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## THE ROYAL VISIT, AND MASONIC CEREMONY AT TRURO.

The preparations for the approaching Royal visit to Truro are now approaching completion, and considering the limited opportunities for display, and the distance of the city from the great business centres, the result is most satisfactory. The Great Western Railway Company has very liberally offered facilities for brethren visiting Truro from all parts of their railway system, and we anticipate the largest gathering of the Craft ever witnessed in the West of England.

Much pleasure is manifested in Truro by the announcement now made that Prince Albert Victor, and Prince George will probably accompany the Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit. It is understood that the suggestion of having a promenade concert will be carried out. The space and Grand Stand at the north east end of the cathedral site, where the Masonic stone is being laid, will be utilised for the occasion, a small charge being made. Arrangements have also been concluded with Mr. James Pain, pyrotechnist to the Alexandra place for a grand display of fireworks, which will be of a special character, in keeping with the other engagements of the day. Among the set pieces will be the portraits of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and probably a view of the cathedral. The emblematic Masonic arch is being erected at Lemon Bridge, and will be an effective feature in the decorations. We gave the full Masonic programme as issued by the Grand Secretary in our last, and, as far as can be ascertained, the programme of the general proceedings of the day will be as follows:

The Masons will assemble at 10.30; the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 11; the Prince and Princess will arrive from Tregothnan at 11.20, will receive the county and city addresses opposite the Town Hall, and drive on to Southleigh. The processions will then proceed to the enclosure, admission to which for other persons will close at 11 o'clock. The service will commence at noon, and the musical portion will include a choir of 300 voices under Mr. Nunn, and the band of the Marines. Luncheon at 1.45; review of volunteers and militia at Trelliske at 3.30; concert at 7; fireworks at 10, and concluding about 11.

We understand that the Prince of Wales will leave for the West of England on Monday, visiting Torquay, Mount Edgcumbe, Plymouth, the seat of the Provincial Grand Master *en route*, reaching Tregothnan on Tuesday evening, thus giving His Royal Highness a clear day's rest before the fatiguing ceremonies on Thursday.

The following circular has been issued by the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall:

23, Belgrave-square, London, S.W.,  
3rd May, 1880.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It appears to be an almost invariable custom, on the occasion of a foundation stone being laid, Masonically, for brethren, who have made collections in aid of the Building Fund, to hand them in purses to the officiating officer, to be placed on the stone after the ceremony.

I have carefully avoided begging for the Cathedral Fund among the brethren of the Province, but I can hardly do otherwise than let them know that contributions will be thus received by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

They may be collected from the members of each lodge, before the day, or at the time; but I think the number of purses should not (at most) exceed the number of the lodges in the provinces.

A collection will be made at the time of the ceremony, and any contributions from the brethren will be kept separate from those of the general public. I will take charge of them, and guarantee that they shall be applied to whatever special object may hereafter be determined upon by a com-

mittee of Masons, whose names shall be submitted for approval to the Prov. G. Lodge.

If you have any contributions from brethren or from other sources, you are requested to fill in the enclosed form, put it in an envelope addressed to me, and place it in the collecting bag.

Yours truly,  
MOUNT-EDGCUMBE,  
Prov. G. Master.

## THE CITY OF TRURO.

The interest attaching to the westernmost and newest city of the kingdom in view of the approaching festivities and ceremonial in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the new cathedral is so great, that we think our readers will not be disinclined to obtain some particulars of its topography and history. Many years ago an old historian called Leland wrote a description of Truro, and in it he quaintly said: "There is a Castelle, a quarter of a mile by west out of Truro, longging to the Erle of Cornwall, now clene downe." This old castle appears to be the only clue we have to the origin of the present town. Little or nothing, however, is known of the old castle save that as Leland says "it is clene downe," and the only indication of its ever having existed is a certain street near its ancient site, called Castle-street.

The natural advantages of its position probably caused the town quickly to grow up beneath the castle walls, for so far back as the year 1130, "the borough of Truro was incorporated by the name of Mayor and burgesses by Reginald, Earl of Cornwall, and in 1294, 23 Edward I., about thirty years after the origin of popular representation, it sent its first members to Parliament.

A writer of a few years ago thus speaks of the town in the present day:—"Truro is the largest, cleanest, best built, and best regulated town in Cornwall. Its principal streets are wide and granite paved, and have streams of clear water ever flowing through their side channels. Its houses are for the most part stone fronted and substantial. Originally planted almost in a hollow at the head of the creek on which it stands, it has now spread itself on its outward and upworth growth over the slope of the hills, by which the old borough was girded, and is a very pretty town, to look at from any commanding point of view."

The history of Truro, like that of most other towns, is bound up very much with its ecclesiastical edifices. Hals, the old historian of Cornwall, says that on the west side of this town was of old a Dominican Chapel and Friary, but that has long been, like the castle, "clene downe," and has left as its only vestige a name to a street, which is called St. Dominic-street to the present day.

Then there was also a Nunnery of the Clares, of which no remembrance remains but of the church, which is to give place on its site to the new cathedral, which the Prince of Wales comes to lay the first stone of. We have still the fabric, although its days are literally numbered, and not a little record. "Capella S. Maria de Truro" was dedicated on September 28th, 1259, and the building of the present church was completed about 1518. The exterior is ornamented with elaborate sculpture, now much decayed. Inside the sacred edifice there is much to interest; among other monumental inscriptions is the following record of the wonderful doings of one Owen Fitz-pen:—"To the pious and well deserving memory of Owen Fitz-penals Phippen, who travelled over many parts of the world, and on the 24th March, 1620, was taken by the Turks, and made a captive in Algiers. He projected sundry plots for his liberty, and on ye 17th June, 1627, with ten other Christian captives, Dutch and French (persuaded by his council and courage), he began a cruel fight with 65 Turkes, in their own shipe, which lasted 5 howers, in which 5 of his company were slain, yet GOD made him captaine. So he brought ye ship into Cartagene, being of 400 tons and 23 ordee. The King sent for him to Madrid to see him; he was offered a captaine's place and the King's favor if he would turn Papist, which he refused. He sold all for £6000, returned into England, and died at Lamorran, near Truro, 17th March, 1636."

