson, S.W.; W. Brackenbury, J.W.; T. Clark, P.M., Treas.; W. T. May, Sec.; L. Herman, S.D.; J. Seddon, J.D.; R. Whitehead, Org.; T. Falsbaw, I.G.; T. Smith, Steward. The members present were Bros. W. Irvine, W. Sunderland, J. S. Knox, H. Jones, E. Browne, G. Leitch, W. H. Miller, T. Wood, M. Mendoza, Z.; D. Paterson, S. W. Halse, W. A. Lake, J. B. Widdows, M. Corless, P.M.; R. Pearson, P.M.; E. Kyle, J. Johnson, R. Ewans, W. J. Morton, Thomas Miller, A. P. Garcia, E. Toms, H. Nelson, P.M.; and James W. Alderson. The visitors included Bros. B. Martin, P.M. 1182; Thos. Shaw, P.M. 823; W. B. Myers, P.M. 1182; F. E. Jackson, P.M. 667, P.G.S.; Henry Morris, P.M. 1505; W. N. Wass, W.M. 758; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 594; H. Pearson, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; T. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Ellis, W.M. 667; J. H. Bradshaw, W.M. 1325; John Hayes, P.M. 249; R. P. France, P.M. 594; J. E. Robinson, W.M. 249; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155 and 823, P.P.G.D.C. W. L.; Geo. Peat, P.M. 241; J. Lecomber, P.M. 594; A. C. Morrison, W.M. 1570; T. Davis, S.W. 1188; L. Courtenay, S.W. 1609; W. Healing, P.M. 1094; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; A. D. Hesketh, Sec. 1082; J. Wood, Treas. 1094 (Freemason); Thos. Hatton, 203; N. R. Richards; J. Lorey; F. Spedding, 673; J. R. Coombs, W. Cansfield, J. Buckley, J. Chetton, T. Little, C. Gormall, R. Gormall, T. Pallman, J. R. Bottomley, S.W. 1675; T. Davies, S.W. 1182; F. Barnett, S.W. 249; G. Mustler, 1182; G. King, 823; F. Cooper, 249; J. M. King, 823; J. Hunter, 1356; W. J. Harlam, J. Massey, J. Bryan, 1035, 823; A. Gregory, 594. After the usual business, the chair was taken by Bro. Thos. Clark, P.M., and Bro. David Jackson, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. H. Burrows and Hocken, P.M.'s, and the installation ceremony very efficiently performed by Bro. Clark. On the readmission of the brethren the usual Masonic honours were paid, and the work taken up by Bro. W. May, P.M., in a manner pleasing to all. The W. M. (Bro. D. Jackson) then invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bro. H. Burrows, I.P.M.; Bro. W. Brackenbury, S.W.; Bro. L. Herman, J.W.; Bro. Thos. Clark, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); Bro. W. May, P.M., Secretary; Bro. R. Whitehead, Organist; Bros. John Seddon and Thos. Falshaw, Senior and Junior Deacons; Bro. Thos. Smyth, I.G.; Bro. J. C. Callow, P.M. D.C.; Bro. C. Marsh, H. Marshall, and G. Leitch, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The newly-chaired W.M. then proceeded to initiate a member, and performed the ceremony in a perfect manner. Before the lodge closed he presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Burrows, I.P.M., expressing the kindly feeling of the brethren towards him in a few well-chosen terms. Bro. Burrows briefly replied, saying that it was most pleasing to him to receive such a gift after fourteen years' connection with the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting-room for supper, when about 130 sat down, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of "The Prov. G.M. and Prov. Officers" being responded to by Bro. John E. Jackson, P.M. 667, P.G. Steward, who said that this was an unexpected honour. His humble position in Prov. Grand Lodge hardly entitled him to say much, but he could not forbear expressing his admiration for their Pro Grand Master, and they ought to be very proud of him, not only as a Mason, but in his position in the councils of the nation and among their local aristocracy. In proposing the toast of "W.M.," Bro. Burrows, I.P.M., said he felt proud to see in the chair not only so worthy a Mason but an old friend. He was sure that, if spared, his work would be equal to any of his predecessors, and give every satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M., in responding, said he must thank the I.P.M. for the very flattering terms in which his health had been proposed, and also the brethren for the hearty way in which they had endorsed those sentiments in the high honour they had conferred upon him, and of which he was afraid he was not worthy. Still, with the assistance of such well qualified Past Masters as the lodge possessed, and who with their usual good feeling, he was sure, would support him, he hoped to go satisfactorily through his year of office. "The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was then proposed by the W.M. Bro. Burrows, in reply, said he felt exceedingly proud of the honour of being P.M. of such a lodge as 673, and returned his thanks. Bro. Pearson also responded. "The Installing Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Clarke and May. The former thanked the brethren, and said he was only conscious of having done his duty to the best of his ability. Bro. May said it gave him great pleasure to have taken part in installing their W.M., as he had watched his steady upward progress in Masonry, and was perfectly certain he would do the office credit. Bros. Shaw, P.M. 823; J. S. Jackson, P.M. 667; Burgess, I.P.M. 1325; and Healing, 1264 &c., responded to the toast of "The Visitors." The annual picnic took place on the following day at Wynnstay Park, Ruabon, the seat of Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., P.G.M. of N. Wales and Shropshire, when about 300 ladies and brethren were present.

**HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—**The ceremony of installing Bro. T. P. Hall as Worshipful Master of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 3rd inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren, including several Past Masters and officers of neighbouring lodges. Congratulations were received from the W.M.'s of 309, 903, 1428, and several other brethren. The Installing Master was Bro. Francis, P.M., who was assisted by a full Board of Masters. After the installation

the Worshipful Master proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Liddell, S.W.; O. C. Harries, J.W.; J. Weeks, P.M., Treas.; T. Francis, P.M., Sec.; J. N. Hillman, P.M., M.C.; W. Dart, S.D.; H. Kimber, J.D.; J. E. Elverston, I.G.; H. Richardson and A. J. Reed, Stewards; T. B. Askew, Organist; W. Blackmore, Tyler; and Bro. G. Blackmore, Assistant Tyler. The important business of the lodge having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a recherche banquet was served, which reflected the greatest possible credit on Bro. J. Purnell and his staff. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and Craft," and subsequently he gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He was sure the brethren would agree with him that their royal Brother was one of the most hardworking men in the world, and that he did all he possibly could to advance the interests of the Craft. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. next proposed "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers," the toast being well received. He next gave "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." It was perfectly clear that Freemasonry could not have flourished as it had flourished without good Provincial Officers, and he was glad to welcome that day those brethren who had taken provincial offices, and who had done him the honour to be present at his installation. The Provincial Officers had a deal of rough work to do sometimes, but they invariably acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the brethren. He coupled with the toast Bros. P.M.'s Lintott, Maltby, Hillman, and Green. Bro. Lintott, in responding, dwelt at some length on the merits of Bro. Beach, the Prov. G.M., and alluded to his great efforts to advance the best interests of the Order. It was not long ago that Bro. Beach had put himself to great inconvenience and travelled a great many miles in very inclement weather to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Carnarvon Lodge, and subsequently, when the erection of the lodge premises had been completed, he came among them again to perform the ceremony of consecration. This, and, in fact, all the incidents of Bro. Beach's life, showed most conclusively that he had the welfare of the whole fraternity at heart. Bro. H. Martin Green, P.M., also responded. Bro. Clay, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the newly-installed W.M.," and in the course of his observations wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren heartily for the kind reception they had accorded him from time to time, and for the great honour they had done him in electing him as the W.M. of the lodge. He sincerely trusted that he should so carry out the duties which would devolve upon him so as to afford satisfaction to the brethren, and he promised faithfully that nothing but sickness or business of great emergency should ever prevent his being present in his place at the various lodge meetings. Of course, in all gatherings there must of necessity arise now and then some little unpleasantness, but he trusted that any little hitch that might occur during his year of office would speedily be overcome, and that they would be able to work harmoniously together. If peace and harmony existed, and the various officers and brethren did their duty, the lodge must prosper. Bro. H. Martin Green, P.M., proposed "The Visitors" in a neat speech, the toast being duly acknowledged by each visiting brother present. "The Health of the Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Weeks, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Francis, P.M., who expressed a hope that the year upon which they were about to enter, under the guidance of Bro. Hall, would prove even more prosperous than the years which had gone by. The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters of the Carnarvon Lodge," to which Bro. Clay, I.P.M., and Bro. Hillman responded, and both promised to render the W.M. every possible assistance during his year of office. The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Carnarvon Lodge, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Liddell, S.W.; "Bro. Weeks, P.M.," proposed by Bro. Triggs, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Weeks; "The Host," proposed by Bro. Clay, I.P.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Purnell, and the Tyler's Toast. The proceedings, which were of the most enjoyable character, terminated soon after eleven o'clock.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—**An emergency meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday the 27th June, for the transaction of preliminaries necessary at this large and important lodge for the forthcoming installation meeting. Bro. Butter, W.M., presided. Bro. Hayes, W.M. elect, and the other officers filling their several stations. The lodge having been opened in due form Mr. C. Clapham was, after approval, initiated into Freemasonry, and before closing it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the W.M., supported by the W.M. elect, that a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. C. Jolly and inscribed on the minutes of the lodge for his full and faithful reports of their meetings, as published in the *Freemason* during the last year. Bro. Jolly modestly and briefly returned thanks, and the lodge was closed. A most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent by the brethren.

The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., and was honoured by the presence of Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent, and a large array of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, visitors and brethren of the lodge, among whom were Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chap.; F. Spurrel, P.M. 615, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Russell, P.M., 77, P.P.G.D. Kent; R. Pidecock, P.M., 916, and P.G.D.C., Sussex; T. Smith, P.M. 829, and P.P.G.P. Kent; T.

Hastings, P.M. 829, and P.P.G.P. Kent; T. Wil'st, P.M. 299, and P.G. Superintendent of Works, Ken; J. Scott Mutch, W.M. 706; A. Waters, W.M. 700. W. Weston, P.M. 1536; F. Dawson, 700; L. Etheridge, W.M. 829; Sydney Clarke, P.M. and Treasurer 706; E. W. Young, P.M. 704; W. P. Applebee, P.M. 13; W. Muster, P.M. 1349; W. G. Wingrove, W.M. 299; T. Butt, P.M. 700; T. Hutton, J.W. 13; J. Donally, S.W. 706; H. Picken, S.W. and W.M. elect, 1536; A. Woodley, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; J. Warren, J.W. 700; H. Syer, Sec. 13; Eugene Swene, J.W. 706; W. Wilson, I.G. 166; S. Streeter, 972; Jos. Chapman, 942; G. Beaver, 700; T. Holleyman, 1536; Watkins, 1536; S. W. Iron, 902; W. G. Batchelor, 548; E. B. Burr, 1349; E. H. Williams, 1056; D. Campbell, 33; Roberts, 77; Jas. Ellis, 700; W. Ponton, 1158; B. de B. Lopez, 6; and C. Jolly (Freemason). The Past Masters present were C. A. Ellis Fermor, E. Denton, Sec., and P.P.G.P. Kent; J. McDougall, A. Penfold, and W. T. Vincent. The lodge was opened at two p.m., Bro. H. Butter, W.M., in the chair, and shortly after the arrival of Bro. Eastes was announced. Upon that distinguished brother entering the lodge he was received with grand honours, and took his seat at the right of the chair. Their being no other business before the lodge, the ceremony of installation was immediately proceeded with, and Bro. T. D. Hayes, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Butter, and in due form seated in the chair of K.S. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. B. Lloyd, S.W.; James Chapman, J.W.; E. Denton, Sec.; A. Jessup, Treas.; R. J. Cook, S.D.; H. Mason, J.D.; R. Edmonds, I.G.; C. Cooke, Org.; H. Pryce, D.C.; Reed, W.S.; and R. Lester, Tyler. The charges were then delivered most eloquently, and indeed the whole ceremony was magnificently worked by Bro. Butter, whose installation of his successor will long be remembered with pleasure by all who had the privilege to be present. A cordial vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Eastes for honouring the lodge by his presence, and that brother briefly returned thanks. A handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas was then placed by the W.M. upon the breast of Bro. Butter, and he was unanimously thanked for his splendid working of the installation, and after he had returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sped away by special train to Gravesend. There, at the New Falcon Hotel, Bro. Sam Hubbard's pleasant hostelry, a superb banquet awaited them, which having been fully considered and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," saying, as Englishmen they were all faithful to their country and loyal to their Queen, and when they looked upon her, not only as the sovereign of those realms, but the mother of three noble Masons, one of whom was their future King, and present Grand Master, and the two others holding a high and distinguished position in the Craft, he felt sure they would drink it heartily and wish her long life and every happiness. The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master. They all knew the great and unceasing interest their G.M. took in progress, both at home and abroad. In France his labours for the success of their Great Exhibition had endeared him to the whole of the French nation, and at home he was first in all good works. It was only the day before that he had been into the country for the purpose of opening a fine Art Exhibition, and for that labour in the advancement of Art and Science, as well as for his great interest and exalted position in Masonry, they felt it a duty and a pleasure to honour him. The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., Earl Carnarvon; the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and in putting it the W.M. said, they were honoured that night by the company of a most distinguished Mason, Bro. Hill, who was a Grand Chaplain of England, as well as Grand Chaplain of their own Province of Kent, and he felt sure there was no one they felt more delighted to have among them than Bro. Hill. They felt proud and gratified at the high position he held among the Masons of England. None could be more worthy, and none could do greater credit to that position. He coupled the name of Bro. Hill with the toast, and asked them to do honour to it. Bro. Hill, in response, said he regretted that the two Grand Officers sitting under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and named in the toast, were not present, because, if they were, they would go away with a good opinion of the Pattison Lodge. H.R.H. was well supported by his officers in Grand Lodge, and they knew what it was to have good officers if they wished to become efficient. In Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale they had two most able and devoted Masons, worthy by their talents and abilities for the exalted stations they occupied. The first from his earliest youth was a great master of the most abstruse sciences, and eloquent, both in his own and other tongues. As an orator he was second to none for grace and elegance. In his intercourse with the brethren he was always courteous and earnest, and ruled them with an easy yoke. In Lord Skelmersdale he had an able coadjutor, whose labours for the Craft was unceasing. Next week he would be at Clacton, presiding at the launching of the life-boat, given to that coast as a thank-offering to the G.A.O.T.U. for the safe return of our beloved G.M. from India. So that seeing the great work of love and good that these brethren did, he felt that they must be like the knights of old, who won their spurs by perseverance in good works, and well did they deserve the good wishes and earnest prayers of the brethren. For himself he thanked them for their kind notice of his promotion, in the name of Grand Lodge for their enthusiastic reception of the toast. The next toast was that of "Lord Holmesdale, Grand Master of the Province of Kent, Bro. Eastes, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Hayes in putting it, said those who had attended Grand Lodge must have seen the genial way Lord Holmesdale had of conducting the business of that lodge. In the person of

their D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, they had a good Mason, and one who devoted a great deal of his time to the needs of the province. All of them were under a deep debt of obligation to him for doing so. And now, brethren, said the W.M., in conclusion, what I lack in words to express our admiration of our esteemed brother, you make up in enthusiasm. Bro. Eastes, in responding, said he could hardly find words to thank them sufficiently for their reception of the toast, and more particularly for the kind way in which it had been put by the W.M. With regard to Lord Holmesdale, their G.M., they had good reason to be proud of him. He (Bro. Eastes) knew something of the labours of their G.M. and the interest he took in Freemasonry. At Canterbury, yesterday, he (the G.M.) had conducted the proceedings with that courtesy and kindness that was so like him, and which made it a pleasure as well as an honour to be in communication with him, and he trusted that T.G.A. O.T.U. would, in his wisdom and mercy, let their Bro. Lord Holmesdale long be spared to rule over them and aid them in their efforts for the good of Freemasonry in this their grand old Province of Kent. For himself he felt it a sorrow that circumstances prevented him visiting so often as he should like so large and excellent a lodge as the Pattison. He must congratulate the W.M. upon what he had seen of the working of it. Bro. Hill had a brother here who was at Canterbury yesterday, and that brother had expressed his unqualified gratification at the magnificent sight presented there, and he (Bro. Eastes) felt it a most gratifying sight to see a lodge like the Pattison, meeting some 130 strong, and all bound together in one bond of brotherly love and unity. It was a sight that made him, and might make any one feel proud of Freemasonry, and of the province. It had often struck him, and it might be, that in a large lodge, where there were no doubt many aspirants for office, that feeling of jealousy might arise, and that its very strength might be ultimately its weakness. Of course it was impossible for all to hold office, and he had often thought that perhaps a lodge might be too large to firmly bind together all the elements that might be supposed to make it a prosperous lodge, but now, and that night, he saw that such a thing might be; that a lodge might not only be large, but united so genially together, as to fulfil all the conditions of a thoroughly happy and prosperous one. From this neighbourhood he always received great and many tokens of friendship, and although living in a distant part of the province some of them might think that he did not look sufficiently after them in the western portion of it, he could assure them that he did, and desired but one thing, and that was the welfare and prosperity of all and every lodge in the province. The next toast was that of "The Provincial Officers, Past and Present," coupled with the names of Bros. Wills, Coupland, and Spurrell, each of whom responded. Bros. Butters, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and in the course of an eloquent address said he felt that in relinquishing the chair to one who had by arduous work rendered himself worthy of holding it it would lose none of the prestige that had hitherto surrounded it. He asked them to give the new occupier the same hearty support that they had given him. He felt that he had passed through a year of great work and intense pleasure. The work he sought, and the pleasure they had given him in the unremitting expression of their fidelity and brotherly love. He felt that he had done his best, and had not had one bad quarter-of-an-hour with any single brother of the lodge. He should always regard, with the greatest satisfaction, the handsome jewel they that day had presented to him, because it came with a spontaneity that bore evidence of their goodwill to him. He felt, however, that he was speaking too much about himself, and too little about the W.M. He asked them then to give their support to a most worthy man and Mason. They knew the manner in which he had passed through the subordinate offices of the lodge, and they could see that he would be able to do the same good work in the highest, and wishing him a prosperous year of office, he asked them to do honour to the toast. Bro. Hayes in reply said he thanked the brethren for their kindness, and felt exceedingly gratified to hold the office they had unanimously elected him to. He trusted he should be found worthy of it. He was a bad speaker, but hoped he should be a good worker. Their I.P.M. was a most excellent one, and he was afraid he should only be a foil to him, but if they would only give him their support, he would try all that in him lay to fill the position as they desired to see it filled. In the past years they had accorded him their suffrages, and in the future he hoped he should continue to merit it. The toast of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge" followed, and Bros. Butter, Ellis, McDougall, Smith and Pidcock severally responded. To that of "The Visitors," Bros. Mutch, Burt, Weston and Hill responded, and after Bro. Lloyd had responded for "The Officers," the meeting broke up, and the brethren returned to Woolwich and Plumstead. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Sallenger, who with Madame Sallenger, Miss C. Claremont, and Bro. Arthur Thomas, enlivened the proceedings with a choice selection of morceaux, and Bro. Hubbard was congratulated upon all sides for his excellent catering.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Royal Victoria Lodge (No. 1013).—The annual installation meeting in connection with this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The chair was taken by the retiring W.M., Bro. C. A. Whitney, supported by Bros. James Thompson, S.W.; J. R. Rowan, J.W.; J. K. Hughes, P.M.; Lowe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Rogers, Treasurer, and others. The lodge having been opened, Bro. T. K. Hughes, P.M., took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. James Thompson, the Worshipful Master

elect, in his usual impressive manner. The regular Masonic honours were duly rendered, and the following officers invested by the W.M.:—Bros. C. A. Whitney, I.P.M.; J. R. Rowan, S.W.; J. Stoddart, J.W.; C. Vick, Secretary; E. Rogers, Treasurer (re-elected); H. Shewell, S.D.; T. E. Tomlinson, J.D.; R. Johnson, I.G.; T. K. Hughes, P.M., D.C.; W. C. Woods, Organist; J. Jordan and H. Glover, Stewards. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Whitney, I.P.M., and Bro. Hughes made the presentation on behalf of the brethren. The lodge then adjourned to the old lodge-room, where a very recherche dinner was provided by Bro. Vines, and a pleasant evening was spent. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treasurer; and the toast of the evening, viz., "The Worshipful Master," was most cordially received. "The Installing Master" and "The West Lancashire Educational Institution" were duly honoured; while "The Visitors" was coupled with the name of Bro. J. W. Turley, P.M. 1305 and 1473, P.P.G. J.D., &c., and warmly acknowledged. Bros. Hughes, P.M.; Lowe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and Whitney, I.P.M., answered for "The Past Masters." A number of glees and songs were rendered by the following brethren, to the great satisfaction of the members: Bros. Armstrong, W. Forrester, Tomlinson, W. C. Woods, Crowther, and S. Howard, the accompaniments being furnished by Bro. J. P. Bryan.