It is somewhat melancholy after this record of success and fame to read the following, which is recorded in "W. Lake's Parochial History of Cornwall:—"The Cornish branch of the Fitz-pen family was short-lived, and its extinction gloomy. Near the close of the last century a man was found suffocated in the lime kiln near Truro, into which he had crept for shelter, and had fallen asleep; this was a poor wandering, homeless maniac, called George Fitz-pen, alias Phippen, alias George Phippeny, the last representation of the brave Owen, and the learned rector and master of the Grammar School in 1625 (George Phippen)."

In 1642 Sir Ralph Hopton surrendered at Tresellian Bridge, near Truro, to Sir Thomas Fairfax, the parliamentary commander.

Prince Charles, afterwards Charles II., resided in Truro in 1645, and, early in 1646, he again made it his place of residence for several months.

To come to its more modern history, we may briefly state that Truro was long the chief coinage town for Tin, which, after continuing for centuries, has latterly been abolished, and the revenue derived therefrom otherwise collected. Truro is still the seat of the Stannary Courts of Cornwall and Devon, and derives considerable importance therefrom. Among other celebrities claiming Truro as their birth-place we may mention Lander, the African traveller, whose statue and monument adorn the top of Lemon-street; Samuel Foote, the comedian; and Marty'n, the learned and self-sacrificing missionary.

In August, 1876, a bill to separate Cornwall from the

diocese of Exeter, and create a bishopric for Cornwall, passed both Houses of Parliament; Truro being chosen as its seat, and St. Mary's Parish Church as the Cathedral, and the Rev. Edward White Benson nominated as bishop. His enthronement took place on 17th May, 1877. From the first it was seen that the building designated was wholly inadequate to the requirements of a cathedral, and the bishop, with characteristic energy, soon set the forces in motion to raise a structure worthy of the position which it will occupy as the first cathedral built in England since the Reformation. The Cathedral Committee are fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Pearson as architect. He is said on high authority to be the first ecclesiastical architect in Europe, and the designs he has prepared will certainly tend to preserve that reputation.

## NOTES ON OUR ENGLISH RITUAL

BY THE EDITOR.

### PART III.

Before I go on with my "Notes," as I have been asked to give the names of a few foreign works on the subject, I append those of which I have a copy, or have seen. I have read, for instance, all those I have mentioned in my previous "Notes," except the American one, and the two Scottish magazines, "Le Testament d'un Franc Maçon," and "Red Masonry." Among the works which I have seen or possessed may be cited "Catechisme des Francs Maçons," Paris and Limoges 1743; "Le Secret du Franc Maçon," 1744; "L'Abbe Perau;" "Le Secret du Franc Maçon trahi," about 1744; "Der Verrathene Orden," 1745; "Les plus Secret Mysteres des Hauts Grades," 1766; "Le Franc Maçon tel qu'il doit être," 1774; "Les plus Secrets Mysteres," 2nd edition, 1776; "Die drei Grade der Fraumaurerei," Wien 1783; "Recueil Precieux, &c.," 1787; "Les Masques Arrachés," 1790; "Étoile Flamboyante," 1791; "A Word to the Wise," 1796; "Necessaire Maçonique," 1812; and others might be mentioned.

We have now arrived at that period of our ritual history when the matter becomes important, and our words require to be very measured.

In 1813, at the union of the "Modern" and "Antient" Grand Lodges, an "established mode of working" was set up through the medium of the "Lodge of Reconciliation," the object of which was to reconcile conflicting systems, and bring the "variations" of several "forms" of working into one harmonious whole. Therefore to Hemming first, and to Williams later, were entrusted the perfecting of a common system of ritual.

Hemming drew up a system and form, but, falling ill, and unable to complete his work thoroughly, it was given to Williams, who added to and completed the original form of Hemming.

Hemming's form, however, was used, notably in Yorkshire, at one time to a great extent, and is still represented by the Stability Lodge of Instruction. It is kept up in many lodges up and down the country.

The perfected form of Williams is that now in use in the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, and which seems destined to become the more general form of working in the Craft.

The Prestonian form, however, still lingers, and is to be found in lodges, alike in the metropolis and in the provinces. There are also remains of an Old York "working" and of the Antient "working," such as it is.

Since 1813 the Grand Lodge, though it formally adopted the established mode of "working" as set out in the "ritual" compiled by Williams, has, most wisely, been most tolerant, and has never attempted to interfere with the "working" of private lodges, so long as the "ancient landmarks" and recognised "aporrata" were carefully preserved.

Knowing from long experience how unwise it is to bind and define too closely, how true it still is in things Masonic as in things mundane, "never draw the line too tightly," it has never, except in very special cases, ever sought formally to enforce even the "established" mode of "working" on lodges.

In one particular case, which was a special point of honour and observance, so to say, with the "Moderns," and to which we may allude, without too minute explanation, as the "Star in the East," the Grand Lodge has more than once called the attention of W.M.'s to the fact that such a popular illustration of Masonic verbiage is not recognised by the "established mode of working." It was notoriously a favourite symbol of the Antient Masons, and, no doubt has been derived from their teaching.

The Lodge of Reconciliation of 1813 being itself a compromise of two great systems, while it retained the "verbiage," sought to suppress the symbol. But in that, as we all know, it has not been successful, as at this moment the favourite "symbol" is all but universal in English Masonry. It is a matter of rejoicing to all English Masons that our ritual is still "oral," and only properly to be learnt in lodges of instruction.

It is a subject of great pride also, (as I have heard foreign brethren testify), namely, the ease and accuracy with which our old and cherished formularies are habitually rendered; far exceeding that of foreign jurisdictions, for many prevailing reasons, and reflecting the greatest credit on our Preceptors and our rulers. Such as our ritual is now, with the slight modifications I have mentioned in petty formulæ, and in equivalent words, it seems to us invested with all that can attract the admiration of the intelligent, and the regard of the educated.

But as I am only concerned with its history, I forbear to

pursue a topic on which I could say a good deal, as the more I see of it and the more I study it, the more I am convinced of its antiquity, its value, its appropriateness, and its beauty.

In 1825, when Richard Carlile was in prison in Dorchester Gaol for a vile libel, he published in the *Republican*, in six letters addressed to Wm. Williams, M.P., P.G.M. for Dorset (the eminent brother who drew up the Constitutions of 1815, and completed Hemming's form in two letters, to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and in two more to H.R.H. the Duke of York), what he professed to call and consider "An Exposure of Freemasonry." Anything that Carlile wrote would probably be repudiated *prima facie* by all "honest and upright men of strict morals and sound judgment," and I, for one, deeply lament the degradation which ensues from either studying or quoting the words of this infidel accuser of Freemasonry. The only proper course to take is to leave his "Exposure" in its worthlessness and vileness to the contempt of the honourable, and the condemnation of the loyal and the just.

There have been several so-called explanations, or assumed infallible forms of pretended Masonic ritual, hawked about, and we ourselves can recall spurious and surreptitious works issuing from the press, whether as reprinted edition of "Jachin and Boaz," or other compilation which some of us may have seen.

I am using the language of a very distinguished Preceptor of the present day, whose admirable rendering of our ritual we all have often cause greatly to admire, when I say that they are all equally unsafe, and unsound, and untrue, and that the only proper course for Masons to follow, who wish to be "bright Masons," and rise to distinction as "experts" and "Preceptors," is to attend a good lodge of instruction, and there to perfect themselves, not by the use of "cribs" and "crams," in the ritual, lectures, symbolism, and mysteries of our Order.

I have ventured to put these "Notes" before my brethren because I have often seen the most mistaken theories and the most unguarded language used respecting our ritual. Much respecting it can only properly be explained in our lodges of instruction and of work, and I, for one, deprecate greatly all those discussions, which, descending into minute points, would even lay bare our most cherished "arcana" before the curiosity and sarcasm of the "profane," the unfair, and the malevolent.

Some recent remarks in a modern English journal will give point to all that I can say on this head, reflecting, as my words might fairly be allowed to do, the indignation of all loyal Masons and all educated gentlemen. But here I stop to-day, having finished my task, I know, crudely and imperfectly at the best.

But the difficulties attendant on such "Notes" as they are many and obvious to all English Masons.

Abroad they do not regard matters from our more serious and reverential point of view, and in too many jurisdictions the great evil of a "printed ritual" seems to have superinduced in the Masonry of "that limit" a want of interest and regard for the old ritual of their useful brotherhood.

In England we shall happily adhere to the "traditions of our fathers," and long may we do so, in all of Masonic loyalty, reverence, faithfulness, and content.

I may add that almost all the foreign rituals are reproductions or adaptations of our English ritual, and when it is departed from there seems at once to commence a reign of chaos and change, a desire of innovation, a love of paradox. I know most foreign rituals, and none, in my humble opinion, can compare with the width, toleration, simplicity, beauty, and, above all, the "archaisms" of our English ritual.

I may "supplement" these "Notes" with a fourth paper next week.

### FREEMASONRY IN THE ISLE OF MAN.

There are four Masonic lodges in the Isle of Man—two, the Athol and the Tynwald, located in Douglas, the chief town of the island; one, the St. Manghold, held in Ramsey; and one in Castletown—the metropolis—the Lodge of Mona. Of these the first three are under the Grand Lodge of England, while the last is 212 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. All the lodges are in a flourishing condition, and the work is well and carefully done. The Douglas lodges have very handsome rooms at the Masonic Hall on Loch Parade, while the Manghold Lodge has nearly completed a Masonic Hall, which, as will be seen from the subjoined report, is likely to prove both handsome and convenient. Brethren that visit this beautiful spot in Her Majesty's dominions are always welcomed in a truly Masonic spirit, as those who are well acquainted with "the island" can testify.

The Tynwald Lodge had a very successful reunion on the evening of the 20th ult., when considerably more than one hundred brethren and their friends were present. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit till four the next morning. The large room of the Masonic Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and flags, and was in capital condition for dancing. This reunion is the first of its kind, and no doubt from its success will be succeeded by others equally successful. The guests were received on arrival by Bro. Broadbent, the W.M., who, after supper, in a few well-chosen and lucid terms explained the origin of the meeting, and again very heartily welcomed the visitors. Amongst those present were the W.M.'s of the Athol, Tonbridge, and Mona Lodges, the officers of the lodge, and Past Masters Bawden, Heron, Brown, Clarke, Brearley, and others.

The St. Manghold Lodge held its ordinary monthly meeting on Tuesday, 20th of April, in their temporary rooms, Albert-street. The brethren present were Bros. C. B. Nelson, W.M.; W. M. Laughlin, P.M.; Thomas Allen, P.M.; J. W. Wood, S.W.; James M. Cruickshank, J.W.; Fred. Sanderson, Secretary; E. C. Kerr, Treasurer; and W. M. Corkhill, Tyler. A raising, which formed part of the evening's work, was postponed until the brethren are able to meet in the handsome and convenient lodge which is being prepared for them in Mona-street. The present temporary quarters of the Fraternity are small, and ill adapted to the growing needs of Masonry in Ramsey. An address, which had been tastefully composed for the occasion, was read and signed by the Master and Wardens. It is to be presented to Bro. P.M. Alured Dumbell on his elevation to the bench as Deemster or Judge for the north of the island. The financial position of the lodge was discussed, and it was found that, in spite of heavy current expenses, and heavier ones in store, caused by the erection of

and the removal to the lodge's new premises, the Treasurer's account of moneys in hand, and to be had on demand, show that the brethren of the mystic tie in Ramsey have no need to be cast down.