**SHEERNESS.**—De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).—The adjourned meeting for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was held in the Victoria Hall (by the kind permission of the brethren of the Adams Lodge, No. 158). Bro. E. Penney, W.M., duly opened the lodge, when the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes, was introduced to the brethren by Bro. J. R. Macdonald, P.M., and P.P.G.D. of C., with the usual Masonic honours. Previous to the installation the W.M. informed the brethren that he was entrusted with the (to him) pleasing duty of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. John Hancock, P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, which had been passed by a unanimous vote of the lodge. Bro. Hancock briefly returned thanks. Bro. A. Bourne, I.P.M., then introduced to the W.M. the W.M. elect, Bro. H. G. Clarkson, for installation, when the lodge having been raised through various degrees, and the usual preliminary questions having been answered by the Worshipful Master elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Penney, the retiring W.M., in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner, reflecting great credit upon Bro. Penney as an efficient brother of the Craft, Bro. Clarkson having been placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted with full honours in the different degrees according to ancient custom. Previous to investing his officers for his term of office, the W.M. presented the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, the receipt of which was thankfully acknowledged by Bro. Penney. The following brethren were invested with the insignia of their various offices: Bros. E. J. Penney, I.P.M.; W. Isaac, S.W.; J. Saffery, J.W.; John Hancock, P.M., Treas.; W. Pannell, P.M., Sec.; H. Johnson, S.D.; T. H. Smith, J.D.; T. G. Redman, I.G.; J. T. Murray and H. Vile, Stewards, and J. W. Parsons, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren present at the installation we noticed Bro. Tuff, S.W. of 1273, Bros. Green, Stutely, and several other brethren from Lodge 158, and others. The lodge was closed in the usual manner and with solemn prayer, when the brethren of 1089 and visitors adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner was placed on the table by Bro. A. W. Howe. About 40 brethren were in attendance. The W.M. presided, while the vice-chairs were filled by Bros. Isaac, S.W., and Saffery, J.W. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The W.M. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, M.P.," which toasts were duly and enthusiastically honoured; "The R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes." In responding to this toast Bro. Eastes said that it had given him much pleasure and satisfaction to be present at that installation, especially as the whole of the proceedings of the day had been conducted in so highly satisfactory a manner. He was not in the habit of making invidious comparisons as to the working of the various lodges he was in the habit of visiting, but he must say that he was much pleased that he was present to commend the brethren of the De Shurland on the very efficient state of the lodge. After a few remarks on the necessity of a constant and increased support of the Masonic charities, the V.W. thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had received him, and hoped it would not be long ere he could again visit them. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," was coupled with the name of Bro. Thorpe, Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Thorpe responded in a few appropriate remarks. The other Masonic Toasts, "The W.M.," "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The Secretary," "The Treasurer," and others, were all well received, and the day passed off in a most pleasant manner, and was concluded to be one of the most successful Masonic banquets ever held in Sheerness.

**LEWES.**—Tyrian Lodge (No. 1110).—On Wednesday, the 26th ult., the annual ceremony of installation in this lodge took place at the Gildredge Hotel, when Bro. A. Taylor was duly exalted to the dignity of W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed the following officers:—Bros. J. Head, I.P.M.; C. Crisp, S.W.; G. Perry, J.W.;

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held on Wednesday week, in the Royal Borough of Windsor, when the whole of the sixteen lodges in the two counties were represented. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Carlton Club Room at half-past one o'clock, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., presiding. The officers of the Prov. G. Lodge also present included Bros. J. Palmer, W. H. Herbert, W. Fitch, L. Bryett, J. Fuller, A. M. Yetts, A. B. Weston, C. Nowell, W. H. Bingham, H. D. Hume, W. Rest, S. A. Pocock, R. Roberts, F. Manley, and others. The late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, was also present.

The lodge having been opened in the usual form, the P.G. Master announced that the first business would be the installation of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. W. Biggs, late Provincial Grand Secretary, with three other Past Masters, then presented Bro. the Rev. Arthur Percival Purey Cust, Archdeacon of Buckingham, and the patent or warrant of the P.G. Master, appointing the Archdeacon to the office, was then read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Bradley, after which the P.G. Master installed the Archdeacon, who was thereupon conducted to the seat on Sir Daniel's right, and the customary honours were given to the P.G. Master and also to the Deputy P.G. Master. The P.G. Secretary then called over the lodges in the province, and the brethren of each rose in response, after which the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called, and most of the brethren appointed to provincial rank last year were in their places.

The financial statements for the past year were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, showing the funds to be in a very satisfactory state.

The report of the Charity Committee was also read, and on the motion of the P.G. Master, seconded by Bro. Dixon, the sum of twenty guineas was voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Charity Fund.

The returns from the various lodges in the province being read, showed that Masonry is making a steady advance in this part of the country. The present number of members in the province, as shown by the returns sent in by the Secretaries of the different lodges, is upwards of 700.

The next business on the agenda paper being the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer in the room of Bro. George Chancellor, of Reading, who succumbed to a long illness in the early part of the present year, the Provincial Grand Master said he desired to express on his own behalf, as well as on behalf of the whole province, the very deep regret felt at the death of Bro. Chancellor, who for some years fulfilled the duties of Treasurer to the credit of himself, and also to the satisfaction of the brethren generally. (Hear, hear). He felt sure that they would, without hesitation, agree in passing a vote of condolence with the widow and family of their deceased brother in their heavy affliction. (Hear, hear).

Bro. Grisbrook seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed that Major Charles Stephens, of Reading, and a member of the Union Lodge, No. 414, be appointed Provincial Grand Treasurer.

This proposal was seconded by the Deputy P.G.M., Archdeacon Cust, and unanimously adopted.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest several brethren with the Provincial Charity jewel, which, of all Masonic jewels, is, perhaps, the most honourable, inasmuch as it testifies in itself that the holder has cultivated the virtue which is the very essence of Freemasonry, namely, "Charity," it being an indispensable requirement that a Mason should have served the office of Steward at the festivals of at least two of the great Masonic Institutions, and contributed liberally himself before he can receive from his province this distinguishing badge. The brethren to whom Sir Daniel presented the jewel on this occasion were Bros. John O. Carter, P.M. 209; G. M. Knight, W.M. 574; Edward Grisbrook, P.M. 771; and Thomas Taylor, J.W. 1410.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Provincial Grand Master, addressing the brethren, said it gave him much pleasure that day, as on former occasions, to be able to congratulate the province on the general prosperity of the Craft. Sir Daniel then referred to some points which were listened to with the greatest interest, and proceeded to the next business, namely, the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers as follows:

- Barron Fielder, 574 ... .. Prov. G.S.W.
- McCubbin, 948 ... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. R. C. Honey, 1101 ... .. Prov. G. Chap.
- T. N. Garry, 414 ... .. Prov. G. Chap.
- Major Charles Stephens, 414 ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- Arthur Welch, 1101 ... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- Robert Bradley, 414 ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- W. H. Bingham, 771 ... .. Prov. G.S.D.
- W. S. Cantrell, 1501 ... .. Prov. G.J.D.
- S. A. Pocock, 414 ... .. Prov. G.S. of W.
- C. D. Hume, 209 ... .. Prov. G.D.C.
- G. T. De France, 591 ... .. Prov. G.A.D.C.
- E. L. Shepherd, 945 ... .. Prov. G.S.B.
- R. B. Bateman, 591 ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- E. Revell, 840 ... .. Prov. G. Purs.
- C. Nowell, 771, ... .. Prov. A.G. Purs.
- J. W. Britton, 1566 ... .. Prov. S.G. Stwd.
- Barret, 945; Baker, 945; A. H. Simpson, 945; Dick Radclyffe, and F. Ferguson ... .. Prov. G. Stwds.

The business of the lodge shortly afterwards terminated,

having occupied less time than usual, there being no special subjects for discussion.

At three o'clock the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Town Hall in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. Kemsley, of the Castle Hotel. The floral decorations were unusually beautiful, and for these the brethren were indebted to the taste and liberality of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, of the firm of Dick Radclyffe and Co., the eminent florists, of High Holborn. The Prov. G. Master presided, supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Archdeacon Cust), Rev. R. C. Honey, Rev. T. N. Garry, Bros. Hodges, Stephens, Biggs, Cutler, Winkfield, Bradley, and others. The company also comprised, in addition to the brethren whose names are given above, Bros. J. Stacey, W. S. Cantrell, H. D'Almaine, J. Strange, C. A. Barrett, W. Graham, G. M. Knight, S. Bradley, J. T. Stransom, W. J. Westrop, S. Knight, G. Cosburn, (Freemason), R. Ravenor, J. G. O'Farrell, W. H. Herbert, E. Baker, R. Nicholson, C. W. Seymour, H. Perks, T. V. Davison, H. D. Gooch, J. Cooper Forster, S. B. Merriman, Jos. Johnson, C. P. Smith, J. Whitehouse, Hickie, and others.

The musical arrangements devolved upon several brethren of St. George's Chapel Choir, under the able direction of Bro. Tolley, P.G.J.D., whose admirable performances greatly enhanced the pleasure of the party.

Grace was said by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and dessert having been introduced, the P.G. Master proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by that of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both being received with great cordiality.

The P.G. Master then proposed "The Health of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," for whom Bro. Winkfield, one of the Grand Stewards, returned thanks.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. C. Honey, of Reading, said it was a great pleasure, and he also regarded it as a great privilege, to propose the next toast, "The Health of the R.W. the P.G. Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P." (Cheers.) The reverend brother said that no doubt there were many present who were far more able to take custody of this toast than he was, owing to their more lengthened acquaintance with the Provincial Grand Master, nevertheless he felt from his own knowledge of Sir Daniel, and the way in which he discharged his duties, that he would not be expressing his own individual opinion too highly, and would not be reflecting the opinion of the brethren too highly, when he said that they could not possibly have a more worthy representative of the Craft in the chair than Sir Daniel Gooch. (Cheers.) He felt sure that as regards Sir Daniel's qualifications for that and other positions he held there could not be two opinions. (Hear, hear.) The remarkable dispatch with which Sir Daniel performed the duties of P.G.M. in the lodge must have secured the admiration of every working brother, (hear, hear), while the genial and hospitable way in which he presided at the banquet must also have given the brethren much satisfaction. (Cheers.)

The P.G. Master said he thanked the brethren very much for the hearty reception they had given to the last toast. It always gave him great pleasure to be among the brethren, whether at Windsor or elsewhere, as they invariably received him with the greatest possible kindness and cordiality. Sir Daniel then announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet at Abingdon next year, and although he could not promise the brethren, the splendid, he might say wonderful, reception which they had on their last visit to that town, he felt sure they might all look forward to a very hearty greeting. (Cheers.)

The brethren then drank "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Archdeacon of Buckingham," who had been compelled to leave the banquet through an engagement at Aylesbury.

Sir Daniel remarked that it was a matter of satisfaction that a man so deservedly popular as Archdeacon Cust had accepted the office. (Hear, hear.)

The health of the Past Grand Officers being embodied in this toast, Bro. Cutler responded.

To the toast of "The Visiting Brethren" Bro. Berry replied, and Bro. Lick Radclyffe responded to the reference made by Sir Daniel to the Masonic emblems which that brother had so tastefully arranged with flowers of the sweetest and choicest description. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was eloquently given by the Rev. T. N. Garry, Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, who observed that it had fallen to his lot to propose that which, after all, formed the very object, and end, and soul of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) The Masonic charities were an honour to the Craft as a body, and also to the individual brethren by whom they were supported, and he sincerely commended the great charitable institutions of the Order to the sympathy and help of those brethren who were not subscribers already. (Cheers.)

Bro. Carter, one of the brethren who had that day been presented with the Charity jewel, briefly replied.

To the toast of the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. McCubbin, Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Arthur Welch, Grand Registrar, responded, the facetious speech of the latter provoking much laughter.

The healths of Bro. Major Stephens, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Robert Bradley, the Grand Secretary, were proposed and cordially received, each brother suitably responding.

The next toast was "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, and Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771," by whom the arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge had been so admirably carried out.

The W.M. of the Etonian Lodge, and Bro. Tolley, a Past Master of the Windsor Castle Lodge, acknowledged the compliment, after which two or three other toasts were drunk, and the company rose at about seven o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the ancient city of Canterbury, on Wednesday, the 3rd of July, stands without a parallel in the Masonic history of the county of Kent, for never during its existence has been before seen anything at all approaching it, either as regards numbers or the rank and importance of those by whom this Provincial Grand Lodge was attended; and when the brethren were assembled in the Chapter House, clothed in purple or cerulean blue, and their breasts blazing with the jewels worn by them in the discharge of their duties in the Craft, a scene of brilliancy was presented seldom, if ever, witnessed out of the metropolis. It must have been not less gratifying to the Masons of Kent than to their esteemed Provincial Grand Master himself, to see him so well supported on this occasion, for there was not a single lodge in his province but members from it had assembled to do him honour, as only a just acknowledgment of the services his lordship has rendered to the Craft during the eighteen years he has presided over them, and the extraordinary increase in lodges and members in the county during that period. With reference to the present meeting there is one fact that is deserving of special notice, and that is the great kindness and courtesy shown to the Provincial Grand Lodge by Dr. Payne Smith, the Dean of Canterbury, who in the most unreserved manner allowed the use of the Chapter House, the cathedral, and pulpit on the present occasion, and in the after part of the day. On the motion of Lord Holmesdale, a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was passed for his kindness in allowing their use for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Thanks were also due to Mr. H. G. Austin, the cathedral surveyor, who had done all in his power to make the Chapter House comfortable and convenient, so that it could be properly "tiled" during the meeting.

A procession having been arranged the brethren entered the lodge room, Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master, occupying the throne, Bros. Akers Douglas, and F. Spurrell occupying the chairs as Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and the following brethren were present:— A. Rawson, P. Prov. G.O.; T. Asher, P. Prov. G.R.; F. F. Giraud, P. Prov. G.D. Kent; E. T. Budden, P. Prov. G.S.D. Dorset; W. Earnshaw, P. Prov. G.J.D.; W. F. Gosling, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. H. Hallett, P. Prov. G.R.; R. Elliott, P. Prov. G.R.; J. Hunt, P. Prov. G.D. Punjab; W. Cessford, P. Prov. G.R.; W. A. Hill, G.C., P. Prov. G.C.; B. K. Thorp, P. Prov. G. Treas.; J. Mangan, D.D., P.G.D. North and Hunts; J. L. Terson, P. Prov. G.S.D.; N. G. Pownall, P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Male, P. Prov. G.R.; C. Collinson, P. Prov. G.S.W.; T. Hemery, P. Prov. G.J.W.; G. W. Greenwell, P. Prov. G.J.D.; T. S. Warne, P. Prov. G.A.S.; R. Eastley, P. Prov. G.T.; R. B. Newsom, P. Prov. G.S.B.; A. Wooton, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. M. Emmerson, P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Fenwick, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Sheen, P. Prov. A.D.C.; C. Reuter, P. Prov. A.G.D.C.; W. Hern, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Hazeldine, P. Prov. G.D.C.; A. J. Vanderlyn, P. Prov. G.S.B.; A. Avely, P. Prov. G.R.; J. McDonald, P. Prov. G.D.C.; R. Fry, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. H. G. Snowden, P. Prov. J.G.W.; C. Coupland, P. Prov. J.G.W.; F. W. Edwards, P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. M. Cavel, P. Prov. G.S.D.; G. E. Hawkes, P. Prov. G.S.B.; H. Ward, P. Prov. G.W. Wilts.; M. Hicks, P. Prov. G.S.B.; H. Spurrell, P. Prov. G.J.W.; R. J. Emmerson, P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. Thomas, P. Prov. G.S.W.; T. Walker, P. Prov. G.S.; E. Corte, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. Green, P. Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex; W. Page, P. Prov. G.J.W.; W. Green, P. Prov. A.G. Purs.; J. T. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M.; J. Twinfen, P. Prov. G.S.W.; G. Adamson, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Kent; E. Ashdown, P. Prov. G.S.W.; A. E. Relf, P. Prov. G.S.D.; A. Spears, P. Prov. G.A.; J. Nichols, P. Prov. G. S. of W.; M. Knight, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. Hills, P. Prov. G.J.D.; W. Parnell, P. Prov. G.S.W.; C. Burley, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. B. Hanson, P. Prov. G.C.; L. Finch, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. Bagshaw, P. Prov. G. Org.; H. Wood, P. Prov. G.S.W.; T. Wyles, P. Prov. G.D.; T. Smith, P. Prov. G.P.; T. Hastings, P. Prov. G.P.; H. T. Sankey, P. Prov. G.S.W.; G. Watson, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. Terry, P. Prov. G.D.C. Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; H. Thompson (Freemason), and a very numerous assemblage of W. Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren, representing the various lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following brethren Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

- Col. A. H. King, P.M. 905 ... .. Prov. G.S.W.
- Philip Higham, P.M. 31 ... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A. ... .. Prov. G. Chap.
- Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A. ... .. Prov. G. Chap.
- George Payne, P.M. 1273 ... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- B. K. Thorpe ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- Alfred Spencer ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- R. C. Burfield, P.M. 20 ... .. Prov. G.S.D.
- Fredk. Spencer, P.M. 1063 ... .. Prov. G.J.D.
- Thos. Wills, P.M. 299 ... .. Prov. G.S. of W.
- Thos. Ayling, P.M. 1096 ... .. Prov. G.D. of C.
- J. P. Griffin, P.M. 1050 ... .. Prov. A.G.D. of C.
- Simon Young, P.M. 184 ... .. Prov. G.S. Br.
- J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223 ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- J. Hancock, P.M. 1089 ... .. Prov. G. Purs.
- H. S. Neate, P.M. 77; T. S. Chancellor, P.M. 127; B. S. Wilmot, P.M. 874; Geo. Pilcher, P.M. 972; Geo. White, P.M. 1174; H. T. Naylor, P.M. 1449; ... .. Prov. G. Stwds.
- R. Eastley, ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

The new Grand Officers having been invested and taken their proper places, the following grants were made: A hundred guineas to the Boys' School in the name of D.P. G.M. Eastes, in order to make him a Vice-President of that Institution. Twenty guineas were also given to the Royal

Benevolent Institution for each of the following lodges: 1414, Sevenoaks; 1324, Chatham; 184, Brompton; 199, Dover; 296, Dartford. To the Boys' School twenty guineas each were given for 1414, Sevenoaks; 1424, Chatham. For the Girls' School twenty guineas each were given for 1414, Sevenoaks; 1424, Chatham; 829, Sidcup; 874, Tunbridge Wells; and 913, Plumstead.

The lodge was then adjourned for the purpose of allowing the brethren to attend Divine Service in the cathedral, and the well-known dislike of the Provincial Grand Master of allowing any public Masonic display in clothing was here avoided, as the brethren had only to pass from the Chapter House through the cloisters, and enter the cathedral by a side door, so that any passage into the public streets was avoided. The service was conducted by the Rev. Bro. Syree, and the anthems sung were composed expressly for this festival by Bro. W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc., who presided at the organ.

The service having concluded, Bro. the Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., Vicar of Throwley, Grand Chaplain of England, and Provincial Grand Chaplain, preached the sermon, taking his text from the Book of Micah, vi. 8—"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord thy God require of thee but to justify and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" This is not the first occasion, my brethren, by many, on which we, as members of the Masonic body, have united together in public worship in the house of prayer and craved from God a blessing upon our proceedings, and listened to words of exhortation from the pulpit. The recurrence of our Annual Festival should speak to us in deeper and more solemn tones than ever, and remind us that our opportunities for doing good and improving events are drawing to a close. Few amongst the many who, now almost eighteen years ago, knelt with us in the Parish Church of St. George's, Gravesend, are present now. We can easily recall the faces and names of some who have fallen from our side, and we yet mourn their loss. New acquaintances are here in large numbers, but the old friends have departed. Our own summons to arise and go will soon come. May we then so number our days as to apply our hearts unto true wisdom. In speaking to you we shall endeavour to be open and unreserved, and so we trust God's Word will abundantly profit and have free course and be glorified in our lives and conduct. We propose speaking on the essentials of happiness—ever abiding happiness—the very thing we need; for how to quaff a full cup is man's special aim, but as paths across country generally wind in various directions, so methods vary to gain happiness, because opinions differ as to what constitutes it. The covetous man, who places his highest good in the acquisition of wealth, and glazes over gold, experiences small satisfaction, save from the contemplation of increasing hoards. The sensual man cares only for the gratification of his appetites, and with him everything is made subsidiary to self-indulgence. The ambitious man knows no happiness apart from rising above his competitors and wielding the rod and tasting the sweets of power. And the philosopher esteems all else as poor that is not connected with his favourite theories. It is the same with all those who, with the ardour of children chasing the painted butterflies, pursue eagerly the shadows of this ever-changing scene. There are, however, some of a different type who refuse to stake their all upon uncertainties: men, alive to the fact that they are destined for an existence beyond this earth, and these crave to know what awaits them in the future, and study to lay the foundation of their happiness in learning and performing the requirements of God. These rejoice in the revelation He has been pleased to make of Himself, and to this they cling as the rule of that faith and practice. This class is the only one which can expect permanent happiness—these alone get it. Their hopes are bright during the term of their earthly pilgrimage, and when their short day is done, they enter into peace in a mansion provided for them by Divine love and mercy. Amongst these aspirants we include our brethren of the mystic tie, provided always that they hold fast to the ancient landmarks of the Order, cultivate the gifts of the Holy Ghost, and daily strive to become marked and polished stones for the King's Palace. Fortunately for them, and deserving of recollection in these times of spiritual difficulties and departures from truth, from the day of their initiation into the Masonic body, the deepest reverence for God and His revealed Word has been impressed upon them. They have in the striking words of their ritual been led to esteem the volume of the Sacred Law as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate their actions by the precepts which it contains. They have been charged to learn the preciousness of prayer, and to realise its power, to implore God's aid in all lawful undertakings, looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support. Working on such sure foundation, and assured that any other would prove as sand—contemptible and worthless—especially where the heart is sad, and on the approach of death, the true Mason goes forward working and labouring, and finally raises a superstructure, a spiritual house, which no storm or tempest can destroy. He who thus aspires and acts is on the high road to the Palace of perpetual bliss. Our ancient Master Solomon, the founder and finisher of the first Temple of Jerusalem, has left a record—"a word in season how is it!" And liable as the purest men and the noblest institutions are to the attacks of open and secret enemies, we may rejoice with all those who venerate our ancient Order upon the providential escape recently made from the determination of men banded together in conspiracy, to secularise our society, and give it a non-religious character. If on the attractive ground of tenderness for the feelings of others, and perfect toleration to all and religious freedom, we had listened to syren voices, we should at this moment have been as the wounded bird fluttering in the dust, and on the high road to disruption. We allude to the proceedings of the French Masons—the Grand Orient of France—