The Athol Lodge had its usual meeting on Wednesday, April 21st. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. H. Brearley, W.M.; Johnson, S.W.; Hanney, J.W.; John Woodruff, S.D.; G. C. Heron, P.M., Treasurer; John Holden, I.G.; and P.M.'s Turner and Mayle; and Bros. Miller, Jones, Lofthouse, and J. Jollie Pattison, W.M. 1678 (visitor). The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. J. Oldham was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., after which Bro. R. C. Turner, I.P.M., raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason Bro. G. L. Trustrum. All the work was done in a very efficient manner. After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to supper, which was served in one of the rooms adjoining the lodge. After the usual loyal toasts "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the W.M. in very complimentary terms. Bro. Pattison, in reply, expressed his hearty thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the cordial way in which he had again been received by the brethren, not only of his old lodge, the Lodge of Mona, but also by those of the Athol and Tynwald Lodges.

The Lodge of Mona met on Monday, April 26th. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. Geo. H. Quayle, and as there was no business to be transacted it was adjourned till the next ordinary meeting.

### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, BOLTON.

Our good friend, Bro. Brockbank has invited us to write an introduction to his history of St. John's Lodge, Bolton, and the following is our fraternal response thereto.

During the last century there were at one time four Grand Lodges at work in England, viz:

1. "The Grand Lodge of England." (London.)
2. "The Grand Lodge of All England." (York.)
3. "The Grand Lodge of England according to the old institutions." (London.)
4. "The Grand Lodge of England and South of the Trent." (London.)

The first, the Premier Grand Lodge of the World, was established in London, 1717. \* Before then there were no Grand lodges, but "Assemblies" were occasionally held. The second Grand Lodge was started in York, 1725, being the offspring of the old Time Immemorial Lodge of that city. The third was originated by a number of seceders from the first-mentioned, about 1750, and the fourth was founded by the York Grand Lodge in answer to the wishes of many members of the Lodge of Antiquity, London, in 1779. Its career was very brief, as it terminated in 1790, on the difficulties being adjusted between that ancient lodge (now No. 2) and the regular Grand Lodge. The fourth of the series ceased to exist on the advent of the present century.

All lodges now on the roll and warranted prior to 1814 obtained their authority either from the first or the third of these Grand Lodges, both held in London, and known respectively by Masonic students as "Moderns" and "Ancients." It will be seen that these titles are not indicative of the relative antiquity of these bodies. They are also termed the "Regular Masons," and the "Ancients" or "Atholl Masons." Happily in December, 1813, these two rivals "joined hands and hearts," their title after then being "The United Grand Lodge of England," since which period the Craft has heard no more of secessions. For particulars as to the Articles of Union and the numerical position of the lodges on the United Roll we must refer enquirers to the "Masonic Register" and the "Atholl Lodges." In 1814 there were 386 lodges of the "Moderns" and 260 of the "Ancients" placed on the Roll, and as the first lodge of the latter body was successful in drawing the "lot" for No. 1, the Time Immemorial Lodge of Antiquity of the premier Grand Lodge had to be content with the position of No. 2, in accordance with the agreement. The other lodges belonging to the two rivals were numbered alternately as provided for.

The St. John's Lodge, Bolton, before the Union was numbered 303, but immediately afterwards became 386. In 1832 it was altered to 268, and from 1863 has been 221. Its career from 1797 has been carefully sketched by Bro. Brockbank in the following pages, and that of its sister Lodge Antiquity, No. 146, has been duly noted by an earnest fellow worker (Bro. James Newton). At the present time under the wing of the East Lancashire Province there are eleven Ancient Lodges, numbered, &c., as follows:

- 44, Friendship, Manchester.
- 54, Hope, Rochdale.
- 62, Social, Manchester.
- 128, Prince Edwin, Bury.
- 146, Antiquity, Bolton.
- 152, Virtue, Manchester.
- 204, Caledonian, Manchester.
- 210, Duke of Athol, Denton.
- 215, Commerce, Haslingden.
- 221, St. John's, Bolton.
- 226, Benevolence, Littleborough.

Although "St. John's," No. 221, is the tenth on this list, it is not as a lodge much inferior in point of antiquity to most of the others, as several work from revived or renewed warrants, whereas that of No. 221 has apparently preserved its continuity throughout. Its warrant was granted under the rule of the M.W. Bro. the 4th Duke of Athol, who was the seventh Grand Master of the "Ancients." The D.G.M., Bro. William Dickey, was once the third of the G. Secretaries, having served in the latter capacity 1771-6. The Grand Sec. Leslie held that office from 1790 to the consummation of the Union. We are indebted to our indefatigable Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, for a transcript of the warrant (completed in M.S., portions being deficient), who in this and many other ways has done much to aid in the critical study of the "Ancients."

Although the records of St. John's Lodge are not so important, comparatively speaking, as many of the older

\* For the history of this the oldest and largest Grand Lodge in the world, and its descendants *vide*: Bro. R. Gould's "Four Old Lodges."

† The "Masonic and Medallie Register of Lodges," by Bro. W. J. Hughan. (George Kenning, London.) The "Atholl Lodges, their authentic History," by Bro. R. F. Gould.

lodges, yet they are decidedly worthy of reproduction and publication, especially in the concise and handy form adopted by Bro. Brockbank, who has done his part carefully and well.

The minutes are in many respects very suggestive, and evidently the younger members are much indebted to their seniors for the present prosperous and happy condition of the lodge.

As it is impossible to write a complete history of Freemasonry in England until the records of all the last century lodges have been duly examined and their special features made known, we hail each fresh appearance of a lodge history with satisfaction, and consider the author, who has devoted time to its preparation, has become a benefactor to the Craft and done his part to render an authentic account of our Society possible.

In evidence that the junior lodges of the "Ancients" may furnish some curious particulars, and even facts of consequence, we may cite those of No. 221, and particularly the Bye-Law No. 4:—"Every subscribing brother shall wear on his breast that mark of distinction that is worn by Ancient Masons on regular meeting nights." We have so far failed to discover to what this rule refers and shall be glad if any one can enlighten us. The old medals occasionally met with are generally unique in style, emblems, &c. We do not remember any two being exactly alike, so it is not probable that the mark of distinction referred to was of a medallie character. The subject is a curious one, and we are not aware of another such regulation. In conclusion, we trust that the example set by Bro. George Parker Brockbank and several other brethren, by the compilation of their Lodge Histories, will prove to be the heralds of many more similar and valuable productions.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, April 7th, 1880.

### COMMUNIQUE.

We have read a special address emanating from the Boys' School office, with equal astonishment and amusement. One portion of this address has already appeared in our columns, the second portion, which we print to-day, was for some reason unaccountably kept back. That any one, be he who he may, can venture to tell any portion of the brotherhood that the Boys' School has not received the earnest support of the *Freemason*, on all occasions, and under all circumstances, is so palpable a misstatement that he can only be writing under the exaggeration of excitement, or must see everything through a distorted "coup d'œil." The *Freemason* has been foremost and consistent from the first time of its foundation in the warm and zealous support it has given to all the Masonic Charities. True it is, that it has never pandered to a party, or been the organ of an office, but it has always, as it does to-day, warmly supported our excellent Institutions. It knows of no personality, and eschews the petty intrigues of insignificant maligners, or contemptible cliques. The *Freemason* has flourished, and flourishes, despite even the dislike and opposition of some. As week by week it is now read by many thousands of Masons, all matters relative to the Schools find their best advertisement and advocacy in its ever ready and friendly pages. That Bro. Binckes should admit what the *Freemason* has felt and said to be true, namely, that the present system is too onerous for the Secretaries, and hurtful, therefore, to the Charities, is a full justification for the previous remarks of the *Freemason*, which seem to have given so much and such unnecessary offence.

We believe that the proprietor of this paper himself suggested to Bro. Binckes some time back the advisability of impressing on all new lodges the formation of a bye-law making a Stewardship annually. That the *Freemason*, which has so zealously supported the Charities and the Boys' School, should thus be animated upon by the Secretary of the Boys' School in a public circular, is a course of procedure which we are bound to characterise as undignified and unfair in the highest degree.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

(Continuation of Bro. Binckes's Circular.)

The festivals of the other Institutions have been celebrated with unprecedented success, and there appears no reason why the festival of this Institution should not be, at least, equally successful, though not so fortunate as the sister Institution in the approving advocacy of a portion of the Masonic press.

But it has its own intrinsic merits to recommend it—zealously and earnestly supported by many good friends and representatives, official and otherwise.

It can point to most satisfactory results, physically, sanitary, educational, and financial. In twenty-five years there have not been ten deaths. The average number in the Infirmary weekly does not exceed two, and these are generally sufferers from slight ailments or unimportant casualties.

From 1867 to 1878, eighty-three boys have passed in honours at the University Local Examination, and fifty-seven have gained certificates. One has passed the Matriculation Examination, 1st class, at London University, and one has held an Exhibition at the University of Cambridge. The result of the Local Examination, 1879, is appended.

The income for the last seven years, exclusive of dividends, &c., has averaged £12,763 6s. 6d.

1457 boys—including those elected on 12th April last—have received the benefits of the Institution.

With all this, I am encouraged to hope for a large extension of support in connection with the ensuing Festival, feeling constrained to avail myself of this special opportunity to earnestly commend to your favourable consideration the cause of "Our Boys," more especially as after nearly twenty years constant exertions I may be compelled, through failing powers of endurance, to adopt a course described as quiet and "dignified," and certainly more in accordance with the wish for repose so urgently needed.

FREDERICK BINCKES, V. Pres. (P.G. Stwd), Sec., and Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. Hall, J. A. Farnfield, Richard Hervé Giraud, S. Rawson, J. H. Leggett, G. Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, James Kench, A. H. Tattershall, Henry G. Warren, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, Jas. Brett, John L. Mather, J. Newton, William Stevens, Thos. Cubitt, J. March Case, John Constable, Chas F. Hogard, C. H. Webb, Wm. Hilton, W. F. Nettleship, A. J. Duff Filer, Louis Stean, Thos. Goode, and James Terry (Secretary).

The Secretary reported the death of one male annuitant. The Warden's report for the last month was read, and the report of the Finance Committee was also read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the male and female annuitants, &c., for the ensuing quarter.

The draft report for the annual meeting to be submitted next Friday, was approved and adopted.

Bro. Terry, read letters of Grand Secretary as to proposed new offices, and the consideration of the subject thereof was deferred for further information.

The application by Mrs. Grant for half her late husband's annuity was granted.