which has surrendered up its ancient landmarks, and under pretence of being unsectarian and giving entire liberty of conscience has banished both the name and idea of God from its Constitution. Its candidates are no longer required to trust in God, but only in themselves. Belief in God—of all the landmarks the strongest and last to be surrendered—has been by a vote of 135 lodges to 76 abolished. This breach in the foundation of ancient Masonry at once aroused the attention of the brethren in the United States of America, the members of the Irish Grand Lodge, and others, and last, but not least, our own Grand Lodge of England, which, having well considered the matter and foreseen the destruction of the grand edifice which we are proud to raise to Eternal Truth, unanimously resolved that an entire severance from association with all persons tainted with this dreadful heresy must be made. The lopping off of the diseased limb has been performed as a melancholy duty, yet with admirable courage, with the firmness of the skilled surgeon, who, discerning mortification impending on the whole body, and eager to save life, cuts deep, adopting as his motto the spirit of the words of the gifted Roman—"Sed immedicabile vulnus esse recidendum ne pars sincera labatur"—and so by prompt action and by the use of the sharp sword we have escaped injury from the unsound limb, and we live and breathe freely, but we may not be haughty but rather fear, for the dangers that are coming are perilous, the air is filled with invitations to unbelief, and these voices are not hushed and low, but loud and stubborn. As a noble lord, an ex-Lord Chancellor, recently said: "There was in the world a flood of dismal and desolating doctrine which sought to make a negation of the human conscience and to drag the Almighty Himself from His throne. There was a prevalence of infidel opinions such as never was exhibited before, and the time had come when there would be a death-struggle between the truths of Christianity and the falsehoods of Atheism." Oh, let us think that if belief in God and the immortality of the soul, held no place in our hearts, and we, with the fool of scripture, held to the baneful and degrading theory—There is no God, how hopeless and lamentable would be our condition; and how could we dare enter this sacred fane, raise our heads amid all its historic and noble associations, where lights of varied tints like glories fall on aisles, and capitals and pillars, carved and sculptured by skilful hands of Masons of deep piety in days long gone by; where the fretted roof re-echoes the feeling anthem, and the organ rolls in majesty, and the sweet voices of the choir blend in harmony as though led by white-robed seraphs. If we were unbelievers our presence here would be an abomination and a desecration. We should set at defiance our own teaching, and ignore the very foundation on which our superstructure rests, the Volume of the Sacred Law, which distinctly proclaims man's fall by nature and his restoration alone through the grace and mercy of a spotless Saviour. Happily for us, our love to God and man binds us, and disinterested friendship unites us, and while we avoid various questions which engender strife, and decline in our assemblies to discuss theological controversies as tending to bitterness, and political topics as apt to separate chief friends, while at the same time we thirst for knowledge and intellectual improvement, and the acquaintance of high-minded and gifted men, and look beyond the enigmas of the present to a glorious future in the Grand Lodge above through the World's Redeemer, the bright and morning star, we need not write hard things against ourselves, but rather view ourselves as generally useful and honourable; and more than mere ornamental pillars in a great edifice, and not unworthy of the sympathy and kind reception conceded to us by the very reverend and highly-gifted Dean, the special guardian of this ancient and magnificent cathedral. Humbly thankful for present safety, for escape from rock and whirlpool, and conscious alone of the enormous power wielded by the Masonic body, either for evil or good, and praying that we may never become irreligious or revolutionary, we proceed to point out the essentials of lasting happiness. These are our permanent goals—justice, mercy, humility—for these polished and worn make up the life of holiness, without which there can be no true happiness, and apart from which no man can see the Lord. Alive to the truth that change is written upon everything, and that we are all drifting rapidly, though silently, down the stream of time onward to eternity, we are anxious to be reminded of our duty, to learn our marching orders, that we may loyally carry them out. As our moments are measured, brevity is imperative, and therefore we must content ourselves in the first place with a reference to the object of the writings of the prophet Micah. He was contemporary with Isaiah. He addressed his message to Judah and Israel, which contains sharp reproofs, encouraging promises, predictions of the Messiah, and of the establishment and prosperity of his kingdom. The seer was instructed to blame for ingratitude, to speak with boldness before the most powerful chiefs and monarchs, to proclaim the Lord's controversy or indictment against His people. God required to know what had aggrieved them, why they had become weary of His worship, and prone to idolatry. Had He oppressed them with heavy services? Had He refused to supply their wants and protect them? If they had anything to say let them speak out. He reminded them of their rescue from Egyptian slavery, of the provision made for their government and instruction by competent persons, Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. True he had defeated Balak the Moabite, and restrained the mercenary Balaam from execrations, and rendered abortive his fiendish malice. By thus stirring up the memory of the past, he led them to realise the equity and benevolence meted out to them, and so taught them not to bite the hand that fed them, but to render Him a grateful service. Touched by these remonstrances, some men, afraid of the Divine vengeance, and perceiving the necessity of approaching God with evidences of submission, enquire what pro-

pitatory sacrifices they should bring. The burnt offerings and sin offerings prescribed by the law might possibly be deemed insufficient, would their Jehovah be pleased with more numerous and costly oblations. Would thousands of rams atone, or rivers of oil suffice? or would the sacrifice of the child—the heart's fond treasure—the sweet maiden, budding into beauty, or the noble youth, fairest of form and fleetest of foot, avail? Such offerings as were made at Carthage and in Tyre to Moloch, the sun god, termed by John Milton, "horrid king"—

"Besmeard with blood,

Of human sacrifice, and parents' tears."

The response indicates that such offerings would be most distasteful. Jehovah speaks by His prophet, "He hath shewed, O man, what is good," &c., and where and how shewed? In the law, and by the voices of the prophets, delivered at sundry times and in divers manners, thereby confirming the value of the Divine word, of which the poet and warrior king testified. "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the Lord is for enlightening the eyes." The requisites are in number three, and these like the Divine decalogue comprehend much, and have, as the mature oak of the forest, many branches. The three great virtues, justice, mercy, and humility, are essentials to happiness—here and hereafter. And so that justice, what is it? That virtue which leads a man to give to every one his own, to render to all their dues. As regards God, to worship Him in the ever-blessed Trinity, serve Him, and obey Him; to see His goodness and benevolence pre-eminent in teaching the true faith, and informing us of His rights as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. As regards man, justice, requires to do to them as we would be done with, to help them to improve their condition, to render to them all kindly offices which brotherly love and charity can suggest. Justice is required to be exhibited in sincere attachment to the land of one's birth, conducing to its prosperity, and assisting to maintain its status among the nations, and practising loving obedience to the Queen and all constituted authorities. In every case self is to be kept in the background, and personal sacrifices to be gladly undertaken. And so, in like manner, as regards the second requirement—mercy—that sweet and moving creation of the heart, which induces us to rejoice with the prosperous and to weep with the distressed, to hasten to the rescue of the sick and suffering, to deliver the poor, the widow, and fatherless, to dry the tear from the eye of the orphan, and to deliver the lone and bruised from the hands of the oppressor. He who rightly claims the possession of this virtue, will act as the good Samaritan to the traveller from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell among thieves. And even in the case of one who has forfeited character by wrong doing, and is entangled in the meshes of the legal net, he will strive to mingle judgment with clemency, so as not to exclude all hope of forgiveness or repentance and restitution. He who carries not the requisite of mercy, approaches nearest to God Himself, for He is a gracious God, long suffering, and full of compassion, and His tender mercy is over all His works. The third essential is the excellent grace of humility—the root of all others. Proclaiming that the daily walk of life must be in communion with God, in accordance with the example of Abraham, who "staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief," and of those noble ones who opposed not themselves to orders issued, because they could not comprehend all their object and scope, but practised childlike submission, and amidst enigmas waited for the unravelling hand, exclaiming "Thus it is written, and thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." To ensure permanent happiness the requirements now pointed to, must be met. And hence comes the question—are they? By no means, generally, for notwithstanding laws divine, and laws human borrowed from the divine, man is by nature a rebel against authority. It is not needful to pourtray before you the acts of injustice, the frauds and felonies, murders and robberies daily brought to light. Our tribunals, civil and criminal, teem with the constant discussion of subtle conspiracies to cheat and deceive. And outside our own sea-girt land the two attempts recently made, the last of which was so nearly successful, to assassinate our illustrious Masonic brother, the Emperor of Germany, a venerable potentate of eighty-two summers, who has deserved well of his country in having raised it to the highest pitch of national glory, and whose only fault consisted, so far as we see, in having to exercise firm sway over his fellow-men, and to repress the wild outbursts and lawlessness of revolutionary socialists. The allusions made to acts of injustice daily committed, aided by the experiences of life, may suffice to satisfy that the first requirement of the text is not generally performed; and the next shares the same fate. Honourable exceptions there are—and not a few—but, as a rule, mercy does not prevail. Men are stern, they impute the vilest motives to each other, they look at the worst side, they strive to sting and wound each other; they rejoice in iniquity rather than in the truth. St. Paul alludes to man as the very opposite of true love in his grand encomium on true charity. And once more, do men walk humbly with their God, the Almighty Lord, whom they profess to adore? Alas! we must say no. Man is by nature full of pride, he has the hereditary taint in his veins. He strives to have his own way, and inasmuch as he cannot find out God to perfection because of the limited horizon of his mind, he too often defies him, and sets up the image of himself as his idol. He thinks he knows everything, when he knows nothing. The pride of the natural man is evident; he arraigns the Lord of a thousand worlds before his petty tribunal, and we hear or read daily of his foul ravings, and are shocked at his miserable presumption. The happiness of the family, the individual, and of society sorely suffers through neglect and failure in fulfilling the obligations demanded. Here comes then the practical and personal question. What shall we say to these things, what shall we do?—we who want to

put the chalice of happiness to our thirsty lips, and quaff continued refreshing draughts from it. Why, strive by the help of God's Holy Spirit, and the use of all the means pointed out in holy Scripture, to act up to the personal surrender required—truly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. They who range themselves under the banner of Jehovah, and fight under a sense of His fatherly eye over them, will have strength given to them for their day, and a comfortable assurance of high promotion when the campaign of earth is finished. My brethren, let us rejoice in the Lord, sing praises unto His name, for His servants ye are to whom ye obey, for teaching us what is good, and revealing so much concerning Himself. Our position is favourable for growth and expansion. We have a goodly heritage, wondrous opportunities for usefulness. Let us not retrograde, but go forward, hate the slavery of sin, not be idolators, or worshippers of wealth, and power, and self-gratification certainly are, but wise and temperate in all things as travellers on the path of humility, imitators of the mighty dead and of bright luminaries such as the Apostle of the Gentiles, who counted not his life dear to him so that he might win Christ, and be found in Him. Let us value our jewels, justice, mercy, humility, and remember if constantly worn they will never tarnish or fade. We have little more to say, but that little is connected with an appeal to your bounty. We ask from you on this festival a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and trust it may prove a substantial one. We plead for our Masonic Charities, and for an excellent institution or house of mercy, connected with this city and county, viz., the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. As to the Masonic Charities we may abstain from more than a passing allusion to them. They are not rarely spoken of as the pride of our Order, and certainly they do exhibit practical evidences that Masons are not unwilling to make large sacrifices for the sake of others. In our schools a good array of children—boys and girls—are carefully instructed, and through our Benevolent Institution old men and old women are comforted and cared for in their declining days; and through the charity funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent we testify that great benefits redound to individuals and the general credit of this body. It is not unworthy of observation that the sums voted to-day in the Provincial Grand Lodge have reached the handsome amount of £428. The Secretary of one of our Masonic Institutions lately said in public that the Masonic Institutions occupied a very prominent position in the history of the charities of England—prominent because they had a very limited circle to which to appeal, and from that limited circle they derived greater results than any other three institutions. Last year the Benevolent Institution, the youngest of the three, obtained at its festival £13,300; the Girls' School obtained £9,000; and the Boys' School £12,800. When the year 1877 closed it was found that the three Institutions had collected amongst them over £44,000. This is gratifying, but to repress pride we may say that without these signs of willing sacrifice Masonry would fail to hold its present high status. And now to the house of mercy. It is worthy of support. It carries out the Divine teaching of Him who said "I was sick and ye visited me." It has stood the test of time. Its doors are free to casualties and cases of suffering, without reference to creed, colour, or clime. By its aggregate of human misery is lessened. The poor flock to it every week in crowds, and the gratitude of the convalescent and relieved is particularly well-known to the clergy of our retired villages. The patients are generously treated. They receive every comfort, the best attention, kind and quiet nurses wait upon them, and the highest medical skill is always at their command. The Institution tells manifestly of the power of Christianity in our land. It lives on Christian sympathy; it exists upon voluntary contributions. So, then, rejoicing, as many of us do, in splendid health and abundant wealth, or at least a competency, enjoying the highest religious privileges, having been kindly welcomed into this ancient city, and allowed the great privilege of offering worship to Almighty God in this sanctuary, let us exhibit our sense of the obligations under which we labour, and act as God's stewards, and leave a large blessing behind us, so shall our present happiness be augmented, and our future bliss be promoted; so shall the recollection of our visit be fraught with nought but pleasant memories to ourselves and others. And may God deign to accept what we this day render to Him of his own. May we say and of thine own have we given Thee.

At the conclusion the hymn, "The strain upraise of joy and praise," was sung during the collection of the offertory, the proceeds of which are to be divided between the Kent and Canterbury Cathedrals and the Masonic Charities. At the conclusion of the service the brethren returned to the Chapter House, the Provincial Grand Master resuming the chair, when a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House and Cathedral, and the lodge was closed in ample form and with solemn prayer.

The morning was ushered in by the cathedral bells, and they were frequently rung throughout the day.

At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren proceeded to the Music Hall, where it had been arranged the customary banquet should take place. It is a large and very spacious apartment, in which long lines of tables were arranged longitudinally, with a gallery at one end devoted to the reception of Mr. Tench White's septet band, that discoursed most eloquent music during the dinner, and the rear of it was set apart for such visitors who felt an interest in being present, amongst whom were many ladies, whose patience must have been most severely tested in witnessing an agreeable business, in which, curiously enough, they are not allowed to participate. The hall was most elegantly decorated by Mr. Blogg with Masonic devices, and three noblemen of the neighbourhood contributed the flowers

with which the table were decorated. Bro. John R. Hall, the very able and efficient Secretary of 31, Canterbury, as Hon. Secretary to the Reception Committee, was most indefatigable in his exertions to secure the comfort of all, and our representative had just reason to appreciate the kindness and truly Masonic courtesy he received at his hands. The chair was taken by Lord Holmesdale, and he was supported by all the Provincial Grand Officers, on a dais raised above the level of the flooring of the hall. When his lordship made his appearance to proceed to the presidential seat he was greeted with loud and truly hearty applause. The menu was a work of art and great taste, but we see no reason why, as Englishmen, speaking the Anglo-Saxon tongue, a document entirely in French should be put before a body of about 400 brethren, to a great majority of whom its contents must have been perfectly unintelligible. It is rather a severe reproach for it to be inferred that the English language is so poor that an adequate description of a dinner table cannot be obtained, and that a foreign tongue must be reverted to. However, the fare was very ample, and there was no stint of the most agreeable liquors with which it was accompanied. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by the professional singers with very good effect.

Lord Holmesdale said the first toast he should have the honour to propose was "The Queen," who always took a deep interest in the Craft, and in giving that toast the brethren would readily understand why no Masonic honours could be given.

The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts by Mrs. Rogers, a lady of great local celebrity.

Lord Holmesdale said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and the brethren knew that he not only took a deep interest in the Craft, but was also a thorough English gentleman. He should couple with the toast "Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." (Loud cheers, followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales.")

Lord Holmesdale, in giving "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said he had for the first time the honour of coupling the name of a Kentish man with this toast, for since their last meeting his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had been pleased to appoint the Grand Chaplain of Kent to be one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of England, which was most gratifying to them, as Bro. Hill had been their Provincial Grand Chaplain for many years. At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge a committee was formed to consider whether some fitting testimonial should not be presented to him, and the testimonial he should have the pleasure in handing over to him was a mark of respect, which was not to be measured by the amount, but as a token of the esteem the brethren entertained for him. He was a man who never cavilled at any time or attention that might be required of him, but when any thing that might prove the good of the county of Kent was to be done his services were freely and generously afforded, and to none were those services more known or better understood than by his brother Freemasons. In conclusion, he asked him in the name of the brethren of Kent to accept the testimonial, which he handed to him, and he felt certain that it was the fervent wish of all that he might for many years to come continue to enjoy the same esteem of his brother Masons as he did at the present time. (Loud and enthusiastic cheering.) His lordship then presented to him several articles of plate, and a purse of sovereigns, the whole of the value of upwards of £300. The toast was most cordially received.

Bro. the Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., said that if he had the gratification of speaking to them in a more dignified character, yet how could he do so in a more dignified manner than he could do in that room, which was so artistically arranged and beautifully and handsomely decorated with flowers, as well as with wild flowers called by the hands of the fair ladies he saw before him, not far distant, and his only regret was that they did not come down from their elevated position and join them, for they did not know how delighted they felt if they were enjoying the same gratification and comforts as themselves. In mentioning the name of Lord Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers, he might say that they were men who were always to the front in any good cause, and although they might not at all times entertain the same political views, yet when they were required to serve a friend or any good cause they did so to the utmost of their ability and power. He had had the honour of being appointed one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of England, but how that was brought about he never could understand, for such an appointment had never entered his mind, but he did believe that his lordship in the chair had something to do with it, and he formed this opinion because in his address that day his lordship had spoken of him far more kindly than he deserved, but he supposed that the reason was, that from time to time it was necessary that fresh blood should be introduced amongst Grand Officers, as well as every other body in the community. He felt great satisfaction, however, that he had not to speak before hard critics, but in the presence of men who understood the principle of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and in reference to the Masonic body, he had always pleasure and happiness when speaking in reference to their Institutions. He was not a juvenile, but rather falling into the sear and yellow leaf, and during the thirty-three years he had been a Mason he had highly enjoyed its institutions, he had formed many acquaintances and made many friends, and without the aid of the Masonic body he should have been ignorant of a large amount of valuable knowledge that he then possessed. A good Mason was a sincere and religious man, and that was the reason why they

had so many good men amongst them. For many years he had been in and out amongst them, and that day he had come to receive at their hands the extraordinary favour they had been pleased to bestow upon him, although he never anticipated any thing of the sort, and was astonished at the generosity and kindness they had shown him. His lordship had handed him a bag, bound with gold, which he had no doubt was the work of the fair hands of one of the ladies he saw before him, filled as he believed with the current coin of the realm, judging from the specimen he had seen, and he could assure them that it would be discreetly applied. As to the valuable articles which he saw displayed before him on the table, he could tell them that it was his determination that they would not be wrapped up in leather and put away not to be seen, but should at all times be seen in the full blaze of light to remind him of their kindness, and they would be equally gratifying to him who might afterwards stand in his shoes as a memento of how his father was loved and esteemed by those who lived in times gone by. He looked upon those presents as a noble and generous act. As Masonic he had no doubt they were the offerings of the purest love, affection, and regard, for the brethren had freely put their hands in their pockets to give him what represented their love, which would cheer him on to his latest day, and others might take this warning, that if they went on and did what was right they might in referring to him say that this man was Grand Chaplain of England. He should go on his way rejoicing, and when his children from time to time looked upon the splendid objects before him they would feel that their father was respected and honoured, and never to his dying day should he forget their kindness; for it would be to him as an oasis in the battle of life, and he begged gratefully to thank them for the too much honour they had conferred upon him. (The rev. brother sat down amidst loud and continued cheering.)

Bro. Eastes (Deputy Provincial Grand Master) said it was the first time for eighteen years that he had to give the health of the Provincial Grand Master in the City of Canterbury, when they had met in the sacred edifice, which was so large and full that it must have satisfied the feelings of their Provincial Grand Master, whose health he then had the honour of proposing. In Canterbury they naturally looked back to the meetings of Freemasons, and he found that there had been only four meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge there, which were in 1781, 1792, 1801, and 1857. As they did not come to Canterbury every day he might be permitted to take a retrospective glance at Freemasonry in 1857, then under the presidency of Bro. Chas. Purton Cooper, and contrast it with the presidency of Lord Holmesdale in 1878. In 1857 they met there, and he well remembered the gathering, and at that time there were but fifteen lodges in Kent, with 499 members. To-day he found from the last return there were forty-three lodges in Kent, with 2340 members. He thought, however, that the mere accession of numbers was not altogether sufficient if the amount they contributed to the charitable institutions was not good. In 1857 the amount sent up to the charitable institutions in London was £63, but in 1878 they sent up £352. In connecting his lordship's name with the toast, he believed a large amount of the increase was due to him, as he felt that under his rule Freemasonry had made its way, by the manner in which Freemasons had conducted themselves. He concluded by asking them to drink his lordship's health in bumpers, and with Kenish "fire."

Lord Holmesdale said he was greatly obliged to the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast of his health, and the Deputy Grand Master for the manner in which he had proposed it. As regarded Freemasonry, for some years there had been a firm and steady increase, and he had every confidence that they would never have an ebb tide again. He looked forward with confidence for a steady increase in the Order, and he had no anticipation of a return of the cold time which prevailed from 1780 to 1820, but an increase as the years rolled on. The Deputy Grand Master had said a good deal about the meeting at Canterbury, and he might say with the exception of the meeting at the Albert Hall, on the occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales, there had been no meeting attended by so many Freemasons as were present in the Chapter House that morning, for the numbers were so large and influential as to have exceeded the aspirations of the most enthusiastic Mason. He was glad to renew the practice of going to the Cathedral in procession, as he was opposed to parading in the public streets like a benefit club, but when they went by way of the cloisters, and passed over the graves of many worthy Masons, whose marks were to be still seen engraved on their tombs, he gave up old ideas, and went in at once for a procession. The whole was well done, and the whole ceremony was a great success. He hoped that the success of to-day would further help them in the county of Kent, and no doubt a number of recruits would come in and join them. In conclusion, his lordship said he hoped that Freemasonry in the future would increase in numbers, as it had done in the past. He then proposed, in very flattering terms, "The Health of Bro. Eastes, Deputy Grand Master."

Bro. Eastes returned thanks, and some other toasts having been given, the proceedings were brought to a close, the whole having passed off without a single hitch, and had given entire satisfaction.

**SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—Arrangements have been made with Mr. F. H. Macklin, of the principal London Theatres, to give a Dramatic and Musical Costume Recital at this hall, on Wednesday next, July 17th. The programme includes songs, recitations, and dramatic selections (in character) from "The Happy Pair," "Still Waters Run Deep," and "The Hunchback." Several well-known artists are to assist Mr. Macklin.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

We have thought it better not to publish "A North Country P.M.'s" letter, as we understand the engravings have all been supplied.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Liberal Freemason;" "Die New Yorker Bundes-press;" "Our Young Folks' Budget;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Broad Arrow;" "Freemasons' Repository;" "Masonic Herald;" "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania;" "Saint Christopher Advertiser;" "Voice of the People" (St. Kitts); "Medical Examiner;" "West London Express;" "Hull Packet;" "Bauhütte;" "Risorgimento;" "Magazine of Art;" "North China Herald;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Premium Debentures of Continental Cities and Municipalities;" "European Mail;" "Advocate;" "Pantiles Papers;" "Westminster Papers;" "Keystone;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Jenkinson's Practical Guide to North Wales;" "Hampshire Telegraph and Sussex Chronicle;" "Transactions of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation A. and A. rite;" "Plan for Raising Ironclads."

We shall be much obliged if Correspondents forwarding Newspapers will kindly mark the paragraphs to which they desire to call attention.

Bro. Edward Cox's letter reached us too late for insertion this week.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTHS.

BURRAGE.—On the 5th inst., at 45, Tregunter-road, South Kensington, the wife of Mr. Richard Burrage, of a daughter.

SEWELL.—On the 5th inst., at Litchford Hall School, Manchester, the wife of the Rev. Arthur Sewell, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

BROCK—SPENCER.—On the 6th inst., at St. Saviour's Southwark, by Bro. the Rev. Henry John Hatch, M.A., Rector of Little Stambridge, Essex, Edward Archibald Brock, of Cork, to Florence Mary, daughter of Bro. Joseph Huntley Spencer, of Southwark.

## DEATHS.

GREEN.—On the 5th inst., Ernest Frederick, son of the Rev. W. Green, Vicar of Little Clacton, Essex, in the 14th year of his age.

ROWLAND.—On the 29th inst., at Grove Barrs, Horsell, Surrey, Mr. Andrew Rowland, aged 77 years.

SAUNDERS.—On the 5th inst., at 7, Devonshire-road, Liverpool, the Rev. William Sidney Saunders.

## THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1878.

## ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

This was a great success. The presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was certain to be hailed enthusiastically by the Craft, and a very goodly and distinguished company asserted alike the loyalty of the Order, and the attraction of the occasion. We are struck, as all will be, by the thoroughly practical character both of the speeches and proceedings, and we congratulate the authorities of the school, and Bro. Binckes on this satisfactory result of so many arduous labours and so many thoughtful preparations. The Stewards' returns, which amounted to £10,100, with twenty lists to come in, are, under the circumstances, we venture to think, alike commendable and satisfactory in the highest degree. Of this amount the metropolis apparently sends up £4600, and the provinces head the metropolis by about £1000. No doubt the twenty missing lists will yet considerably increase the amount for 1878. May we venture to ask here, by the way, why our good brethren, the Stewards, will not send their lists in at the proper time, and why they are "missing," or "wanting?" This is a question we have often heard asked before, and as we never yet listened to a satisfactory reply to so natural a query, we think it well to record this statistical phenomenon, and to express our opinion that it is very "hard lines" on our excellent brethren, the Secretaries, who naturally wish their list to be final, and complete. In the present state of trade, we could not, it is clear, expect a larger return, and, in our opinion, it is one which does credit to all concerned, and shows how hard every one must have worked to bring about so successful an anniversary. We say this, because amidst the "high figures" to which we have lately been accustomed at such festivals, (wonderful contrast to days gone by), spoiled by success, we are apt to overlook two stern facts, (1), that our returns are simply marvellous, per se, and such as no other society in the world can put forward, and (2) that we cannot always expect, humanly speaking, undimmed prosperity or advancing returns. The one simple fact, that, despite all the drawbacks of trade, and all the agitations of the money market, private anxieties, and public excitement, we English Freemasons have contributed £33,000, in round numbers, for our great central charities for 1878, is in itself worth a hundred eloquent speeches, and testifies strongly to the reality after all of our Masonic professions and declarations. We therefore beg heartily to congratulate all those who have been connected with this last anniversary on the success which has attended their zealous efforts, and on those admirable and effective arrangements which made all present comfortable and happy. Not to weary our readers in this hot weather, and as we have plenty of time before us, we beg to defer to next week a detailed examination of the relative returns of the metropolis and the provinces, though we allude to them in the gross above, as well as those general remarks on the present position of our great charities, which their actual circumstances and future prospects seem to warrant and require at our hands.

## THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The election for Secretary took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when a large number of votes were recorded for the various candidates. Bro. Hedges was announced by the chairman to have received 373 votes, and to be therefore duly elected. We rejoice to announce the result, and we feel sure that it will be one which will alike please the Craft, advance the best interests of the subscribers, and lead to the real and lasting interests of that most useful Institution, the Girls' School. All the instructions for the election were admirably carried out to suit the convenience of the voters, and to render the voting a facile process for all. There was no confusion,

no crowding, and the best thanks of all the subscribers and voters are due to Bro. Col. Creton for the careful and skilful arrangements he had so ably and so considerately made. We congratulate the subscribers, the authorities, and Bro. Hedges sincerely, and we are convinced that the interests of the Girls' School are safe in his hands.

## OUR GRAND MASTER AT NOTTINGHAM.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales opened last week the Midland Counties Art Museum, at Nottingham. The whole ceremony passed over with great effect, and happy unanimity. All Nottingham was there, and crowds of holiday folks swelled the assembly on the festive occasion, so that the Prince and Princess received, as they so well deserve, a right hearty good welcome, from the warm-hearted and loyal people of Nottingham. It has been well pointed out by one of our contemporaries (the *Times*), whose words are so apposite to the event, that we venture to transcribe them, that this gathering is one of no mean importance to Nottingham, to the county, and to art:—"The occasion was by no means an ordinary one even for a personage so indefatigable as the Prince in his patronage of all ceremonies of public interest and of all institutions tending to the public advantage. It was one of the most cherished purposes of the late Prince Consort to educate the taste and to foster the art education of the English people. To his initiative we owe the establishment of the Department of Science and Art at South Kensington—an institution which, however much it was despised and ridiculed at its first foundation, has undoubtedly borne excellent fruit in the regeneration of the national taste. But the Prince Consort's farsighted purpose did not stop short at the conception of a central school of design and museum of artistic instruction. He hoped that sooner or later the idea would be imitated and developed in different parts of the country, and he looked forward to the time when every town of any importance would have its local museum, from which the inhabitants of the surrounding district might draw a share of that artistic inspiration which the whole country, directly or indirectly, derives from South Kensington. It has taken a long time to realize this fruitful conception, but Nottingham has now given it a practical and effective shape. The ancient and historic castle of the town, rich in memories extending from King Alfred to William the Conqueror, and thenceforward throughout the whole range of English history down to the Reform riots in 1831, has now been devoted to the peaceful and beneficent purpose of an art museum, affiliated to South Kensington. The Prince of Wales was invited by the local authorities to be present at the opening of the new museum, and to inaugurate an institution of which his father many years ago was the real founder. With his accustomed readiness to promote all objects of public utility, the Prince accepted the invitation, and Nottingham has accordingly enjoyed the rare gratification of a Royal visit on an occasion highly creditable to its public spirit. We may hope that the encouragement thus deservedly given to Nottingham will induce other towns throughout the country to follow its excellent and courageous example." We shall all agree in these sentiments and these conclusions, and trust that the "wish" will be "father" to the action.

## VOLTAIRE AND ROUSSEAU

We must confess, (perhaps we are to be pitied for the crass state of mind which is our personal property), that just as we had but little sympathy with the Voltaire centenary at pleasant Paris, so we had still less for that of Jean Jacques Rousseau, at the good City of Geneva. To use a common expression, we do not think that either of these so-called world's heroes "pans out" in any way for the welfare of humanity, or the moral good of the world. Monseigneur Dupanloup accuses Voltaire of being unpatriotic, cynical, a sycophant, and tyrannical, despite his high qualities of mind, while the *Republique Francaise* tells us that Rousseau was "a paradoxical theorist, whose ideas have

been refuted by facts," "a retrograde sophist, whose systems have no foundations, and whose politics and principles send progress on a wrong track." Some of us may remember how in another generation Horace Walpole amusingly quizzed Rousseau's egotism and pretentiousness, his hopeless self-conceit, and his overbearing vanity, and much more now, we venture to suggest, when the glare and glamour of his writings have ceased to inflame the sentiments and passions of mankind, we all must feel how little real claim he has to the true admiration of us all. Who can seriously pretend either to admit his paradoxes or accept his views? While, then, we put down Rousseau's celebration, like that of Voltaire, to that love of excitement which just now is so prevalent, and which is fostered by those in whose interest it is, that Paris and Geneva should alike be full, for "business is business still," while we note the fact, we cannot but deplore this fresh proof, if proof were ever wanting, of the "twists" or the "crazes" which affect or afflict humanity in all epochs, and through all generations. Whether the world or man will ever be better for anything that Voltaire or Rousseau wrote, we greatly and gravely doubt. We have been taken to task by a very courteous correspondent for saying that Voltaire was a Deist. Voltaire, like a good many other people, has spoken differently at different periods of his life, and no doubt, if our kind correspondent correctly quotes the words he calls attention to, Voltaire was not a Deist only, as we understand the word. It is just possible, as we ventured to point out, that Voltaire, like many others, actually represents that state of thought into which the intolerant assumptions of Ultramontane dogmatism have thrown so many acute intellects and educated minds. For as it was in past time a serious effort to listen with any appearance of reverence, and without ridicule, to a system which laid down as a matter of faith absolutely incredible legends, so it is equally a heavy trial for the present generation to be told from the pulpit of Marie Alcoque, and sternly bid believe "ob fidem" her hallucinations, as well as a physical impossibility. But though this be so, as we always speak plainly, we cannot honestly concur in those extravagant praises which unreflecting party spirit still seemingly likes to heap on the words and writings of Voltaire and Rousseau.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with many brethren who attended the festival on Monday last, I was considerably surprised and annoyed at being subjected to what was, in my opinion, a mistake on the part of Messrs. Bertram and Roberts in charging us to gain admission to the banqueting hall. Considering the price paid for the dinner, 21s., and which was really nothing more than a cold collation, one would think that any further tax as entrance fee was certainly unwarranted. Surely the dinner ticket should have served for passing the entrance barriers, otherwise it places the Alexandra Palace at a discount as a Masonic dining hall. General and strong dissatisfaction was expressed upon the subject, and I am sure that in the end the management of the palace will suffer rather than gain from this unfair tax, which partakes strongly, in my opinion, of sharp practice.

Yours fraternally, A STEWARD.

[We have received several letters on this subject, but all being written in a similar vein, this only is inserted.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The motives suggested, if not imputed, by several writers in your paper of to-day are scarcely nice. When I wrote suggesting a separate polling place for ladies, I had no idea that their right to vote was questioned. I, therefore, intended in no way to prejudice or prejudice that question. I only knew that a number of ladies had promised Bro. Storr to support him, and I desired that they should, if possible, be saved the mobbing inseparable from the efforts of a large body of men to poll in a short space of time. The Grand Registrar I have not seen or heard of, or from for some weeks past, and I read his opinion in your columns to-day for the first time. The suggestion of "D. D.," that Bro. McIntyre should not be consulted because he is interested in the result, is unworthy of a "D.D." In justice to Bro. McIntyre let me say that he cannot have the remotest knowledge (I doubt if any one has), whether it would be better or worse for Bro. Storr if ladies vote, and

further, that beyond the bare promise of his own vote (if not on circuit, where he probably will be) he has not so interested himself in this election as to be in any degree called with propriety an active partisan. I suppose every member of the House Committee is interested in the result, but that surely does not unfit them for the due conduct of the election. At this moment of writing, the result of the election is of course absolutely doubtful, and I shall be glad, as a really "active partisan" of Bro. Storr to say that in early supporting him and advocating his election I intended in no way to throw any doubt on the fitness of others. I trust the best man for the Institution may be eventually chosen, and that we shall all loyally support him, when elected.

Fraternally yours,  
JOHN B. MONCKTON.  
July 6th, 1878.

THE WORLD'S FAVOUR FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I fulfil my promise, and continue my remarks to-day.

1. Christian Masonry, though undoubtedly of late origin, and probably a development of Ramsay's original mistaken but specious thesis in 1740, is just now very much in vogue, and has many ardent followers. It is, however, as it boldly avows, Christian Masonry, and, commencing with Templarism, cannot be entered by non-Christians, though, curiously enough, some writers declare that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in its present form, is the actual compilation and arrangement of Hebrew Masons.

So far as this country is concerned, the "Rite of Heredom Kilwinning, with which the Rose Croix Grade is bound up, seems to have had a chapter, or Grand Chapter, in London about 1778, which professed, according to the Rite of Perfection, to give twenty Grades. I am not aware of any appearance of the A. and A. S. Rite nomenclature in this country until well on in this century. Separate grades may have been established, and probably were, but the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as we have it in England, is historically a 19th century arrangement.

2. I fear, as far as I know, that it must be admitted at the outset, that the Christian Grades have not done any good to Craft Masonry. I mean in this way. It is undoubted that a good deal of Roman Catholic opposition to Masonry is based on the "cena mystica" for instance, and other usages and nomenclature of the High Grades, which seem to Roman Catholic writers to parody the offices, the names, the usages, and the sacraments of the Church of Rome. The "cena mystica" is an institution very difficult to defend, except on Dr. Leeson's argument that it is a representation of the old "Agape," and is a link which binds our Freemasonry to the "Disciplina Arcana." But then as the "Agape" was condemned and suppressed on account of its admitted abuses, I fail to see why Christian Masons should seek to revive it or perpetuate it. Dr. Leeson's theory of any connection between Masonry and the "Disciplina Arcana" is, in my opinion, utterly untenable. The original objection to Freemasonry in 1738 by the Pope Clement, and which was promulgated before Christian Masonry appeared on the scene, was to its union of Roman Catholics and Protestants, and to its teaching the "religion of nature," but the Roman Catholic controversialist of to-day adds to that condemnation, the more modern accusation of impiety and irreverence, and an equally vehement anathema.

3. When, then, I am asked, what is the use of Christian Masonry? I, for one, am at a loss for a reply. But I admit equally, not being a Christian Mason, that I am not perhaps competent to reply to the query, except archaeologically. The English Christian system is confined to Templarism, to the Mark Grade to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and to the revived Order of Constantine, and is undoubtedly free from many of the gross absurdities and childish nonsense which mark many of the foreign "High Grades," and which character, I fear, must be given to so-called "Cryptic Masonry," to the rites of Misraim, Memphis, Swedenborg, "et hoc genus omne." You see I speak openly and frankly, with all deference, however, to the opinions of others, as I am always ready to be convinced by evidence and argument.

4. Now, as I before asked, is there any harmonising possible of Craft and Christian Masonry? or can the latter be in any sense a complement or supplement of the former? The one is universal, the other limited. The one is theistic alone, the other is Christian; the one admits all who believe in God the Most High, the other rejects all except those who accept the doctrine of the Holy and Blessed Trinity.

5. Admitted, if you like, that Christian Masons have as much right to exist, to speak, to act, as Craft Masons; conceded, if you choose, that the Christian Grades, (some of them at any rate) are beautiful aesthetically, doctrinally, morally, yet how can they and Craft Masonry meet or work on any common platform? That theory seems therefore to me to be impossible to uphold, and to be one not consonant either with truth or honesty to put forward.

6. But I am not prepared, therefore, to condemn my Christian brethren. Nay, I admit that in their Christian character they meet a common charge, (if it be worth meeting), of some superficial objectors, like Mr. Kerr, a reformed Presbyterian, at the present day.

7. It is quite possible, I feel bound also to say, that there is after all no absolute contradiction which at first sight might appear to exist as between the Christian development and the Craft foundation. That is to say, the Christian Mason may fairly say, it appears to me, (as I speak not for the sake of victory, but of truth), "I have a moral right to extend, as I believe the organisation and teaching of a Christian Hemic Masonry, which I contend has always existed in the world, side by side with Craft Masonry, in which Christian Masons see great good, and

to which I personally prefer alike in all its formulæ, and its symbolism, and its dogmata. May it not also be fairly contended, that Christian Masonry is the natural consequence, the inevitable development of the pure theism of Craft Masonry?"

8. Thus, then, I come to the conclusion, to which I have tried to lead my readers, that while I, for one, prefer on my own subjective views the simpler teaching of the universalism of Craft Masonry, and see in that its highest use and its greatest glory, I yet concede to my Christian brother Mason his equal right, absolutely and subjectively, to adhere to the more limited theory of Christian Masonry. Both systems can co-exist and may peacefully progress side by side, and let us praise and commend all who in these doubting and prevaricating days hold manfully to their own opinions on one side or the other, neither heeding the world's favour nor seeking the applause of men.

I am, yours fraternally, CRAFTSMAN.

MASONIC ÆSTHETICS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have properly always commended Masonic aesthetics, which are certainly much improved since the days that you and I, Sir, "went gipsying" in Masonry "a long time ago." But I confess that I was scandalized with the very "hugger mugger" way in which the consecration of the Chaucer Chapter was effected, though I am very much flattered by the use of my name.

The patient companions, in the first place, in the hottest of weather, were crowded into a little room, and perspired, and panted, and mopped their faces all through the long ceremonies. Indeed, I thought at one time that there would be nothing left behind of the reverend Orator but a large spot of grease. Indeed, the sufferings of all were patent, though, like good Masons, theirs was a "willing" mind. And, then, what shall I say—what can any one say—about the paraphernalia? Perhaps, in that very hot weather the consecrating vessels might have been melted between Great Queen-street and Southwark, and great would have been the "payne" of all. Perhaps it was too far to go for them from the "Borough!" Be this as it may, cannot proper vessels be secured? I think they can, and I fancy that I have seen them before on similar occasions. I, for one, object to "butter boats," except at table, and I think a very witty "mot," of a most distinguished official deserves recording "Ah!" he said sotto voce, "I see, fried soles and melted butter."

As there is, I am credibly informed, no difficulty whatever, in procuring suitable vessels, at a higher or lower fee, I trust that I may never again witness such unsatisfactory arrangements. I think it may, however, all be put down to the very hot weather, in which no doubt every one, was in person or imagination at the seaside or his "Sabine farm," and, therefore, these were things which in such a state of affairs a "fellar" could not be expected to think about. I hope you won't think that I have written either in "heate," or in "speighte," and I am, yours most fraternally,

CHAUCER.

THE MOTHER COUNCIL OF THE WORLD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am not concerned in this discussion, which is a pretty little quarrel as it stands, further than to ask Bro. Albert Pike, through your pages, what is his authority for the statement that Frederick the Great ever established a Supreme Council?

Might I also ask Bro. Pike to tell us frankly and carefully in your pages also, what in his opinion is the valid evidence which connected Frederick the Great with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at all? He will hardly, I think, contend for the genuineness and authenticity of the so-called Constitutions of 1786.

I am, yours fraternally, CRAFTSMAN.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning:—

I have read the various flattering and careful criticisms on your Cyclopaedia with much pleasure and profit, but I think it well when, from ignorance or misapprehension, the reviewer, (let us hope unwittingly), seeks to depreciate the work, to rectify any such patent errors, and to remove any such palpable undervaluing.

Public Opinion of June 20th, contains a very superficial and unfriendly review of the work, which, though I may be wrong, seems to be pervaded by somewhat of a personal animus, for I shall hope shortly to show the remarks of the writer are positively unsound and unjust. From a book of 656 pages he takes one subject, "not the worst," he adds, and which he dubs "unsatisfactory," and remarks in a novel adage "Ex pede Herculem!" The article inculcated is "Cabiri." Now, it was impossible in a Masonic Cyclopaedia to go into a question like the "Cabiri" at any length, the more so, as the writer well knows it is a most debatable one. The connection of Masonry with the mysteries is in itself a matter of much discussion and some doubt. The Samothracian mysteries surely belong to the "dim distance of ages." It would have been obviously most unwise to load pages in which space was valuable with matter so dubious and so reconcilable. But I did what I proposed to do, I gave a sketch of the main opinions on the subject, and I purposely omitted the names because I could not see why I was to insert them, as I was not editing a general, or a classical, or a simply archaeological Cyclopaedia. I am quite aware of the various theories of the "Cabiri," and of the discussions as to their origin, and even as to their names. But the writer chooses to forget that there is so far no actual agreement even as to their number, much less as to their names, and had he carefully read the article he would have realised the fact that I have con-

densed the opinions of all the known authorities on the subject, and to which, he must excuse me for saying; he has added nothing. Whether they were 2, 3, 4, 7, or 8, whether Egyptian, Assyrian, Hindoo, or Phœnician, or Pelasgic is still a matter of controversy. As it was impossible to decide, I left it, I think wisely, an open question. Suppose I had treated the subject as he has done, which I could easily have done, how does it touch upon Masonry? I think hardly at all. If we come to a second edition I may add a few remarks, if space permit, such as the alleged names of the Cabiri, and the various theories as to their origin.

As a German writer puts it, "the whole legend lies still in darkness." If I had given four names, as commonly received "Axios," "Axiokersa," "Axiohersos," and "Kadmilos," which are very dubious, I do not see that I added to the value of the Cyclopædia. So with all deference to the Reviewer, it is, in my opinion, a very ridiculous criticism, which, because a writer does not take your view of the subject, hastens to dub him ignorant of what he is writing about. Nothing is so easy as to criticize with second-hand information and judicious cramming. The padding of reviews is simply nauseous, and I must beg to demur to the dicta of any critic who is obviously unfair, and, by the animus he displays, incompetent to lecture another writer. There is nothing new or difficult about the Samothracian Mysteries, except that concerning them the accounts are most conflicting, and the opinions most antagonistic.

I am, dear brother Kenning, yours fraternally,  
THE EDITOR OF THE CYCLOPÆDIA.

#### AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I trust that you will give space for the following letter, in aid of a girl named "Mita Bell Braiser," whose case is so unique and exceptional, and as any body thoroughly reading the details cannot fail to understand and appreciate, that no words from me would be needed to draw attention to it; but as rule, the circulars are only curiously glanced at and then thrown into the fire or waste paper basket; I wish to attract the notice of your readers to a case whose claims one require to be known to receive the support of those whose votes are disengaged. Indeed, so great is the claim, that in my opinion, other claims which have one or more chances, might fairly lay in abeyance to secure her election. I know, or rather feel, that as a rule, you would feel bound to decline a letter in any particular case, but I do believe you could afford to insert this on behalf of a candidate whose position stands almost if not quite alone. I beg to state that I was, and am, unacquainted with any of the family, but when the case was pointed out to me by one who had known the father and family well and for many years, I at once saw the great need of every exertion, as there are only three vacancies at the ensuing election, that I gave up a case which could better afford to wait.

The case is as follows: The girl's father was initiated into Freemasonry in 1853, died in May, 1878, leaving six daughters unprovided for, the youngest of whom is the subject of my letter, and should she not succeed in the ensuing election her age will preclude her from another attempt; now, the great claim consists in these facts, that our brother was a subscribing member for over twenty-five years, that he was a constant subscriber to, and took an active interest in all the Institutions, and, brethren, this is the only chance we have of showing in a small way our appreciation of one who so ably performed his work and assisted the Craft during his life, let it not be said that the Craft generally failed to render so small a tribute to one so worthy of our remembrance.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL,  
V.P. of all the Institutions.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE OGMORE LODGE, No. 1752.

On Tuesday 2nd inst., a new lodge, to be known as the Ogmores Lodge, was opened at the Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend, and dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry; the ancient usages and ceremonies being duly observed. For many years past it had been thought that Bridgend was a suitable centre for a Masonic lodge, embracing as it does an important district from the various points of the compass. By dint of repeated energy and advocacy of the claims which the central town of Glamorgan held up for favourable consideration, the "consummation devoutly to be wished" has at length been realised. A petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of England, numerously signed and supported by Sir Geo. Elliot, R.W. P.G.M., and the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Marmaduke Tennant), and a warrant of constitution was granted, bearing the signature of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; and the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey.

Bro. John Sim Woolley, P.G.D.C., had thrown in his energies in supporting the prayer of the petitioners, and had consented to occupy the W.M. chair for the first year. The arrangements for the ceremony were complete, and the various appointments of the lodge were highly approved of; the scene at the hour when the room was well filled with the brethren, clothed in full Masonic regalia, was of a very imposing kind. Most of the lodges in the province were represented, and brethren attended from Pembrokeshire, Monmouthshire, Bristol, &c., and members of American and Australian lodges were also present.

At 12.30 p.m. the lodge was opened by Bro. Canton, the W.M. of the Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea, Bro. Sladen

acting as S.W.; Bro. Symons, J.W.; Bro. W. Williams, S.D., P.M. 818; Bro. Lloyd, J.D.; Bro. W. H. Headon, I.G.; and Bro. Atkins, Provincial Grand Organist, conducted the musical part of the ceremonies. The brethren present included the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant; G. E. Dowman, 951; Rowland Thomas, P.M. 364, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Davies, P.M. 960, P.P.G.D.; John Jones, P.M. 833, P.P.G.T.; F. Atkins, 960, P.G. Organist; William Williams, P.M. 818, P.P.S.G.D. (Mon.); Rev. W. Watkins, Prov. Grand Chaplain; J. H. Mayor, J.W. 36, P.G.S.; Dominic Watson, I.P.M. 36; O. J. Brooke, 833, P.P.G. Steward; M. W. Morgan, 1578; G. Pennington, 833; J. Hurman, 960 and 36, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Sidney Hartland, W.M. 1323, Prov. G.D.; T. D. Daniel, P.M. 833; R. T. Gibbs, 237; W. H. Headon, 237; Frederick Pratt, 1459; Rev. Watkin Davies, 833; John P. Hutchings, 378; J. G. Morris, 818; John H. Thomas, 833; Henry Simon, J.W. 237; John Harrop, 237; Gilbert Legge, Org. 237; W. T. Canton, W.M. 1573; J. L. Wrighton, 1573; J. C. Manning, Swansea; J. H. Hall, 1323; E. Fish, 237; Edward Daniel, P.G.S.W. 833; Rev. Thomas Walters, 1573; William Lewis, 366; David W. Thomas, 960; Isaac George, 833; R. Burnell, 833; John Hemming, 833; M. P. S. Tozer, 265; R. Rawle, 1288; R. Southey, W.M. 36; D. Duncan, J.D. 36; W. H. Davies, 960; R. Christie, 960; T. J. Newman, 833; Titus Lewis, 1258; J. W. Lloyd, 237; James Hughes, 1573; J. Wessendorf, 237; T. W. Hall, 833; John Thomas, 36; William Williams, 818; W. Watkins, 1578; Thomas Rogers, Chaplain 1578; J. H. Mayor, 36; R. C. Hunter, 1578; J. Loveluck, 833; Edward Loveluck, 833; W. H. Thomas, 833; W. Podmore, 995; D. R. David, W.M. 833; R. W. Llewellyn, 1116; B. A. Daniel, 833; W. Whittington, P.S.G.W., 364; David Williams, Organist 833; John Howell, 833; J. L. Perrin, 1573; W. H. Rees, 364; and others.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master and officers having been announced, they entered the lodge and took their respective places, the D.P.G.M. being supported by his officers—Bro. Daniel, Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. Dr. Hall, Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. Livingston, Prov. S.G.D.; Bro. Hartland, Prov. J.G.D.; Bro. the Rev. W. Watkins, Prov. Grand Chaplain; and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Walters, Assistant Prov. Grand Chaplain. Bro. Whittington was at the right of the chair as acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Morgan (Pontypridd), Prov. G. Supt. Works, on behalf of the petitioners for the lodge, requested the Deputy Prov. G.M. to consecrate the Ogmores Lodge. Bro. Mayor, Prov. G. Steward, and acting Prov. G. Registrar, then read the warrant of constitution, which included the names of Bros. John Sim Woolley (P.S.G.D.), O. J. Brooke, G. Morley, W. Podmore, J. Hemming, and George Pennington.

The consecration ceremony commenced with the reading of a portion of the Holy Scriptures by the Grand Chaplain. The Prov. Grand Supt. of Works having testified as to the regularity of the initiative proceedings of the promoters, and as to the elements of consecration, the consecration anthem was sung. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then called upon Bros. Whittington, Rowland Thomas, Livingston, and Hartland to assist him in performing the ceremony, after which the lodge was formally dedicated to virtue and universal benevolence, and declared duly dedicated and consecrated to ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Walters (who, in addition to his Masonic regalia, wore the scarlet robe of a Doctor of Divinity) then offered up the dedication prayer, having, in a very impressive manner, previously delivered the consecration sentences.

The musical part of the ceremony was elaborate and very effectively rendered. During the ceremony of consecration to "Masonry," "Virtue," "Universal Benevolence," and "Wisdom," responses and odes were sung. D. R. David, W.M. of the Afan Lodge, sang with great ability the recitative from the Messiah, "For behold darkness," after which a choir selected from the brethren sang Dr. Clarke's familiar and popular anthem, "Behold how good and joyful it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," the verse parts being taken by Bros. D. Williams, of Aberavon, and D. R. David, of Margam. It was admirably rendered throughout, the chorus being most effective. The ceremony of consecration was concluded with the anthem, "Hail, Masonry Divine!" in which the whole of the brethren joined. Bro. D. Williams, of Aberavon, acted as choirmaster; and the Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. F. Atkin, of Cardiff, accompanied on the organ. The following brethren formed the choir, and for their musical aid the Ogmores brethren feel much indebted:—D. Williams (Organist), D. R. David, John Jones, F. G. Jenkins, E. T. Lewis (all of the Afan); Gilbert Legge (Organist), J. W. Lloyd, W. H. Headon, H. Simons, J. Harrop, (all of the "Indefatigable"); and Bros. F. Pratt, 1457, and James Hughes, 1573.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, Bro. Woolley, the W.M. designate of the newly-consecrated lodge, was then introduced to the Deputy Prov. G.M. for installation. The ancient charges were read by the Prov. G. Registrar, and the W.M. designate, having taken upon himself the necessary obligations, was duly installed according to ancient custom, and openly proclaimed by the installing master as W.M. of the Ogmores Lodge, No. 1752.

On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Canton, the Deputy Prov. G.M. was elected an honorary member of the lodge, who, in thanking the lodge for electing him, said that nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the interests of the Ogmores Lodge to the extent of his ability.

The Worshipful Master then moved the thanks of the lodge to the Deputy Prov. G.M. for the very able, kindly, and fraternal way in which the consecration ceremony had been performed by him, and for his kindness at all times in connection with the lodges of his province.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in acknowledging the

vote, said he felt that, in doing what he had done, he was only doing his duty. He could have wished that the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Sir George Elliot) had been there to perform the ceremony. As it was, he could only express his pleasure at being able to be there, and to do what he could for the Ogmores Lodge, as he would for any other lodge in the province.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Oliver J. Brooke, S.W.; George Pennington, J.W.; William Podmore, Treas.; John Hemming, Sec.; John Howell, S.D.; J. H. Bennett, J.D.; Captain Tozer, Dir. of Cers.; J. H. Thomas, I.G.; Captain T. W. Hall, and W. H. Thomas, Stewards; Robert Burnell, Tyler.

Hearty good wishes were then conveyed to the Worshipful Master by representatives of nearly all the lodges in the province, and from lodges in Pembrokeshire and Bristol, which were conducted throughout with marked ability, and were deservedly applauded at the termination. The important and onerous duties of Installing-Master were skillfully performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, as was also the beautifully impressive ceremony of consecration, it being the general remark by brethren present that they never remember it to have been carried out from beginning to end more perfectly.

A number of propositions were made for candidates desirous of being inducted into the mysteries of Freemasonry. This concluded the business of the day, and the lodge was then closed in ancient form by the newly-elected Master and his recently-appointed officers. The brethren then dispersed for nearly a couple of hours; many of the visiting brethren who were strangers perambulating the streets and suburbs of this pleasant town.

The banquet was served with commendable punctuality in the Assembly-room of the Wyndham Arms Hotel, the tables being laid out in an elegant manner; choice flowers spreading their perfume and adding colour and effect to the bright appearance of the banqueting room.

The Worshipful Master of the Ogmores Lodge having taken the chair, the following toasts were given:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge," "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master," "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master (the Consecration and Installation Master), and the Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. E. R. Daniel, "The Visitors," "Success to the Ogmores Lodge;" proposed by the D.P.G.M. and responded to by the W.M. "The Lodges of the Province," and "The Officers of the Lodge;" responded to by Bros. Brooke, Pennington, Hemming, and Podmore. The speeches bearing reference to the new lodge were all of a very congratulatory kind, and there appeared to be but one opinion as to the very successful way in which the event of the day had passed off.

We may here mention that in addition to the usual toast-list, that of "The Host and Hostess" was given, and responded to with much heartiness; no idle compliment, but one which was well earned by Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

The evening was enlivened by songs and glees, sung by various brethren.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list, and the brethren dispersed about 9.0 p.m.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. G. Chandler, presided. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, D. M. Dewar, J. H. Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, James Winter, S. Rawson, Geo. J. Row, J. Joyce Murray, the Rev. Dr. Morris, C. F. Matier, L. B. Pillin, R. B. Webster, Benjamin Head, F. Adlard, J. R. Gallant, James Blyth, W. H. Perryman, C. G. Rushworth, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the list of petitions was taken, and as this was the last day for placing candidates on the list for the October election, it was very heavy. There were no less than seventeen petitions to be examined. These took more than an hour to go through. In the result one of those was rejected, one deferred, and one accepted, subject to the decision of the Quarterly Court of Monday next. All the others were unconditionally accepted. The Quarterly Court was recommended to place sixty-eight boys on the list for next election and to declare eleven vacancies.

Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that in these circumstances there would after the October election be 211 boys in the School.

Three outfits were granted, and a notice of motion for the Quarterly Court was given by Bro. Jesse Turner, for altering Law 70 by giving the Committee power to grant £40 to advance a boy instead of £20 as at present.

The Committee then adjourned.

The Consecration of the Metropolitan Chapter No. 1507 took place on Thursday last at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville Road, Kings Cross, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. James Terry, P.Z. G.D. of C. Herts in his usual able manner. Comps. J. Willing, jun., J. R. Stacey, and W. J. Ferguson, were respectively inducted into the chairs of First, Second and Third principals. A full report will appear in our next.

The 80th anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Monday, at the Alexandra Palace. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., presided, supported by a very large number of brethren. The list of subscriptions amounted to £10,100, with lists still to come in.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA (EASTERN DIVISION.)

(From a Correspondent.)

In the month of April, 1876, a circular was issued by the Grand Secretary dividing South Africa into three divisions for Masonic purposes, and the M.W. Pro Grand Master, in his consideration for the interests of the Fraternity in this District, permitted the various lodges to nominate a brother for the office of D.G. Master for the new Eastern Division, whom it would then be his pleasure to appoint.

In accordance with this wish, a conference was called in November, 1876, which was held in the Temple of Albany Lodge No. 389, Grahamstown (being the oldest lodge in the district), at which delegates attended from 13 out of the 19 lodges which then came under this division, 3 being unable to send delegates and the remaining 3 not communicating.

At this conference Bro. Charles James Egan, M.D., A.B., and P.M. of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, was elected as the brother who should be recommended to the M.W. Pro Grand Master as a fit and proper person for the exalted appointment of D.G. Master.

By resolution of this conference it was decided that the town in which the D.G.M. resided should become the headquarters of the D.G. Lodge.

At this time Dr. Egan, being very unwell, decided upon taking a trip to England, in order to obtain the rest which he so much needed. While there he obtained his patent, and was enabled to attend Grand Lodge, and a number of private lodges, thereby increasing and refreshing his already large stock of Masonic knowledge, the benefits of which we are already experiencing to a large extent.

On his return to the colony he immediately began making the preliminary arrangements for his installation and the first meeting of the District Grand Lodge. He very fortunately secured the services of Bro. P.M. Geo. P. Perks, the present W.M. of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, to act as his Secretary, and a great deal of the success of the installation and first meeting was owing to his untiring energy and zeal.

In appointing his officers Dr. Egan followed the example set by the M.W. Pro Grand Master (by waiving his right of appointing the D.G.M.), and delegated to the members of the various lodges in order of seniority the right of nominating brethren to fill the sundry offices in D. G. Lodge for the first year, as he had not a sufficiently personal acquaintance with all the brethren residing in the district, until he should have had the opportunity of meeting with them.

This arrangement gave great satisfaction, and also had the effect of distributing the offices broadcast through the division.

The installation ceremony took place on the 16th of May, when the brethren of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, met at their Temple in King William's Town.

At noon the lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M., Bro. P. Perks, who acted as the Installing Officer. A choir, consisting of Bros. P.M. John Ryan, W. F. Sissing, Edward Gray, Rupert E. Webb, and H. Watkins, under the direction of the Organist, Bro. A. J. Fuller, rendered the musical portion of the ceremony in a very efficient manner. After the opening ode "Hail Eternal" had been sung, the Secretary stated the object of the meeting. The lodge was passed and raised. The choir sang "The Glorious Majesty," the solos by Bros. Edward Gray, John Ryan, and A. J. Fuller.

The R.W.D.G.M. on entering was received with honours, and presented his patent, the Organist playing a suitable organ march. The W.M. then read the patent and addressed the brethren. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, and the choir sang "To Heaven's High Architect." The D.G.M. was then presented to the W.M., who gave him the obligation and invested him with the jewel and regalia of D.G.M. He was then proclaimed from the East, West, and South.

The W.M. handed his gavel to the R.W.D.G. Master. After prayer by the Chaplain the choir sang "Glory to God on High," and the R.W.D.G.M., Charles James Egan, M.D., proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. P.M. Oliver Lester, D.G.S.W.; Bro. P.M. C. F. Blakeway, D.G.J.W.; Bro. the Rev. George Gould Ross, M.A., D.C.L., D.G. Chaplain; Bro. P.M. George Prescott Perks, D.G. Sec.; Bro. C. T. W. D.G.S.D.; Bro. P.M. John Ryan, D.G.J.D.; Bro. W. S. Leigh, as proxy for Bro. P.M. T. P. O. Mathew, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; Bro. P.M. Albert Ziervogel, D.G. Pursuivant; and Bros. P.M. A. J. Randell, E. J. Smithies, Guy Barber, W. A. Smith, W. Wynne, and J. R. M. Cole, D.G. Stewards.

The R.W.D.G.M. then addressed the brethren and the M.M. lodge was closed. The F.C. lodge was closed and the E.A. lodge was closed, all the brethren uniting in singing the closing ode, "Now the evening shadows closing."

The Temple, a fine building, surrounded by a garden, had been furnished with sundry suites of drawing-room furniture, lent by various brethren for the occasion, and presented a very pleasing and comfortable picture, filled as it was in every part by brethren resident in K.W. Town, and visitors from every part of the district.

At 6 o'clock in the evening the first communication of the D.G. Lodge was held in the same building, the R.W.D. G. Master in the chair. The lodge being opened in due form, Bro. Geo. Broster, S.W. of British Kaffrarian Lodge, was elected and installed as D.G. Treasurer. The sitting was chiefly occupied by the framing and discussion of by-laws for the government of the lodge.

On the following evening all visiting brethren were invited to a banquet in the Town Hall, given by the members of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, at which the usual

Masonic toasts were drunk with honours, one speech deserving special comment, viz., that of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ross, D.G. Chap., who is Principal of St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown. He said he was anxious to see some provision made for the education of children of Masons, such children to be either orphans, or children of good abilities, whose parents were unable to afford them an education high enough to develop their natural talents. He had great pleasure in stating that the committee of St. Andrew's College had authorised him to offer Masonic Scholarships for the cost of board, making no charge whatever for tuition fees. The necessary sum for the support of a free scholar might be provided immediately by an annual subscription of, say, two guineas from each lodge, and at some future time a capital sum might be funded or a wing might be added to the college on condition that certain scholars nominated by the Craft should be free exhibitors. The proposition was received with acclamation by the brethren present, and we hope to see the scheme fairly floated at the next meeting of D.G. Lodge, which we believe will take place in Grahamstown about September next.

The sincere thanks of the brethren are due to the committee of St. Andrew's College for the liberal offer they have made, and also to Dr. Ross, upon whose shoulders the extra labour would fall.

With this banquet (which was a great success) the meetings in connection with the opening of the first District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Africa were brought to a close. I cannot conclude this account without expressing my appreciation of the unceasing kindness and attention paid by the members of the British Kaffrarian Lodge to their visitors and guests on this occasion, and with such a lodge stationed at the head quarters, and with such a worthy man and sterling Mason as the R.W.D.G.M., Dr. C. J. Egan, everything bids fair for a brilliant future for the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Africa.

Reviews.

RITUALES DE LOS TRES GRADOS DE LA MASONERIA, per E. A. LECERFF, Havannah.

We have received this little work of Spanish Ritualism, and have run through it. Though like all foreign rituals it has many differences with ours, yet we are glad to note that it distinctly recognises T.G.A.O.T.U., and the need and use of and value of Masonic prayer. How much pleasanter would be the realization and important the fact if it could be safely said that everywhere the conditions and teaching of Craft Masonry were essentially the same. As many are well aware the Spanish is a noble language, and many of our well-known English formulæ are preserved in the Spanish language with great effect and striking power.

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, PAST AND PRESENT; Tegg & Co.

We have somewhat cursorily, (we have to confess it), looked over this handy little book, and we have found it full of very interesting information. To those of us to whom telegraphy is alike a marvel and an interest we commend earnestly this useful work, as it will post them up on matters which now-a-days a "fellar ought to know," and will tell them of much of which at present they are profoundly ignorant.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

"Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia," edited by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford (G. Kenning), seems to be a very complete handbook in alphabetical arrangement of Masonic archæology, history, and biography. It is necessarily less extensive, or rather, we should say less minute in detail than Mackey's great work; but being more portable and cheaper, it is perhaps better adapted to the requirements of a large class who are interested in Masonic literature and the history and organisation of Freemasonry. The author has availed himself of numerous sources of information, English and foreign. His volume includes a short history of the High Grades. The biographical articles are very numerous, and are frequently curious. We infer, however, that the records of Freemasonry are not kept with the care that might be expected, since, with regard to the late Emperor Napoleon, the author is only able to tell us that "he has been claimed as a Mason, but we believe erroneously," and that, "if anything, he was connected with the Napoleon Masonry."—Daily News.

Madame Christine Nilsson has left London for Paris, en route to Mont d'Or, where she will make a month's sojourn for the benefit of her health. She returns to England in the autumn, for a provincial tour, under the direction of that spirited entrepreneur, Mr. Pyatt.

A new Minor Planet of the twelfth magnitude has been discovered by Professor Pelais, at Clinton, New York.

Freemasons as a race that dwell apart from the ordinary ranks of men when they have books compiled for their special edification. They will no doubt fully realise the value of Kenning's Masonic Encyclopaedia, or Handbook of Masonic Archæology, History, &c. (George Kenning), a goodly octavo of some six hundred pages, in which will be found in any things which to brethren will doubtless be valuable. To the rest of the world, the profanum vulgus, the book must have little meaning.—The Standard, Monday, July 1st, 1878.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

COLOUR-BLINDNESS.—It results from the studies of M. Favre on this subject at the Académie des Sciences that at 3,000,000 persons in France are afflicted with inability to distinguish colours (Daltonism.) The number of women so affected, as compared with a number of men, is in the proportion of one to ten. Nine cases of Daltonism out of ten may easily be cured in young subjects. The best means of treatment consists in methodical exercise upon coloured objects.—British Medical Journal.

The preparations for erecting Cleopatra's Needle are well advanced. Nearly the whole of the iron-work has been removed, and the inscription on the fourth side is at present in an excellent position for examination and comparison with the various editions which have been given of it. There are several points of interest to be observed with regard to the palæography of the older or central line and that of the two nearer lines with which it is flanked, the former being far superior in workmanship and treatment to the later additions. This is particularly remarkable in those parts which have been covered by sand and so protected from injury by weather or design. Some of the hieroglyphics are executed in a different manner; the circle, for instance, of the middle column of text is slightly raised at the centre; in the side lines it takes the form of a deep and cup-like depression. It is expected that the work will be completed in about two months' time. The solid base of masonry and granite blocks is being built upon a staging; above this the Needle will be raised and swung by an armed collar, which will enable the monolith to be balanced, and thus easily transferred from a horizontal to a vertical position.—Athenæum.

Swimming for girls is strenuously advocated in a letter in the Times from Mr. John Macgregor (of the London Schools Swimming Club, School Board for London, Victoria Embankment). He states that hundreds of girls are learning to swim, and affirms that many hundred more would gladly learn if teachers could be had. As a proof of this Mr. Macgregor asserts that last year a class for thirty girls was begun late in the season, yet 25 of these were taught to swim in six lessons, and six of them won prizes. At present only five of the public baths are available for girls and female school teachers, but we sincerely hope that public attention may be drawn to this movement, which promises to be one of great benefit to the community at large, for, apart from all other considerations, it may be said, as Mr. Macgregor concludes, "Mothers and sisters who can swim will not let their boys be unwashed when on land or drowned when in the water."

The Women of Belgium have decided to offer a present to the Queen of the Belgians on the occasion of her silver wedding, the 22nd prox. Subscriptions are limited to 2½d.

On Sunday afternoon, at St. Nicholas parish church, Newbury, a flower sermon was preached by the rector, the Rev. E. Imber Gardiner. After the sermon some hundreds of bouquets of beautiful flowers were carried by the children to the chancel and deposited in large baskets arranged within the communion rails. A collection was made in behalf of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond-street, and in the evening the flowers were despatched by the Great Western Railway to that and similar institutions in the metropolis.

An Exhibition of Fans was opened on Tuesday week at Drapers' Hall, containing 1259 specimens, valued at about £15,000. One of the most valuable exhibits is Queen Anne's fan, and also a curious fan, painted by an Italian on chicken skin, with a little watch in the handle. There are also two or three peculiarly small hand-tablets, fashionable under the First Empire, still glistening with the inimitable glaze called vernis-Martin, after the artist, whose secret died with him. There is one fan in the collection to which a singular legend is attached. The blades are strangely and unusually shaped, like the wooden beaters with which French laundresses sometimes kneaded the clothes they washed. The style is Louis XV., when the ladies of the Court, to show their distaste for the vulgar upstart Dubarry, are said to have had their fans so made that, without any open affront they could remind her of her early life among the soap-suds. There is the jewelled fan presented by the Maharajah Dhuleep Sing to the Princess Alice, which is composed entirely of emeralds, rubies, and pearls, from the collection of Runjeet Singh, of Lahore, and also an old French fan, possibly the gem of the collection, belonging to Lady Musgrave, having been in the Musgrave family for a century, and representing a scene from the Æneid. Altogether, the Exhibition is well worth a visit, particularly from our lady readers. It may be mentioned that among the fans at the Drapers' Hall is a jewelled fan shown by her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Hesse. It is put down in the catalogue at a nominal value of £300, but we believe the price should really be £800.

An official painting of a sitting of the Congress has been ordered by the Berlin Municipality, and the commission has been entrusted, at a cost of £3000, to Herr Anton von Werner.

Dr. Ferdinand Hiller's "Biblical Idyll," "Rebecca," has been performed, with great success, under the direction of its eminent composer, by the Association for Classical Sacred Music at Stuttgart. Why do we never hear any of Hiller's sacred compositions in this country? What Mendelssohn thought of his contemporary and intimate friend is known to all who have perused the very interesting correspondence of that veritable "last of the Romans."

The first two parts of Wagner's "Ring des Nibelungen" brought, in twenty-two evenings, no less than 14,000 marks (about £7000 to the treasury of the Leipzig Opera House.

### SUMMER FETE OF THE PAXTON LODGE, No. 1686.

The Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, which was consecrated only a twelvemonth since, and has had a most brilliant career, held on Wednesday evening last, at the Crystal Palace, a Summer Fete that had been most admirably arranged.

The Fete consisted of a dinner party, to which ladies as well as brethren were invited, and as it was given in one of the pretty dining saloons at the Crystal Palace, where a charming view of the beautiful county of Kent can be had, and soft breezes can be at any time obtained, the efforts of the committee to make the evening pleasant received considerable natural aid. The efforts of Bro. F. J. Sawyer, S.D., also were energetically directed to making the meeting a success, and the dinner was most liberally laid, and the table elegantly adorned with choice flowers and fruit. The committee who had charge of the arrangements were Bros. J. M. Klenck, W.M.; C. Hammerton, P.M.; F. W. Goddard, S.W.; C. H. Benham, J.W.; F. J. Sawyer, S.D.; W. H. Boswell, J.D.; R. E. Woodhams, I.G.; N. J. Bassett, W.S.; G. R. Dodd, D.C.; S. Walker, A.W.S.; R. A. Platt, R. Turner, F. T. Goddard, N. J. Whitcombe, H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Hon. Sec.

The party was composed of Bros. J. M. Klenck, W.M.; F. W. Goddard, S.W.; G. R. Dodd, as J.W.; H. E. Frances, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Sawyer, S.D.; N. J. Bassett, W.S.; S. Walker, Asst. W.S.; Turner, W. G. Brighten, Frank Goddard, W. W. Morgan, Dr. Cutmore, H. Massey (Freemason), and Mrs. J. Klenck, Miss McRae, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Walker, Miss Sawyer, Mrs. W. W. Morgan, and Mrs. Massey.

Letters of apology were received from the following brethren who could not attend: Lieut.-Col. Burdett, Grand Lodge; Alderman Hadley, J. E. Saunders, Grand Lodge; F. W. Masters, 1339; R. Vincent, 72; J. Smith, P.G.P.; Dr. Kempster, Earl Spencer Lodge; J. McRae, J. Taylor, P.M. 933; Gibson, P.M. Earl Stanhope; Dods, P.M. 72.

At the conclusion of the dinner the list of toasts was gone through.

In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that it had not been for Masonry no doubt the present assemblage would not have been got together, and for the information of the ladies he would say that Freemasons met in various lodges, and in those lodges they formed acquaintances through which many of the brethren formed friendships, which happily were lasting. He hoped that Masonry would continue to bring them together in the manner it had hitherto done, and that they would all feel towards each other that brotherly love which should at all times characterise Freemasons under whatever circumstances they met. They had met that day almost on the first anniversary of their consecration, and he was pleased to say they had lost none of that unanimity and concord which characterised their consecration meeting. He was very pleased to find the brethren and ladies present, and he hoped they had enjoyed themselves. The Stewards had done everything they could to contribute to the company's comfort, and he trusted the ladies especially would have a good impression of Masonry and of Masonic brethren. He would ask the ladies to look at the gentlemen around them, and he thought that having done so they would not regret having met them. The brethren present were a very fair sample of Masonry, and the ladies must acknowledge from the specimen they had had they would not object at meeting them in private society.

In giving "The Health of the Grand Master," Bro. Klenck reminded the brethren that a member of the Royal family took the chair on Monday at the Festival of the Boys' School, and that the Chairman of the day, the Duke of Connaught, expressed his full sympathy and thorough hearty feeling with Masonry.

In giving "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M.," &c., Bro. Klenck told the company that that very day Lord Skelmersdale was engaged in launching a lifeboat at Clacton-on-Sea, and he hoped that that boat might be the means of saving many a shipwrecked mariner and rescuing him from a watery grave. If such a case did occur he hoped that those saved would remember with gratitude the munificence of Freemasons.

Bro. James Coward, Past Grand Organist, responded. Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., Treas. and Sec., in very complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. Klenck, W.M., in reply, said he hoped everything had been done satisfactorily to contribute to the comfort and happiness, and that the company were pleased with it. It was at all times the endeavour of W.M.'s of lodges to obtain and to merit the approbation of all, rather than of any individual in particular. He had done what he had to the best of his ability. He could safely say that the truest principle of Masonry was charity, and he did not think any brother during his tenure of office in Masonry could boast of doing more than he, in his humble capacity, had done. He had viewed the charities as one of the best institutions of Masonry, and to that principle he had adhered in his advocacy of charity.

The W.M. in proposing "The Visitors" informed the company of the cordial reception he had always met with among Freemasons while travelling abroad. Visitors were always acceptable to Freemasons, and he very much hoped that the visitors that evening had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If they had done so as much as the hosts had enjoyed their society, they must be satisfied indeed.

Bros. Levander and Brighten replied, and assured the W.M. that the visitors had spent a most pleasant evening. Bro. Brighten in the course of his reply referred to the W.M.'s allusion to the launch that day of the "Albert Edward" Lifeboat. But he informed the brethren that though the vessel had only been formally launched that day, she had already done service, for when she was out on a sail, some very bad weather sprang up, and the crew of

a brig to the number of eight or nine were all saved by means of the "Albert Edward," at Clacton-on-Sea. Such a case as that was evidence how urgently a lifeboat was needed at Clacton-on-Sea. "The Stewards," "The Press," and "The Ladies" were the other toasts, after the proposal of and returning thanks for which the company separated. A beautiful musical entertainment was given in the course of the evening by Mrs. Klenck, Miss McRae, Bro. Goddard, Bro. Brighten, Bro. F. J. Sawyer, and Bro. James Coward, who accompanied on the pianoforte most of the vocalists, also performed some beautiful compositions on the same instrument. The musical performances as well as all the other enjoyments of the evening were fully appreciated by the brethren and ladies.

### PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRO LITTLE.

A meeting of brethren was held at Freemasons' Hall on the evening of the 5th inst., for the purpose of taking steps for raising a fitting memorial to the late Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, &c., &c., &c. The following brethren attended: Bros. John Boyd, George Kenning, Rev. Dr. Brette, H. C. Levander, Thomas Massa, Thomas Cubitt, H. A. Dubois, H. G. Buss, Herbert Dicketts, W. Dodd, R. B. Webster, George Tidcombe, jun., F. R. W. Hedges, and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. John Boyd was called upon to preside, and in opening the proceedings of the evening he said that it was unnecessary to remind the brethren what the object of the meeting was, as all the brethren had had a circular, and the matter was fresh in their recollection. He should, therefore, leave the matter in the hands of the meeting to suggest the form which the intended memorial should take. But before that was done he should call on Bro. Dodd to read any letters he had received on the subject.

Bro. Dodd then read a letter from Bro. W. Roebuck, regretting his inability to attend the meeting, but giving permission for his name to be placed on any committee that might be formed. Another letter from Bro. J. C. Parkinson, informing the meeting that other engagements prevented his attending, but suggesting that the best memorial to the dead was the extending of help to the living, and with that view he would be happy to subscribe to any fund which might be raised to Bro. Little's widow. A letter from Col. Burdett regretted his being obliged to be absent on account of other engagements, but expressing sympathy with the object of the meeting. Bro. John Thomas Moss also wrote saying he would be happy to assist, and that the meeting might make use of him in any way; and if they pleased might use his name on a committee.

The Rev. Dr. Brette said he had thought over the subject which had brought the brethren together, and he quite agreed with the opinion of Bro. Parkinson, that the best way of showing respect to the dead was to take care of those whom they loved in life. He therefore thought the best way in which they could show their respect for Bro. Little would be during the life of his widow to assist to make her comfortable. He would at the same time add that they might erect a memorial tombstone over the grave of Bro. Little; but considering the distance from town of the cemetery which Bro. Little had selected for his grave it would not be well to lay out more than £30 or £40 for the tomb. This amount he had had already promised, but the amount desired to be raised was £1000, and he thought the interest on this sum when invested might be paid to Mrs. Little during her life as a memorial to Bro. Little, and when she died the principal to be paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a memorial in some form to the late Secretary of the Institution. In this way he thought the brethren would be taking care of one whom Bro. Little had loved during life, and of the children of the Girls' School, for the benefit of whom he had exercised his best efforts during his Masonic career. His proposition therefore was that a testimonial be erected over the grave of Bro. Little, to be paid for out of the subscriptions to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, that the remainder should be invested and the interest paid quarterly to Bro. Little's widow during life or widowhood, and at her death or re-marriage the principal to be paid to the Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Some questions as to form having been asked and answered, the brethren formed themselves into a committee for carrying out the above project, and appointed Bros. Dr. Brette, John Boyd, H. C. Levander, H. G. Buss, George Kenning, Col. Burdett, J. C. Parkinson, W. Roebuck, and Thomas Cubitt, a Sub-committee, with power to add to their number, to deal with the matter. Bros. W. Dodd and F. R. W. Hedges were appointed joint Secretaries, and Bro. H. G. Buss, Treasurer of the Fund.

The Chairman asked whether it was proposed to place any limit to the amount of individual subscriptions.

Dr. Brette thought not. The best that could be done was to get the largest amount of subscriptions possible. The first step should be to erect a memorial over Bro. Little's grave, which he proposed should consist of a tomb made of grey granite, six feet by six; and then to obtain as large an amount as possible for investment, the interest to be paid to the widow, and the principal, on her death or re-marriage, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Girls' School.

Bro. Tidcombe asked whether there was any Masonic place where a tablet to the memory of Bro. Little might be erected. He had noticed several tablets on coming into Freemasons' Hall that day.

The Chairman said that those tablets commemorated the building of Freemasons' Hall, and perpetuated the memory of those brethren who took a prominent part in that event.

Bro. Tidcombe observed that with regard to the pro-

posed fund it would be as well to let the Craft know that the money which they subscribed to the Wentworth Little Memorial would in the end go to and benefit the Masonic Girls' School, so that they were really contributing to a great charity while doing honour to a brother whom they all respected.

The meeting was then adjourned for a fortnight.

### THE STAR AND GARTER, KEW BRIDGE.

The opening of the new Banqueting Hall at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew, a notice of which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 1st ult., was inaugurated on the 27th ult. by a banquet, at which between fifty and sixty of the brethren were present. Situated in one of the most charming of the environs of the metropolis, watered by the Thames, and in the midst of associations of no ordinary interest, Kew has ever been one of the favourite resorts of jaded Londoners; and it is needless to say that the Star and Garter has ever been a favoured hostelry. Are you tired, careworn, and dyspeptic? Do you wish to throw off the thousand-and-one petty cares and vexations of every-day existence? Would you exchange the vile carbon of the city for the pure oxygen of the fields, the everlasting wearying mezzo-tint of city chimneys, the bilious hue of city skies, for the deep azure that is heaven-born and for the fresh verdant foliage of trees, that a Claude would sigh to transfer to canvas, then go to Kew. Health is in its breeze, poetry is in its picturesque beauty, history and romance meet you at every turn, and the genius of a Gainsborough and a Zoffany still haunt the favoured spot which brought them inspiration and gave charm to their pencilings. But the most favoured of earth-born men must sometimes seek the prosaic comforts of life, and where shall we find them so complete as at Bro. Stanbury's, mine host of the Star and Garter? Do you want the true flavour of the violet, where will you find a choicer Mazarin than at Bro. Stanbury's? Hock, Chablis, Champagne! Waiter, bring the *carte*!

And so Bro. Stanbury, moving with the times, and secure in the affections of his visitors, has enlarged his borders and thrown out a fine banqueting hall, which is also a hall of mystery, as every place dedicated to the rites of Freemasonry ought to be. How long it took to build, what its dimensions are, how it is upholstered and carpeted, all these are details which have already appeared in the *Freemason* and are too prosaic for the present occasion. It suffices us that the coup d'œil is attractive, and that the inaugural banquet promises to keep up the time-honoured reputation of the Star and Garter, and to add additional laurels to Bro. Stanbury as a caterer. Bro. Layton presided, and Bro. Ellis occupied the vice-chair, and as we have said, between fifty and sixty brethren graced the festive board, where everything was perfection, and everyone was gay, and the chairman exercised a wise discretion by making short speeches the order of the day.

The loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Newson in a gallant little speech, full of fire and pluck, responded for the martial element of the Queen's subjects. The toast to Lord Beaconsfield met with a response which would have satisfied the most captious of Tories and have stirred the emotions of the veteran champion of British interests.

Bro. Tredwell improved the occasion, and was followed by Bro. Carpenter, who in a speech concise and epigrammatic, gave the toast "Prosperity of the Town and Trade of Brentford and Kew."

This marriage of aristocratic Kew with plebeian Brentford called forth a neat little speech from Bro. Besley, who somehow or other seemed inclined to give the pas to the commercial advantages of Brentford over the sylvan beauties of Kew.

Then followed what, after all, was the toast of the evening, namely, "The Host and Hostess of the Star and Garter."

The Chairman in his most genial vein sang the triumphs of mine host and the many virtues of the amiable hostess, without whom the Star and Garter would be wanting in inspiration.

The commercial enterprise which had been shown in building the new hall was referred to, and the happiest results to every one were prophesied, and if good wishes could control events there is no chance that the prophecy will lack fulfilment.

Bro. Stanbury thanked the brethren for their kind wishes towards himself and his wife. So far as he was concerned nothing should be wanting to deserve a continuance of the favours which the brethren had accorded him in the past. It was not for mortals to command success, but he would do his best to deserve it. And what could mortal do more? Several brethren who had been expected were unable to attend, but the banquet had gone off successfully which he was willing to accept as a good omen for the future.

Toasts of a complimentary character to "The Press" and "The Ladies" followed, and the banquet was brought to a harmonious conclusion.

During the evening some capital songs were sung by Miss Matilda Roby and Bro. Seymour Smith, who also acted as accompanist.

Bro. William James Hughan, P.M., P.S.G.D. of England, the present Master of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, is delivering a series of lectures to the brethren. In June No. 1: "Masonic Degrees and Regalia." In July, No. 2: The Symbolism of the Master Mason's Apron. In August No. 3: "Masonic Grand Privileges." In October No. 4: "Masonic Antiquity and Customs."

The next meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday next, at half-past six o'clock.

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C. W. Tomes, S.D.; A. Lye, J.D.; A. Newman, I.G.; Foulds, Secretary. The ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. E. W. Adamson, P.M. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge, which included the presentation of a jewel to Bro. Head, the retiring W.M., the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Sutton, of the Gildredge Hotel. It was attended by upwards of 40 members and visiting brethren. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by some first-rate part-singing by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgings, of Canterbury. The brethren present included Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; Adamson, P.G.O. Kent; Cave Brown Cave, W.M. 40; T. R. White, W.M. 311; H. Davey, W.M. 732; Faithful Davies (Hartington), and the following Past Masters of the Tyrian Lodge:—Bros. J. Head, W. Kirkland, T. Morris, C. Tomes, C. Tomkinson, and E. W. Adamson.

**EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267)**—The members of this young but flourishing lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The proceedings opened at the Odd Fellows' Hall, at three p.m., when there was present the following members: Bros. J. Lindow Burns-Lindow, W.M.; Rev. W. E. Strickland, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. Armstrong, J.W.; E. Chapman, Treasurer; J. J. Robson, Secretary; W. F. Towers, D.C.; W. Matthews, Organist; James Woodburn, I.G.; J. J. Wilson and John Smith, Stewards; and S. Braithwaite, Tyler. The following members were also present: Bros. E. Clarke, P.M., P.G. Steward; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Muncaster, P.M.; Jonas Lindow, H. Ashley, J. Fearon, E. Bromley, J. Nelson Jos. Gouldie, G. Douglas, W. Spiers, W. Woodman, Jos. Cook, Rev. G. B. Armes, W. F. Charters, and R. Baxter. There was also a good attendance of visiting brethren, including Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119 and 962, P.G. Secretary; Rev. J. Barton, W.M. 1390, Millom; J. Mills, P.M. 1390; Dr. Henry, P.M. 119; W. Martin, W.M. 1660, Frizington; W. Sandwith, P.M. 119; W. Alsop, P.M. 119; J. L. Paitson, W.M. 119; J. Harris, 1660; H. Waiing, 1390; J. Rothery, 119; F. Hodgson, S.W. 872, Whitehaven; J. T. Ray, J.W. 872; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002 (*Freemason*); G. S. Braithwaite, 872; J. W. Montgomery, S.W. 119; W. Bradley, J.W. 1390; and others. After the lodge was opened, Bro. E. Clarke, P.M., took the presiding officer's position, and the W.M. having presented Bro. Rev. Strickland as his successor, the ceremony of installation was performed by the brother named in a manner worthy of all praise, and in the presence, as will be observed, of a large Board of Installed Masters. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently appointed his officers, and they were invested thus: Bros. J. L. Burns-Lindow, I.P.M.; J. J. Robson, S.W.; J. Carpenter, J.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, Chaplain; E. Chapman, Treasurer, re-elected; J. J. Wilson, Secretary; Jonas Lindow, S.D.; J. Smith, J.D.; R. Towerson, D.C.; W. Matthews, Organist; E. Bromley, I.G.; J. Jackson and J. Woodburn, Stewards; and S. Braithwaite, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of Kenlis Lodge were delivered by Bro. Muncaster, P.M., in a faultless and most impressive style. After numerous hearty good wishes, the lodge was closed in form. Upwards of fifty subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Globe Hotel, and, after the numerous bounties had been fully done justice to, a few hours were pleasantly spent in toast and sentiment, under the able presidency of the new W.M.; but, owing to the early departure of the last train, we regret our inability to give any particulars of what must have been a "feast of reason and flow of soul."