Bro. H. G. Warren withdrew his notice of motion, and the Committee then adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, was held in the Queen-street Schools, Oldham, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under the banner of the Lodge of Tudor.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, M.W.P.G.M.; Geo. Mellor, D.P.G.M.; R. H. Hardman, P.G.S.W.; George Higgins, P.G.J.W.; Rev. Henry Cottam, P.G. Asst. Chap.; Benj. Taylor, P.G. Treas.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; Edwin Brooks, P.G.S.D.; J. F. Hoffgaard, P.G.J.D.; Samuel Crowther, P.G.S. of W.; Denis Towers, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; Henry Heys, P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.; Robert Caldwell, P.G. Swd. Br.; Henry T. Robberds, P.G. Org.; Julius Arensberg, P.G. Purs.; Edwin Radcliffe, P.G. Asst. Purs.; E. Ashworth, jun., John Gibb Smith, W. A. Walker, G. A. Packwood, S. Sykes, Joseph Lowe, P.G. Stewards; Thos. Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; Edward Diggle, P.G. Std. Br.; S. D. Lees, M.D., P.M. 300, P.P.G. Treas.; Clement C. R. Beswicke Roys, P.P.G.S.W.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P. G.D. of C., P.M. 317; T. J. Hooper, P.M. 1633, P.P.G. Treas.; C. Hargreaves, P.P.G. Org., P.M. 215, 283; Robt. Whittaker, P.M. 350 and 678, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. H. Hopkins, P.M. 633, P.P.G.D. of C.; James Holmes, P.M. 64, 268, P.P.G.J.D.; W. H. Cunliffe, P.M. 269, P.P.G. Purs.; Jno. Halliwell, P.M. 64, 1012, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. S. G. B. Bradshaw, P.M. 1009, P.P.G. Chap.; Geo. Loft-house, P.M. 369 and 401, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; C. M. Jones, P.M. 54, P.P.G.D. of C.; Westray Benn, P.M. 286, P.P.G.A. Purs.; W. D. Walker, P.M. 64, 1012, P.P.G. J.W.; Thos. Chorlton, P.M. 152, P.P.G. Reg.; Edw. Hartley, P.M. 219, P.P.G. Sup. Wks.; Henry Greenwood, P.M. 348, P.P.G. Purs.; Jas. W. Kenyon, P.M. 42, P.P. G.S.W.; Samuel Statham, P.M. 1773, 1009, P.P.G. Treas.; James Arthur Birch, P.M. 1170, P.P.G.J.W.; R. C. J. Duckworth, P.M. 345, P.P.G.A. Purs.; J. L. Hine, P.M. 65, 325, P.P.G.S.W.; C. F. Tweedale, P.M. 277, P.P.G. Reg.; Wm. Blackburn, P.M. 377, P.P.S.G.D. W. Yorks.; Samuel Cheetham, P.M. 64, P.P.G. Treas.; W. S. Allpass, P.M. 155, 680, 1570, P.G. Sec. W.L.; George Parker Brockbank, P.M. 37, 221, 1723, 64, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Barker, P.M. 1134, 1345, P.P.G. Treas.; James Hall, P.M. 210, P.P.G.T.; R. H. Hutchinson, P.M. 64, 345, P.P.G.S.W.; Thos. Elliott, P.M. 1147; S. Ruett, 467; E. Yield, 467; E. J. Cummings, W.M. 467; J. Crompton Lees, P.M. 277; Charles Bradley, 467; James D. Kershaw, 1011; William Smith, P.M. 361; Joseph Berry, I.G. 337; Robt. Hunter, P.M. 1088; Harrison Vevers, 1723; Abraham Clegg, W.M. 277; Daniel Buckley, 277; William Bagnall, S.W. 204; Wm. Brown, J.D. 1633; John Broadbent, J.D. 337; G. T. Mullock, W.M. 204; Samuel Horrocks, 467; John Booth, 467; Orlando Startup, P.M. 934; J. Harrison, S.D. 277; H. Thomas, P.M. 277; W. Parkinson, S.W. 44; Geo. C. Williams, S.W. 152; Samuel Marsden, P.M. 344; William Templar, S.W. 344; Ambrose J. Haworth, 1011; James Blacka, P.M. 226 and 219; D. C. Moore, W.M. 1688; Alfred L. Straus, J.D. 1688; Geo. W. Wilson, W.M. 1009; John Greenwood, P.M. 226; Edward Wovenor, 288; W. Nicholl, S.W. 317; James Newton, P.M. 37; James Hadfield, P.M. 1129; James Holt, P.M. 363; J. Cockerott, W.M. 226; Chas. Claber, 467; John H. Shorrocks, W.M. 381; Ralph Landless, P.P.G.S.B. W.L., 126; H. L. Hollingworth, P.M. 227; W. H. Charlesworth, J.W. 300; William Pinder, M.M. 462; Thomas Shutt, M.M. 462; J. W. Watts, P.M. 852; W. Parkes, 852; F. Lever, 1219; Joseph Hardy, W.M. 852; Wm. Riddell, P.M. 852; Joseph Young, Sec. 852; Geo. W. Bingham, S.D. 852; Daniel Dempsey, Sec. 1218; J. Corbitt, J.W. 854; Buckley Buckley, J.D. 1322; R. Mallett, I.P.M. 935; Louis Jackson, 854; John Watson, 854; W. H. Eckersley, S.W. 467; Thos. Wilkinson, 467; B. Halliwell, 1496; S. Mason, 1496; J. W. Hulley, 1322; James Potter, 467; John Ingham, 467; J. Metcalf, P.M. 1392; Thos. Shaw, P.M. 1392; Charles Beswick, Tyler 581; James Taylor, S.W. 1458; John Greenup, W.M. 581; John Taylor, P.M. 274; Joseph Clapton, P.M. 277; John Parker, P.M. 933; Rev. James E. Roberts, W.M. 1218; Joseph Brierley, 277; John Felton, Secretary 354; Edward T. Fletcher, I.P.M. 1129; Samuel L. Hoyle, S.D. 1129; William Davis, 54; George H. Cade, 1129; Abraham Rowcliffe, 54; Thomas Collins, 467; Thomas Palmer, 467; James Holroyd, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 208; Hugh A. George Bayley, P.M. 633 and 815; Samuel Heathcote, P.M. 852; James Corney, J.W. 852; John William Booth, W.M. 282; J. J. Meakin, W.M. 612; Edward Hilton, Secretary 992; James Dooley, W.M. 149; Henry Darbyshire, P.M. 581; A. Meadowcroft, J.W. 1077; W. Nicholson, P.M., Secretary 1723; John Holt, W.M. 215; James Bottomley, 497; James Brierley, 1496; Peter Lawton,