**SOUTHPORT.—Fermor Lodge (No. 1313)**—The brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual summer festival on Thursday evening, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Neville-street. The chair was taken by Bro. P. J. Whitehead, W.W., who was supported by his officers. The usual routine business being over, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Hobbs, was presented by Bros. Dor'd, P.M., and T. Whitehead, P.M.; and Bro. J. F. Roberts, P.M., proceeded to instal him in a most efficient manner. After the usual honours had been paid to the new W.M., the following officers were invested: Bro. P. J. Whitehead, I.P.M.; C. E. Bryan, S.W.; Howie, J.W.; Dr. Baker, Treas.; Platt, P.M., Sec.; T. Whitehead, P.M., D.C.; Wyles, S.D.; Welsby, J.D.; Hunter, I.G.; Alured and R. Johnson, Stewards. Bro. Rockliffe was re-elected as Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. P. J. Whitehead by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, and a vote of thanks recorded to Bro. Roberts for his perfect working in the installation ceremony. The brethren afterwards dined together, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326)**—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, July 5th, at the Red Lion Hotel. Punctually at the appointed time, half-past six o'clock, the W.M., Bro. Copeman William Fox, opened the lodge. The ballot taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of Messrs. Edwin Bowley and John William Wickens. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D., Mx. P.M. 73, and Secretary, having solicited the W.M. to allow him to confer the degrees about to be given to the candidates, who were all personal friends of his, the W.M., Bro. C. W. Fox, in the kindest manner possible agreed to the work being done by the Secretary. The work done was raising Bros. Samuel Allen, Patrick Brown, and Henry Leander McDowell. Mr. Edwin Bowley was duly initiated into Freemasonry, all the ceremonies being done in an admirable manner. As each candidate was initiated separately they were enabled to appreciate the beauties of the degrees conferred on them. Apology was received for the non-attendance of Mr. Wickens. Apologies were also received

from Bros. Capt. Reginald W. Williams, P.P.G. Org. Midx., P.G.S.B. Midx., W.M. 1275, S.W.; J. B. Shackleton, P.G. A.P. Midx., P.M., &c., S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Midx., P.M. 1423, &c., J.D.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, I.G., &c., excusing and regretting their non-attendance, which was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. Bro. C. W. Fox, W.M., announced that his list as Steward for the Boy's School was thirty guineas; he asked for more donations to it. Business ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. No banquet or refreshment was partaken of. The brethren returned to town as soon as the lodge was closed. There was a good attendance of the members.

**LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393)**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Friday afternoon, the 28th ult., at 3.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Sammons, who was supported by Bro. John Jones, P.M., and a good muster of his staff of officers, viz.: Bros. Thos. Large, S.W.; Robt. Leason, J.W.; W. C. Erwin, Sec.; J. Pilling, J.D.; R. J. L. Kynaston, I.G.; W. H. Jewitt, M. Callaghan, and G. B. Tennison, Stewards. Among others the following visitors and brethren were present: Bros. J. McCarthy, I.P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; R. H. Evans, P.M.; John Price, Treasurer; Dr. B. Price, S.D.; Jas. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Jas. Tomlin, W. J. Henderson, Stewart Speddy, J. A. Lambert, J. A. McRobie, Robt. Parry, J. J. Griffiths, R. W. Rowlands, H. Davidson, H. Roberts, John Bond, Ben. Russell, T. F. Airey, J. S. Cregg, John Atherton, T. Adler, W. Clarke, J. F. Davies, J. C. Merrilees, John Houlding, W.M. 823; A. E. Richardson, R. L. Stockton, J. Wilks, Wm. Guirden, and others. Visitors: Bros. Child, Busfield, Hobart, J. F. Bryan, J. W. Hill, J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Wm. Kidson, 292; and Joseph Wood (*Freemason*). After the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting, which were duly confirmed, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree and afterwards in the Third, and then proceeded to raise Bros. Atherton and Airey to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, which ceremony he rendered in his usual efficient manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Large, S.W., was then presented by Bros. R. H. Evans, P.M., and J. McCarthy, P.M., to the W.M., as Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Sammons accepted this important Masonic duty, and delivered the opening address to the W.M. elect and the brethren. The Secretary read the summary of the ancient charges and regulations, to the whole of which the W.M. gave his unqualified assent, and then took the usual obligation. All brethren below the rank of Installed Master then retired, and after an absence of fifteen to twenty minutes returned to the lodge and saluted the newly chaired W.M. with the usual honours. The officers for the ensuing year were then invested: Bro. Thos. Sammons, I.P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.M., D.C.; Robt. Leason, S.W.; W. C. Erwin, J.W.; R. A. Evans, P.M., Treasurer; Dr. B. Price, Secretary; Jas. Pilling, S.D.; R. J. L. Kynaston, J.D.; W. A. Jewitt, I.G.; M. Callaghan, S.S.; G. B. Tenison, J.S.; J. J. Smith, A.S.; Jas. Tomlin, A.S.; Thos. Pierpoint, Organist. Bro. H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C., then delivered the address to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren, in a most impressive and dignified manner, and his fine declamation and effective elocution made a great impression, and brought the ceremony of installation to a delightful close. After some formal business the W.M. closed the lodge in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent and well served banquet was provided, Bro. Ball, House Steward, being the caterer. After the dessert had been placed upon the tables the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received with musical honours. Bro. Robt. Leason, S.W., then proposed "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and Grand Lodge." Bro. W. C. Erwin, J.W., proposed "The R.W.D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, and Provincial G.L.," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. H. Jackson, P.G. Assist. D.C., and Skeaf, P.G. Org.; both of whom suitably responded. Bro. T. Sammons, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M.," which he said should be considered the toast of the evening, and referred to the fact that Bro. Large was the first master of the Hamer, who had received his initiation in the lodge, and had served since then as an officer for five years past, well and faithfully, and his present high position was a just reward for zeal and ability. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and full Masonic honours. The W.M. in responding expressed his warm appreciation of the cordial reception given to the toast, and begged to return them his grateful thanks for all that had been said in his favour, and hoped that he should fill the chair as ably as his predecessors. After advocating the claims of the various charitable institutions, he said he trusted he should have a prosperous year and he would do the best he could to fulfil all the duties the brethren had cast upon him to his own credit and the welfare of the lodge. Bro. McCarthy, P.M., proposed in very eloquent terms "The Health of the I.P.M.," and amongst other remarks congratulated Bro. Sammons on his successful year of office and the happy termination he had brought it to by installing his successor. The W.M. presented Bro. Sammons with a very valuable and chaste P.M. jewel, and he duly acknowledged the toast and presentation. "The Masonic Charities" were proposed by Bro. J. Jones, P.M., responded to by Bro. Tomlin, A.S. "The Past Masters" proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Child, Bryan, and Joseph Wood. "The Officers" proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the S.W. and J.W., and other officers. "The Lodge of Instruction," proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. Pilling. "The Brethren of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., and responded to in an excellent speech by Bro. Houlding, W.M. 823. The proceedings of the evening were rendered most enjoyable by the vocal and instrumental harmony provided

by Bros. Bryan, Child, Hill, Hobart, Busfield and Richardson, under the artistic direction of Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Percy Lodge (No. 1427)**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th June, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, at which there was a good attendance of brethren, not only belonging to the lodge, but also from several visiting lodges. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., the Installing Master, Bro. E. D. Davis, P.P.G. S.W., and Prov. G.D.C. Northumberland, assumed the chair, and Bro. Bertram Paget Ord, S.W., was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the usual obligations had been subscribed to, and the lodge raised, those below the rank of P.M. withdrew. The Board of P.M.'s was then opened, and in the most impressive manner, the new Master was placed in the chair of K.S. After the usual salutes and the presentation of the tools, the lodge was successively closed from the Third to the First Degree, when the Master proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. J. C. Mowbray, I.P.M.; W. S. Lishman, S.W.; Jno. Braithwaite, J.W.; B. J. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Sec., Treasurer; W. B. East, Chap.; Chas. Bushell, Sec.; G. E. Macarthy, S.D.; W. Magall, J.D.; H. Dixon, I.G.; J. Maclaren, S.S.; Fred Ferrina, J.S.; R. Ferry, Organist; and G. S. Sims, Tyler. The Treasurer's report, which was read, was found extremely satisfactory, and augured well for the prosperity of the lodge. On the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where a splendid banquet was served, to which about fifty sat down, amongst whom were the following: Bros. J. C. Mowbray, P.G. Supt. of W., I.P.M.; J. H. Bentham, P.P. G.S.B.; B. J. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W. and Prov. G. Sec.; E. D. Davis, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G.D.C.; J. Ridsdale, P.P. G.S.D.; J. Cook, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Anderson, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Treas.; G. Cockburn, P.M. 24; J. Bolam, I.P.M. 541; J. Atkinson, P.M. 481; Jesse Marchant, P.M. 424; J. Mackay, J.W. 424; E. Gibson, Sec. 424; J. Brydon, J.D. 424; F. W. Poad, 424; J. Ward, 424; J. Goss, 481; W. S. Lishman, S.W. 1427; J. Braithwaite, J.W. 1427; Chas. Bushell, Sec. 1427; G. E. Macarthy, S.D. 1427; Wm. Magall, J.D. 1427; H. Dixon, I.G. 1427; H. Wilson, 24, and J.W. 1664, and others. All the toasts were given and responded to in a very cordial manner. The I.P.M. in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," alluded to his long intimacy with him, which extended over a period of thirty years, and which was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., who proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and stated that he was under a debt of the deepest gratitude to Bro. E. D. Davis, for having come at some inconvenience to himself to perform the duties of Installing Master. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bros. Ferry, Dewar, Richardson, and Liddell enlivened the proceedings by singing several glees during the course of the evening, and all the brethren expressed their gratification on the termination of the proceedings at having spent such a delightful evening.

**GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549)**—The principal meeting of the year of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Stanmore, Bro. Osman Vincent, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Geo. Tidcombe, S.W. (W.M. elect); Joseph Ebbs, J.W.; W. A. Rogers, Treas.; R. Helsdon, P.M.; Garrod, I.P.M.; and many other brethren, officers, and members of the lodge, besides a large number of visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. J. Patterson, W. Unwin, W. Drew, and E. V. New, of No. 174; J. G. Defriez, 45; H. Hall, 34; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, P.M. 404, P.P.G.S.W., and Prov. G. Sec., Herts; the Rev. Newton Price, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Herts; Benskin, 404; W. J. Green, P.G.S. Middx.; Page Dunn, 1288; and H. Massey (*Freemason*). After the reading of the minutes and the report of the Audit Committee, the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Edmund Harwood Tyrrell, proposed by Bro. Hancock, seconded by Bro. Squire, for initiation, and for Bro. William Drew, 733, as a joining member, proposed by Bro. Helsdon, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Garrod, P.M., and both were declared unanimous in favour of the admission of these new members, whereupon Mr. Tyrrell was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, the ceremony being very neatly performed. At its conclusion, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. George Tidcombe, S.W., was presented as the W.M. elect to the W.M., Bro. Vincent, who proceeded to address the lodge upon the occasion, and when Bro. Tidcombe had given his unqualified assent to the conditions read by the Secretary, obligated him in the usual form. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Helston, P.M., in the chair, to whom the new W.M. was presented, and the ceremony completed of installing him into the chair of K.S. The brethren having been re-admitted, Bro. Tidcombe was duly proclaimed and saluted, and the orations were delivered by Bro. Helston in a highly impressive manner. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. Ebbs, S.W.; W. S. Marshall, J.W.; Dr. W. A. Rogers, Treas.; C. Veal, P.M., Sec.; C. Long, S.D.; R. Ray, J.D.; C. Hunt, I.G.; R. Helsdon, P.M., D.C.; F. Meek, W.S. The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, the W.M. presented a handsome P.M. jewel, voted by the lodge, to Bro. Vincent, P.M., for the very able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office, and Bro. Vincent having returned thanks for this mark of the brethren's appreciation of his services as Master, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the pretty grounds which surround the hotel and where the abundance of roses and other flowers made the fresh air and sunshine of a summer afternoon thoroughly enjoyable, for it is one of the prettiest spots near London, and the Abercorn Arms Hotel

is one of the most comfortable hostleries we know of. Our meditations on the beauties and comforts of the place however were soon cut short by the announcement of dinner, through the tongue of a very vigorous bell, and the brethren were soon all assembled in a prettily arranged dinner-room and discussing a very excellent repast, admirably served. The labours of the brethren in the lodge, and the sweet air they had been inhaling in the gardens, had sharpened their appetites, and the heart of Bro. Veal must have been cheered at the sight of his good dinner being so heartily enjoyed. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts very briefly, merely announcing the toast and, when it had been duly honoured, calling upon the musical brethren for the performance announced in the programme. Thus "The Queen and the Craft" was followed by the "National Anthem,"—solo by Bro. Faulkner Leigh; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was followed by a song (written by the Master) entitled "Freemasonry," which went to the air of "God bless the Prince of Wales," sung by Bro. Faulkner Leigh; the toast to "The M.W. Pro G.M. Earl of Carnarvon, Dep. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," was followed by a duet, "The Moon has raised," very prettily sung by Bros. Leigh and Parker. In proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. for Middlesex, Col. Burdett, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," he regretted that Col. Burdett was unable, in consequence of another engagement of long standing, to be present. The toast was heartily responded to, and was followed by a solo on the pianoforte, entitled "The Fairy Harp," a sweet bit of music, composed by the performer, Bro. Parker. The W.M. then requested the brethren to drink a toast to the memory of the late Bro. Little, as a late Provincial Grand Officer who had left them for the Grand Lodge above, for whom he requested muffled honours on the sleeve. The "Death of Nelson" was then sung with great spirit and feeling by Bro. Faulkner Leigh. Bro. Heldon having returned thanks on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, the Chairman proposed "The health of the Visitors," observing that he would not select any one in particular for praise, for they were all good men and true. He was glad, he said, to see that the Press was represented there, as it was a power in the country we could not do without. The duet, "All's well" having been performed by Bros. Leigh and Parker, Bro. Herts, P. Grand Sec. Herts, returned thanks on behalf of the visitors, and in doing so remarked upon the excellence of the working in the lodge, and also referred to the rapid increase in the number of Freemasons, observing that it remained to be seen whether this great increase is an unmixed good. He himself believed in quality and not in quantity. The Abercorn Lodge, he remarked, had got a very nice number, and he believed that the more they increased the less happy they would be, and he felt that it behoved all Freemasons to be very careful whom they introduced into the Order. Bro. Vincent, I.P.M., said it devolved upon him to propose the toast of the evening. They had just been musically informed that "All's Well," and as regarded the choice they had made of a Worshipful Master, he fully believed that they had got a good man, and that all was well. The Abercorn Lodge was now beginning the fourth year of its existence; it had got very well over the first three years. They were not numerous, but they were a happy family, and hoped they would continue to be, as he believed they would, and that they would be a pattern to the other lodges of the province. He had the honour to propose "The Health of the W.M.," he had had the honour to be associated with Bro. Tidcombe in the lodge ever since it was a lodge, and he was sure he would prove an efficient Master and ruler in the Craft. He had very good officers, and he hoped that they would support their chief as he ought to be supported. Bro. Tidcombe having replied, proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which Bro. Vincent acknowledged; after which the toast to "The Officers of the Lodge," to which each of the Officers replied briefly, and the proceedings terminated as usual with the Tyler's toast, and thus a very successful meeting was brought to its close.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. Bro. Thomas Long, the newly-elected W.M., presided, and there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no special business before the lodge it was opened up in the three degrees and closed down again, the working being very well gone through. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and the usual proclamation made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren; after which the lodge was closed, in peace, love, and harmony.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday, the 8th inst., the regular meeting took place, the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, presiding, and working the ceremonies of passing and raising, supported ably by his officers and a large number of brethren. A portrait of the late Lord Londesborough, P.G.S.A.V. for North and East Yorkshire, was presented to the lodge by Bro. T. Cooper, P.M., and a view of the beautiful ruins of Ricavault Abbey by the W.M. During the evening a telegram was read by the W.M., which had been sent by the S.W., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, and Bro. A. T. B. Turner, the Lodge Stewards at the Boys' Festival, who had wired down the total amount collected, and hearty cheers were given for those brethren absent on such a truly Masonic errand.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, on Wednesday, the

26th ult., when the following officers were present: Bros W. T. Christian, W.M.; W. Grooms, S.W.; W. G. Hallows, J.W.; J. Pindir, P.M.; J. Hallows, Sec.; T. Franklin, S.D.; J. H. Cambridge, J.D.; A. Oldroyd, I.G.; T. Upward, Org.; A. Delvalli, W.S.; Gilchrist, Tyler, and the following brethren, viz., Bros. Hunt, Field, Carter, Clark, Rubery, Stockwell, Putney, and Harris, and others. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer in the First and Second Degrees. Bros. Putney and Harris, the candidates for raising, were examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Harris and Putney were regularly introduced and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the brethren called off for refreshment. The lodge was called to labour, and the ballot taken for three gentlemen, whose names had been previously handed to the Secretary, which proved unanimous in their favour. One only being present, he was introduced and initiated into the Order according to ancient form and custom. The Secretary then read a letter received from Grand Lodge respecting the four resolutions passed at the last Quarterly Communication respecting the Grand Orient of France, and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned until the 5th October next. Several visitors were present.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Ancient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The brethren of this lodge met for the usual performance of their Masonic duties, at the head quarters of Masonry in Liverpool (Hope-street), on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., when there was a good attendance, attracted by the fact that the First and Third Degrees were expected on. Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., W.M., occupied the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed, and afterwards three candidates were initiated, and three brethren raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the whole of the principal portions of the work being most admirably performed by Bro. Wylie, W.M. It was proposed to have a picnic in connection with the lodge, and after some discussion, the consideration of the matter was left in the hands of a Committee to decide when it should take place. After three propositions for initiation and the transaction of other business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

### Royal Arch.

**RYDE.**—Medina Chapter (No. 175).—The regular quarterly meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, on Friday, July 4th, when the installation of the Principals elect took place, and was witnessed by many Principals and Past Principals from the other chapters in the flourishing province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; amongst whom, who attended to do honour to the much respected Principal elect, Comp. R. Loveland-Loveland, I.P.Z. of the Phoenix Chapter, No. 257, were Comps. J. Le Feuvr, P.Z., P.G. Scribe E.; W. Tuohy, P.Z. 257; J. Lillywhite, Z. 257; P.P.G.P.S.; E. S. Main, P.Z. 342 and 903; J. Thomas, P.Z. Southampton; G. Green, P.Z. 804; Havant, &c. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Z., Comp. Cawte, P.Z. 342, in an earnest and interesting manner, who installed and invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing twelve months; Comps. R. Loveland-Loveland, Z.; F. Newman, H. and Treas.; A. P. Wilkes, J.; F. W. Faulkner, E.; C. C. Peltey, N.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.S.; J. H. Smith and J. Houston, Asst. Sojs.; and Willis, Janitor. After the usual formal business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Royal Pier Hotel, where a most recherche banquet was provided by that esteemed brother, the proprietor. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the M.E., Comp. Loveland, in replying to the toast of "The Principals," thanked the companions for the high honour conferred upon him, and dwelt at some length on the action taken by the companions to resuscitate this old chapter, which had been allowed to remain dormant for many years until last year. Comp. Cawte, P.Z. 342, Portsea, readily came forward and undertook the onerous position of Z.; he was warmly supported by the R.A.M.'s on the island, and they had had a most successful year, having exalted twelve brothers into this Sublime Degree. The Ex. Z. expressed his confidence in the officers and companions, and believed he should receive an equal support during his term of office. "The health of the I.P.Z. and Installing Principal" was enthusiastically received and appropriately responded to. Comps. Peltey and Palmer responded for the officers, the latter remarking how pleased he was to occupy the position of P.S., and assured the M.E.Z. of his earnest desire to perform the duties of his responsible office in a manner which would be satisfactory to the chapter. Comp. J. Lillywhite, Z. 257, responded for the visitors, and in an effective speech congratulated the R.A.M. of East Medina Chapter on having so distinguished and thoroughly efficient companion to preside over them. He had had the pleasure of preceding and succeeding him in the office of Z. in the Phoenix Chapter, and he could bear testimony to the earnestness and really clever working of his esteemed friend and companion, Ex. Z. Loveland. The toasts were interspersed with a few capital songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. We are glad the Isle of Wight Royal Arch Masons, are taking an interest in the working of this beautiful degree, and as it is the only chapter on the island, it should be made one of the most efficient working chapters in the province. It has a bright future before it, under Comp. Loveland, and he will no doubt endeavour to emulate the working of the other chapters, and restore it to a prominent position in a province where good working chapters are the rule instead of the exception.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The usual meeting of this chapter was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Comp. T. Shaw, Z., was in his place, and well-supported by his officers. It was proposed and carried that 15 guineas be paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution, to make the three chairs Life Governors. After propositions for exaltations, and other formal business, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to banquet. A very pleasant evening was spent.

### Knights Templar.

**MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT.**—The last meeting of the Mount Calvary Encampment of this Order was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 24th ult., when there were present amongst others. Sir Knights J. Tanner, F.C.; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., P.G.C.G. Registrar; Driver, Second Captain; Walls, C.L.; Rawles, E. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Sir Knight Registrar, by permission of the E.C., most impressively installed Comps. J. H. Thomas, Canonbury, 657; and A. Williams, 176, as Knights of the Order. The ballot was also taken and proved to be unanimous in favour of another companion for installation, but who was prevented from being present. There being no other business of importance to transact, the encampment was duly closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to a collation. The annual summer banquet in connection with this old encampment was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton, on the 26th ult., and was ably presided over by Sir Knight J. Tanner.

### LAUNCH OF THE MEMORIAL LIFE-BOAT AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

The second of the memorial lifeboats presented by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons to the National Lifeboat Institution to commemorate the safe return of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of English Freemasons, was launched on Wednesday under the most favourable circumstances at Clacton-on-Sea. Between sixty and seventy miles from London on the Essex coast, Clacton-on-Sea offers many attractions to visitors, and when its natural resources are fully developed it bids fair to become a favourite watering place on the East Coast. It is within a very short period that Clacton has sprung into existence, and the ceremony on Wednesday last may be looked upon as its debut to the world, and a most successful debut it was.

As our readers are aware, the boat formally launched and christened on Wednesday has been for some months stationed at Clacton, and that within a few weeks after her arrival she was instrumental in saving nine lives from the wreck "Garland."

The inaugural ceremony, including the laying of memorial stones in the new boat house, was, at the express request of the Freemasons of the district, delayed until the summer.