S.W. 78; J. S. Tetlow, 78; Edward Williams, P.M. 1147; Edmund Sowerbutts, P.M. 366; Charles Davis, P.M. 54; William Walker, 54; J. W. Chadderton, 854; Joshua Milne, 854; George Chadderton, 854; S. Holt, S.W. 128; J. Crossley, 854; E. W. Guttam, 191; Ishmael Davis, P.M. 1147; Arthur Middleton, W.M. 645; Henry Coupe, W.M. 274; Daniel Hargreaves, S.W. 286; J. D. Bamford, 854; William Wadsworth, 854; William Clark, P.M. 152; James Andrew, J.W. 268; Robert Leech, W.M. 1219; R. Ashworth, P.M. 286; George Johnson, 1496; John Collinge, P.M. 467; Harry L. Roberts, 1774; Walter Newton, P.M. 286 and 1322; Thomas Walker, J.W. 581; Godfrey Higham, W.M. 1083; R. Collinge, P.M. 54; James Renshaw, 300; John Sinkinson, 467; Hudson Lister, P.M. 1011; William Dumville, P.M. 1011; J. L. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; G. L. Vaughan, J.W. 1030; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1459 and 1030; Thomas Wood, J.W. 467; James Newton, J.W. 1011; F. H. Newton, S.W. 1459; Alfred E. Ferns, S.W. 1030; Thomas Tyers, P.M. 581; J. Lees, W.M. 1773; J. Harrop, P.M. 1773; William Cook, S.W. 1170; Wm. Eastwood, W.M. 816; Clement Barker, P.M. 467; W. Whewell, P.M. 369, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Turner, P.M. 1120, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Tanner, 337; C. Shaw, I.P.M. 337; H. Walker, P.M. 337; Henry Walley, P.M. 163; Alfred Heald, S.W. 163; George H. Ormerod, S.W. 1011; Thos. Hindle, P.M. 1145; Richard Rushton, S.W. 1145; Christopher Furness, J.W. 1145; Elias Nathan, W.M. 1798; Rev. H. D. Marks, S.D. 1798; E. Wise, 1798; R. Dickinson, 1496; J. M. Barlow, P.M. 1775 and 1145; J. E. Cliff, W.M. 1498; William Priest, W.M. 1775; Alfred Turner, P.M. 1055; T. R. Williams, P.M. 1147; Thos. Robert Peel, P.M. 1147; John Taylor, W.M. 1147; Richard Barlow, Secretary 1147; T. F. Collier, S.W. 1775; W. Corbitt, P.M. 1052 and 854; Joseph Hall, 854; Samuel L. Buckley, W.M. 269; John Ollerenshaw, 625; Robert O. McKerrick, W.M. 350; Samuel Shorrocks, W.M. 128; J. W. Crossley, P.M. 1392; Wm. Mallalieu, 337; Joseph Braddock, P.M. 277; Joseph Wild, P.M. 277; R. Johnson, P.M. 277; James Clegg, 467; Ralph Slater, 467; Henry Palmer, 467; Wm. Turner, 467; Samuel Davies, 467; George Whiteley, P.M. 288; Mitchell Helliwell, P.M. 288; Thomas Schofield, P.M. 288; Joseph Sutcliffe, W.M. 288; Henry Heap, 300; James Heywood, 467; John Taylor Austerberg, P.M. 467; Joseph B. Palmer, 467; W. Edwards, P.M. 467; Thomas Hoare Tanner, 337; William Hulton, 300; Edwin Daniel, 300; John C. Atkins; G. Yates, Secretary 1633; William Byway, S.S. 1633; Beddoes Peacock, 1633; Lee Speakman, Hon. Secretary 581; Jas. Andrews, P.M. 1219; James H. Halliwell, 467; Henry Arnold, W.M. 1077; Herbert Andrew, I.G. 467; Ellis Jones, P.M. 1147; Thomas Gibson, P.M. 1147; Frederick Tomlinson, P.M. 325; Thomas Goodier, 325; Mark Cooper, 1775; J. R. Sower, S.W. 815; J. Andrews, P.M. 1213, 268; S. Lord, 266; W. Bagshaw, 277, 344; J. Dronfield, 467; R. Rigley, 266; C. Wren, 367; J. H. Roberts, S.D. 1322; T. Livesey, 367; H. Lees, junior, 467; S. Warburton, W.M. 1052; S. Davies, P.M. 1652; W. Parker, I.P.M. 993; E. Simpson, P.M. 935; W. Ollier, Sec. 935; T. R. Shaw, Treas. 935; J. Buckley, P.M. 1218; W. Brierley, W.M. 344; J. E. Platt, I.G. 277; J. Bowden, S.D. 467; G. J. Coleman, W.M. 467; H. Stead, W.M. 221; W. F. Wild, P.M. 300; J. Edgar, 467; C. Smethurst, 467; J. Pickford, 678; J. Besford, W.M. 854; J. H. Chapman, J.W. 678; W. Potts, D. of C. 467; G. Newton, 855; J. Mellor, 467, 300; J. Heelis, S.W. 62; Ft. Bolton, 854; W. Jowett, W.M. 62; J. McLaren, J.W. 62; J. Peck, P.M. 300; H. J. Cutter, W.M. 44; D. Clark, S.W. 300; S. B. Priestley, W.M. 226; F. A. Huet, S.W. 1009; E. Swinglehurst, 1080; E. Sleight, 210; J. Varley, P.M. 350; J. Bradbury, 337; M. Vickers, W.M. 317; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason).

The satisfactory and complete arrangements made by the brethren of Tudor and Friendship Lodges (Oldham) for the reception of the numerous visitors were commendable. At half-past twelve o'clock the Craft lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. Coleman (W.M. Tudor), assisted by Bro. W. H. Eckersley, Senior Warden, and Bro. C. W. Rye, Junior Warden. The Craft lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. John Taylor Austerberry, P.M., presented to the Worshipful Master of the Tudor Lodge a beautifully embroidered banner, bearing thereon the inscription "Tudor Lodge, 467," and having Masonic emblems and the device of two roses—red and white—those of the Royal Houses of York and Lancaster, embroidered thereon. The banner was complete with pole and suspenders.

In making the presentation, Bro. AUSTERBERRY said he gave it to the Tudor Lodge as a mark of his respect and high esteem, and he could assure the brethren "that if they never disgraced the banner, it would not disgrace them."

The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. COLEMAN, W.M., who, in thanking the donor, said that his brother might rely that care would be taken of his honoured gift.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then admitted, and the R.W. Prov. G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers having taken their respective positions, the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The roll of lodges was called over, and all the lodges were noted down present with the exception of the Borough Lodge, Burnley. The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held 18th July, were taken as read. Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., was unanimously appointed Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, after which the Prov. G.M. proceeded to invest him with the insignia of his office.