At 10 o'clock on Wednesday Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and a numerous party left the Liverpool-street Station of the Great-Eastern Railway Company, arriving at the Weeley Station after a sharp run of two hours, from whence the party were driven to Clacton, a distance of between five and six miles. The railway station and the village of Weeley presented quite a gala appearance. The whole route was gay with many-coloured bunting, and mottoes of the most cordial welcome were worked on banners spanning the roadway. Clacton itself had never, probably, in its brief history been so thronged. From Colchester, and all parts of Essex, holiday makers had come to Clacton, to do honour to the occasion, and the appearance of the escort of Essex Division of the Suffolk Yeomanry Cavalry, who preceded the Deputy-Grand Master's carriage, was the signal for an outburst of enthusiastic welcome. The holding of an especial Provincial Grand Lodge was the first work of the day, after which a procession was formed by the brethren, who proceeded in Masonic regalia to the Lifeboat-house, situated about a quarter-of-a-mile from the pier. Two memorial stones were here let into the building with the customary ceremony; the Deputy Grand Master having personally laid the stone, said: May the Great Architect of the Universe so govern and order events that the purposes for which this edifice has been built may be adequately fulfilled, a wish which was re-echoed by Bro. Lewis, on whom devolved the pleasing duty of laying the second memorial stone.

The Rev. J. Bridge, Prov. Grand Chaplain of Essex, said: we are acting here to-day thoroughly in the spirit of Freemasonry, one of the first principles of which is charity towards our fellow man, in inaugurating the launch of a lifeboat, and the opening of a house in which this splendid lifeboat is to be kept. By our act we have consecrated this building to preserve from damage a boat which is to be devoted to the saving of human life. As Freemasons we admit that this is a part of our duty, as it is one of our principles; further we are showing an act of loyalty towards our Grand Master, to whom has been vouchsafed a safe return from a voyage fraught with all the perils of the sea. As Freemasons we are loyal, and we cannot show our loyalty in a more pronounced and worthy manner than in thus commemorating the safe return of an illustrious Prince who will one day (though we hope that that day is far distant) be our Sovereign. (Applause.) I am expressing the feeling of all my brethren when I, as your Grand Chaplain, say we are glad to see all of you here to-day. (Applause.)

The Lifeboat on its carriage, to which six horses were harnessed, proceeded towards the beach, preceded by a band of the 11th Hussars, and followed by the mounted

ycomanry, the brethren and representatives of the corporations of Maldon, Harwich, Ipswich, and Colchester.

Arrived at the beach, Lord Skelmersdale, taking the vessels containing corn, wine, and oil in his hands, said: I scatter this corn as the symbol of plenty; I pour this wine as the symbol of joy and gladness; and I pour this oil as the symbol of comfort and peace. It is now my duty in the name of the Grand Lodge of England to present this magnificent Lifeboat to the National Lifeboat Institution of England. (Cheers.) That Institution has now received two commemorative Lifeboats from Grand Lodge; one was placed on the Devonshire coast, and this one the Institution has decided to station here, and I think that the Clacton people ought to be very proud to possess such a boat. (Hear, hear.) You all know—at all events the great majority of you here to-day know—that this boat was presented to Clacton as a remembrance of the safe return to England of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from India. I can only hope that this boat may prove of great service to this coast, and we may take it to be a good augury of her future service, that she has already been instrumental in saving life here (renewed cheers). In the interests of humanity, I hope that she will not have frequent occasion to shew her excellent qualities, but when necessity arises I have not the slightest doubt that the gallant crew, whom you now see manning her, will be ready to do their duty at whatever personal peril or sacrifice. (Applause.) I think you will agree with me that a Lifeboat is a very fitting thank-offering. His lordship, turning to the Secretary of the National Lifeboat Institution, said: Bro. Lewis, I have very great pleasure in presenting to you in the name of Grand Lodge this Lifeboat, and I can only trust that she will be of great service on this coast. (Cheers.)

Bro. Lewis, in response, said: My Lord, the gift is a magnificent one, and it is a fit acknowledgment of the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe in permitting the safe return of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to England. I may mention that for twelve years H.R.H. has taken the greatest interest in the affairs of the National Lifeboat Institution, and when the Freemasons decided to present this magnificent lifeboat as a memorial of his safe return to England, the fact was most gratifying to His Royal Highness. (Applause.) This boat is the representative of mercy—she has already saved nine lives from an inevitable death—and these men now manning her are noble soldiers in mercy's army, whom no storm, no tempest, no darkness will intimidate from attempting to save a fellow creature from shipwreck. This is not the only instance on the part of the Freemasons; and I may mention that not only have they presented this boat and its accessories and the handsome boat house which we have just left, but they have handsomely endowed the building and the boat, so as to repair damage, and replace this boat when damaged or worn out. (Loud cheers.)

The Rev. H. Law, incumbent of Clacton-on-Sea, returned thanks on behalf of the local committee.

Miss Woolf, of Colchester, here stepped to the bow of the boat, and, after naming her the "Albert Edward," dashed a bottle of wine against the prow, and the boat, amidst enthusiastic cheers from the beach, the cliffs, and the pier, glided from her carriage into the sea. The boat was exercised for some time, and her qualities were favourably commented on. The "Albert Edward" is thirty-four feet long, eight-and-a-quarter feet wide, rows ten oars, double-banked, and possesses the usual characteristics of the boats of the Institution in regard to self-lighting, self-jetting water, &c.

Later in the afternoon Lord Skelmersdale presided over a luncheon provided in a marquee at the rear of the Royal Hotel. In proposing the toast to "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," his Lordship said: Your appearance here to-day show that you join with us in your thankfulness for the safe return of His Royal Highness from India, where he went, not for mere personal gratification, but as the representative of Her Majesty in her great Indian Empire. Whatever His Royal Highness undertakes, no one can do better than he does; whether he presides over a dog show, or over the highest philanthropic institution in the land, he performs his duties equally well and to the satisfaction of every one. (Cheers.) In fact, the same remark may be made with equal truth in respect to all the members of the Royal Family. Only a few days ago His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught presided over one of the great Masonic Charities. You know that he is shortly to be married to a Princess whom I have not seen, but of whom I hear nothing but the most flattering accounts, and I hope that he will soon be as happy as any man ought to be under such circumstances. (Cheers and laughter.)

The toast was drunk with all honours. His Lordship and the principal of the visitors from London left the marquee at 4 o'clock, and returned to town by a special train leaving Weeley at 5 o'clock.

The President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians held their annual conversazione on Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., in the rooms of the college, Fall Mall East, on which occasion no fewer than 400 visitors assembled. Among these were several members of Parliament and many gentlemen of eminence in the scientific world, as Professor Huxley, Professor Allen Thomson, Professor Lankester, and others, in addition to the leading physicians and other members of the medical profession in the metropolis. The library of the college was abundantly furnished with objects of scientific interest lent for the occasion. An exhibition of Oriental gems and precious stones by Professor Tennant attracted considerable attention. The walls of the library were decorated for the occasion by paintings by well-known artists.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creton, V.P. and Trustee, presided. The other brethren present were Bros. Erasmus Wilson, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Hyde Pullen, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hale, J. G. Stevens, Thomas Cubitt, W. Stephens, F. Adlard, Joseph Smith, L. Stean, C. J. Perceval, James Willing, jun.; James Brett, E. J. Barron, Rev. D. Ace, Joshua Nunn, C. F. Hogard, J. Terry, Sec.; and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. Terry, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, reported the death of two male annuitants. The Committee's report was then read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A recommendation having been received from Bro. Jas. Ebenezer Saunders, that the Institution accept the offer of the Brighton Railway Company to pay £21 as compensation for the deprivation of any benefit the asylum might derive from a small piece of the ground at Croydon, of which they have had the use; but which the company, by its parliamentary powers, takes, was adopted.

With reference to the Institution proving against the private estate of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, after a lucid statement of the position of affairs from Bro. E. J. Barron, it was resolved to take counsel's opinion on the point.

A gardener's lodge, at an expense of £300, was resolved to be erected immediately, Bro. Griggs having submitted drawings after the House Committee had found they could not effect a purchase of one of the cottages in immediate proximity to the asylum. Bros. Col. Creton, Joseph Smith, and Thomas Cubitt were appointed a Committee for carrying out the proposition.

On the motion of Bro. W. Stephens, seconded by Bro. W. Hale, thanks were voted to Bro. Cutbush for his numerous presents of flowers and shrubs to the Institution, and Bro. Cutbush was elected an honorary Life Governor of the Institution, with all the privileges appertaining to the rank.

The Committee then adjourned.

A special meeting was held in the course of the afternoon, the same brethren, with the exception of Bro. Erasmus Wilson, being present, when, on the motion of Bro. S. Rawson, seconded by Bro. Joseph Smith, it was resolved that the subscriptions to the Institution be altered (in so far only as affects Life Governors) from pounds to guineas.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD LODGES OF THE "ANCIENTS," &c.

I have been interested by the perusal of Bro. Lamouby's note on "Old Lodges," and especially as to the Cumberland Militia Lodge. I should like much to see a transcript of it made for this department of the *Freemason* (which, to my mind, is the one for Masonic students generally), and also the bye-laws of the Sun and Sector Lodge. In a military lodge the town mentioned in the warrant is only where the regiment is stationed at the time. My own lodge, once of that kind, though chartered at Chatham in the 67th Regiment, has nearly been "all the world round" before it settled at Truro. The Cumberland Militia Lodge was 215 before the "Union." After then it became 270, and in 1832 No. 192, soon after which it collapsed.

I see in "Abiman Rezon" of 1807, two "Ancient" lodges mentioned for Whit-haven, viz., 154 and 157. The first of these was called the Concord, became 187 at the "Union," and 136 A.D. 1832, soon after which it collapsed. The No. 157 is the present No. 119, and was warranted in 1768. In my lists of "Lodges at the Union" (now out of print) will be found a register of all the lodges under "Moderns" and "Ancients" at the Union, with their numbers before and since. Should Bro. Lamouby not be provided with such, I can lend him my copy, so as to complete his investigations.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 6th July, 1878.

It is said that the United States Government, after consideration, has resolved to disregard the provisions of the Postal Union Treaty with regard to the delivery of book packets. Orders have been given to stamp all such packets "Undeliverable," and to return them. The authorities base their determination on a clause in the fourth article of the treaty which, however, relates to the case of a country desiring to exercise jurisdiction over the Post Office, and to hinder the circulation of what may be called seditious matter.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held on Tuesday next at the Public Hall Dorking, at one o'clock. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will have a garden party at Marlborough House on Saturday afternoon. The invitations state "to meet Her Majesty the Queen."

Bro. F. B. Chatterton was at a general meeting of the committee of the proprietors of the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, unanimously elected as the new lessee.

The Bishops who will occupy the pulpit in St. Paul's Cathedral to-morrow (Sunday) are, the Bishop of Colombo in the morning; the Bishop of North Carolina in the afternoon; and the Bishop of Western New York in the evening.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School will be held at 12 o'clock this day (Saturday) at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when the following business will be transacted. The general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in October next, and to declare the number of girls then to be elected; also to consider the following:—by Bro. H. G. Warren. In Rule LXXIV., Page 17. To omit the words "in the sum of three hundred pounds," and insert in lieu thereof, "in such sum as the Committee shall from time to time deem fit." Also to omit the word "two" in the first line, and add in line one, after the word him, "by guarantee society or otherwise."

WEATHER WARNING.—The following cable message has been received at the London office of the *New York Herald* from New York: "Three depressions, attended by moderate gales, rains, and probably lightning, will pass over the north British and Norwegian coasts between the 12th and 17th. The rains will extend over the British Isles and the north of France."

The inspectors, sergeants, and constables of the A division of the Metropolitan Police, on the invitation of Chief-Inspector Harris, recently subscribed a substantial sum of money to erect a memorial stone to the memory of the late Superintendent Mott. The stone has now been erected over the grave at Brompton, and is a handsome and gratifying tribute of the men's respect.—*Globe*.

The Directors of the Brighton Aquarium Company, at their meeting held on Saturday last declared an interim dividend, for the half-year ending June 30, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum free of income tax.

The Field Marshal Commanding in Chief will hold a levée at one o'clock on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., at the Horse Guards, Whitehall, the number being limited to one hundred and fifty. Applications to attend should be addressed to the Military Secretary.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624, will in future be held at the St. George's Club, Victoria Station, every Saturday evening.

A Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on Monday next, the 15th inst. The proceedings will commence at 12 o'clock.

SUNSHINE IN JULY.—The Astronomer Royal reports that the duration of registered sunshine in London last week was 21.6 hours, the sun being above the horizon during 115.1 hours; the recorded duration of sunshine was, therefore, only equal to 19 per cent. of its possible duration.

The Consecration and Installation Meeting of the West Smithfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 223, will be held at the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, on Friday the 26th inst., at half-past 5 o'clock. The officers designate are Bro. Edwin Gilbert, W.M., Bro. Thomas Wm. Adams, S.W., and Bro. G. S. Elliott, J.W.

The installation meeting of the Stuart Encampment of Knights Templar will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford on Monday next, the 15th instant, Sir Knight Magnus Ohren is the E.C. Elect.

The sixty-eighth annual meeting of the Swedenborg Society, British and Foreign, was held at the Society's House, 36, Bloomsbury-street, London, W.C., on Tuesday, the 18th ult. The Rev. J. Presland occupied the chair. The Committee's report states "that 3523 volumes of Swedenborg's works have been sold and presented during the Society's year." A large number of theological students have made themselves acquainted with the contents of "The True Christian Religion" and "The Apocalypse Revealed." In a letter from one of them, the effect is described as "calling light and order out of the theological darkness and chaos which has hitherto brooded upon my soul and mind." Many favourable notices of the Swedenborgian (so-called) doctrines have appeared in the provincial press, and the "London School Board Chronicle" stated its opinion "that within the last half-century a larger number of intellectual sceptics have been brought back within the pale of Christianity by the doctrines of the founder of the New Jerusalem than by all other forms of Christian faith put together." Between 400 and 500 volumes have been presented gratuitously to public libraries, colleges, and various other institutions, as well as to private individuals. The operations of the Society on the Continent have extended to Italy, Russia, Sweden, and Germany, also to Trinidad. The President has received on behalf of the Society a most interesting letter from Rao Dadooba Pandurang, of Bombay, accompanied by a MS. of some ninety folio pages, entering minutely into a comparison of the new doctrines with those termed orthodox, and the principal beliefs of the people of India. The MS. will be printed and sold at a cheap rate.

The *Globe* says that civil list pensions have been granted to Dr. Prescott Joule, the inventor of the principle of the mechanical equivalent of heat, of £200 per annum; to Mr. Nash, water-colour artist, and the Rev. Mr. Graves, Irish antiquary and archaeologist, of £100 per annum each; and to Miss Chisholm, daughter of Mrs. Chisholm, "the emigrant's friend," of £50 per annum.

Berlin has added to the treasures of its National Gallery two memorable portraits, one by Brogino, the other by Boticelli, and the Museum of Sculpture in the same city has acquired a bronze statue, half-life size, of John the Baptist, by Donatello, the Berlin casts of whose bronzes in the Sinto at Padua, we are glad to see, about to be photographed and published.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

## ELECTION FOR SECRETARY.

The special meeting of the subscribers to this Institution for the election of Secretary, consequent upon the death of Bro. R. Wentworth Little, was held on Thursday in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, presided, and in opening the proceedings stated that the meeting was held especially for the election of the Secretary. He then informed the brethren that the following had been appointed Scrutinisers of Votes: Bros. Dubois, Bishop, Newton, Nunn, Perceval, J. G. Stevens, Larham, Tyerman, Thos. W. White, Jardine, and Finney. The candidates were Bros. Crick, Cull, Eames, Hedges, Matier, Smallpeice, Storr, F. White, and Worrell. He then declared the poll opened, and announced that it would close at five o'clock.

Among the brethren who attended were Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Sherborne, Lord De Tabley, Earl of Limerick, Col. Burdett, Capt. Phillips, Col. Shadwell Clarke, B. Baker, Agg-Gardiner, M.P., Gen. Brownrigg, John Havers, Col. Peters, J. L. Hine, Edward Cox, Joseph Smith, V. B. Wilson, John Mason, W. Mann, Frederick Smith, W. Main, F. Fellows, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Geo. Kenning, James Mason, Rev. Dr. Morris, James Terry, F. Binckes, Peter de L. Long, J. B. Monckton, H. Hacker, Capt. Wordsworth, George Newman, A. Middlemas, H. Browne, W. T. Howe, J. M. Case, Rev. G. R. Portal, E. P. Albert, A. Stedman, Jas. Brett, W. Winn, W. Oliver, Rev. P. M. Holden, J. Holbrook, Rev. Dr. Brette, Rev. Ambrose Hall, Edward Clark, W. Long, T. B. Yeoman, Stillwell, A. H. Tattershall, C. Hutton Gregory, E. S. Snell, A. H. Diaper, H. G. Warren, G. J. Palmer, W. White, John Edward Dawson, C. A. Cottebrune, T. J. Sabine, Geo. Bolton, C. Hammerton, A. D. Lowenstark, A. Tisley, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; H. Pritchard, Rev. Dr. Ace, S. Rosenthal, C. R. Vine, Dr. F. J. Lilley, Griffiths Smith, W. Woodward,

The poll was declared at half-past six o'clock with the following result:

Bro. HEDGES, F. R. W.	...	...	373
" Storr, P.	...	...	268
" Matier, C. F.	...	...	153
" Cull, T.	...	...	44
" Crick, W. C.	...	...	42
" White, F. A.	...	...	42
" Worrell, W.	...	...	40
" Eames, T. R.	...	...	34
" Smallpeice, W.	...	...	1

Col. Creaton then said: Bro. Hedges having polled 373 votes, I declare him duly elected. (The announcement was received with immense cheering.)

Bro. Hedges, who had been loudly called for, said: Brethren and ladies, allow me to thank you most sincerely for this mark of your confidence; and I assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part to justify it.

Bro. Storr here stepped forward and warmly shook Bro. Hedges by the hand, and he was followed by Bros. Worrell and the other candidates.

Bro. Gladwell proposed a vote of thanks to the Scrutinisers for their arduous duties.

Bro. H. Bartlett seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., then said: Brethren, I am sure there is no one present who will not heartily join with me in thanking our worthy and excellent chairman, for the urbanity he has displayed, and the admirable arrangements that he has made for the convenience and comfort of all the voters this day. I beg to propose a vote of thanks to our chairman. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. W. Hilton: I beg to second it.

The Chairman thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of their confidence, and assured them that it was always a great pleasure to him to do anything for the Masonic Institutions.

The proceedings then terminated.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

## MATRICULATION EXAMINATION, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, JUNE, 1878.

C. D. GREEN.—This boy left in March of this year, having just completed his sixteenth birthday. He has received no instruction or coaching up other than the teaching he got while at the Masonic School, Wood Green, under Dr. Morris.

Green has entered his name on the books of St. Thomas's Hospital, and he intends to qualify there for a surgeon. Having passed the College of Surgeons in the Matriculation Examination, he will find no difficulty in working up the degrees of M.B. and M.D.

## SCIENCE AND ART EXAMINATION, SOUTH KENSINGTON.—THEORETICAL MECHANICS.

SECOND CLASS.—H. Bowler, W. Sparkes, G. T. Sage, C. Sage, P. B. Heavyside, C. Uwins, A. A. Bryant, H. Moon, Hazeland.

## MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY.

SECOND CLASS.—E. Price, A. Fennemore, W. Cheetham, A. Stephenson, H. Brock, A. Pearson, A. Gurton, H. Nutman, J. Battye, F. Gates.

## ADVANCED.

SECOND CLASS.—J. Moon.

Nearly £20,000 has so far been received for the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Owing to the fact that hydrophobia has carried away upwards of thirty of the Holker barriers, the Marquis of Hartington, who owns the pack has decided to abandon it, much to the regret of the lovers of the chase in the district.

## THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTERSHIP OF MADRAS.

The following petition, numerously signed, has been addressed to the M.W. Grand Master.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"We, the undersigned, being regular registered Masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and whilst deeply deploring the loss which we have sustained by the sudden and unexpected death of our District Grand Master, beg with all humility and respect to submit for your approval, the name of Worshipful Brother James Balfour Cockburn, P.M., P.D.G.S.W., &c., &c. (Surgeon Major of the British Army Medical Department, and attached to the Royal Horse Artillery), as a fitting successor to the late Right Worshipful Brother John Miller. Fully aware of, and perfectly recognizing the fact that the prerogative of election lies entirely in your hands, we venture to trust that you will be graciously pleased to take under your favourable consideration our nomination of a brother whose Masonic career, both in this Presidency and elsewhere, has been such as to gain our complete esteem and confidence and under whose rule and guidance we feel assured the lodges of Southern India would work zealously and harmoniously, and whose election to the high and honourable post of District Grand Master of the Madras Presidency would command the approbation of the whole Fraternity of this large and important district."

[We are not ourselves favourable to "Masonic Petitioning," as we are quite sure that the authorities will try to place the right man in the right place.]

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, July 19, 1878.

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

## SATURDAY, JULY 13.

Quar. Gen. Court Girls' School, at 12.  
Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Chap. 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

## MONDAY, JULY 15.

Quar. Gen. Court Boys' School, at 12.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.  
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

## TUESDAY, JULY 16.

Board of Gen. Purposes.  
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge Ho. Hot., London B.  
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bge.  
Chap. 890, Hernsey, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalbousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

Com. Grand Chap.  
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., Millw'l.  
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

## THURSDAY, JULY 18.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., E.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
" 1623, West Smithfield, Market Hot., King-st.  
Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.  
Mark 7, Carnarvod, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Isbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

## FRIDAY, JULY 19.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 20, 1878.

## MONDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverstone.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Preceptory Prince of Peace, Bull Hot., Preston, at 5.  
TUESDAY, JULY 16.  
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.  
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale.  
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hotel, Liscard.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.  
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JULY 18.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, JULY 19.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
For Masonic Meetings throughout Scotland see *Scottish Freemason*, which can be obtained at the Office of this paper, 108, Fleet-street, London.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Common sense, ever the best of all learning, becomes invaluable when its practice will renovate broken health and reinstate soundness, strength and vigour. Summer is the season for removing coughs, shortness of breath, wheezing, asthma, and all pulmonary diseases inflicted on the delicate and careless by our rigorous winters, and Holloway's remedies are the means of effecting a happy transition from danger to safety. After the harassed chest has been fomented with sea water, or weak brine, and dried, this Ointment should be well rubbed into the skin both in front and behind, between the blade-bones. Holloway's Pills should be taken to correct any functional irregularity; they will make each organ conform to health's requirements.—[ADVT.]