The following brethren were then appointed Provincial G. Officers, and duly received the investiture thereof:—

- Bro. J. C. Lees (Friendship Lodge) ... Prov. S.G.W.
.. J. Collinge (Tudor Lodge) ... Prov. I.G.W.
.. H. Cottam and Bro. J. E. Roberts ... Prov. G. Chaps.
.. J. Chadwick ... Prov. G. Sec.
.. J. L. Page (Tudor Lodge) ... Prov. G.S. of W.
.. J. Rawcliffe ... Prov. G. Swd. B.
.. J. Blackie ... Prov. G. Std. B.
.. E. Ratcliffe ... Prov. G. Purst.
.. E. Diggle ... Prov. G.A.P.
.. J. L. Vaughan ... Prov. G. Reg.
.. J. Newton ... Prov. G.S.D.
.. J. Hadfield ... Prov. G.J.D.
.. H. Hayes ... Prov. G.D.C.
.. G. A. Packman ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
.. J. Varley ... Prov. G. Org.

Bros. E. Ashworth, jun., W. O. Walker, G. A. Coleman (Tudor Lodge), J. Brearley (Friendship Lodge), and W. Potts (Tudor Lodge) ... Prov. G. Stwds.

The R.W.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren on their exalted position in the province, and said that though there was a small falling off this year, there was no cause for regret. All ranks of people had felt the effects of the bad times through which we had passed, and Freemasonry had also been affected, but only slightly. The number of subscribing members in 1879 was 4391 as against 4162 in 1878, showing an increase in their numbers. The returns of subscribing members at the present time was, however, considerably less. Remembering the bad times we had recently had amongst all grades of society trade must fluctuate, and we must naturally expect Freemasonry would fluctuate in a like manner. The diminution that had taken place this year he regretted, but he did not doubt that with improved times an increase would again be seen. He then referred to the duties of Freemasons, and impressed upon Masters to be careful whom they receive in the body, and that the brethren could not exercise too great caution in the selection of those candidates who aspired to become Freemasons. Freemasonry was a great and glorious institution, and therefore he reiterated they could not possibly be too careful as to those who sought entrance among them. He had no fear that Freemasonry would suffer in East Lancashire. The reports he had received all spoke of the general well-being of the lodges, and there was no reason why it should not be so. One recommendation which he wished to give them was to study and practise the first principles of their Order, and if they shaped their daily conduct in accordance therewith they would be gainers.

The appointment of Auditors of the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts was then proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous election of the following brethren: Bros. Henry Lees Hollingworth (Friendship, Oldham), S. B. Priestly, and J. E. Lees. The report of the Committee appointed by the Prov. Grand Lodge, on 15th of May, 1879, to consider the question of the salary of the Prov. G. Secretary, was next discussed, and it was ultimately resolved, on the motion of Bro. T. Hargreaves, that £200 per annum should be paid to Bro. John Chadwick for his services as Secretary to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge also resolved to provide offices in Manchester for Masonic business, and awarded a sufficient sum for that purpose. A long discussion ensued on a motion of which notice had been given on July 18th, 1879, relative to the funds in the hands of the late Bro. John Tunnah, but the original minutes were confirmed.

Bro. CHARLES HEYWOOD, P. Prov. G. Registrar, moved "That the sum of £50 be contributed from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution." The resolution was seconded in a speech of great power by Bro. HEYWOOD, who spoke of the great advantages of education. The motion was carried nem. con., after which the lodge was closed with prayer.

The banquet was held in the assembly room of the Town Hall, and was attended by about 200 brethren. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, presided on the removal of the cloth. The vocalists engaged were the following brethren:—Bros. M. Stafford, P.M. 361; N. Dumville, P.M. 152 and 322; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Hudson Lister, P.M. 1011; and James Whittaker, M.M. 277. Bro. Joseph Clifton, P.M. 277, presided at the pianoforte. The R.W.P.G.M. proposed, in laudatory terms, "The Queen, the Patron of our Order," "National Anthem." He next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and, in doing so, said it gave him great cause of gratitude to be able to propose the health of such a noble member of their Order, who added resplendent lustre to it. He also alluded to the excellent manner in which H.R.H. had always exerted himself in the sacred cause of charity. In having such a distinguished brother the fraternity was greatly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN then invited the brethren to drink to "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." In prefacing the toast he said H.R.H. was the most illustrious princess this country had ever known. They had had in England the Rose of Lancaster and the Rose of York, which in her Most Gracious Majesty were so happily blended, but in H.R.H. they had the Rose of Denmark, who by her graciousness and kindness had won the hearts of Englishmen.

The next toast on the list was that of "The R.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, coupled with the R.W. D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and Grand Officers of England Past and Present." The CHAIRMAN said that the illustrious names were those of true Masons, and in the elevation of one of them the Craft itself was honoured. Better or truer Masons did not exist than the noblemen in question—one, the Earl of Lathom, belonged to their own province, and they as Masons, and not in any other capacity, rejoiced in his elevation, which they fervently hoped he would long live to honour. (Loud applause.)

Bro. G. MELLOR proposed "The R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire," and did so in eulogistic terms.

In replying, the CHAIRMAN said that the terms Bro. Mellor had used were too flattering, and were more than any service he had rendered to Freemasonry deserved to be spoken of. He esteemed Freemasonry, which he regarded as one of the greatest and brightest institutions of the land. He was proud to preside over East Lancashire. Other provinces might exceed it in area, but none surpassed it in the number of subscribing brethren. He liked to encourage a spirit of emulation—it was as useful in Freemasonry as in other positions of life. He was glad to say that though they had passed through bad times, yet the amount of charity subscribed by East Lancashire was larger than that of any other province. When the Grand Lodge received the invitation from the Oldham brethren he anticipated a hearty reception, but he confessed that the greeting shown them that day far exceeded his greatest expectations, and it would leave pleasant memories in his mind. He then urged upon the brethren the duty of placing their home Charities on a greatly increased footing, so that they could maintain the home Charities as efficiently as those in London, and he would tell them that if every brother in the province would contribute 5s. a year, a sum would be raised sufficient to maintain a home in Lancashire for all their orphans. (Applause.)

Bro. CHARLES HEYWOOD, P. Prov. G. Registrar, proposed "The W.D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Bro. G. Mellor, and the P.G. Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. GEORGE MELLOR thanked the brethren for the compliment. He said that the officers had done their duty, and he had only done his in the same way that they had done theirs.



Bro. J. C. LEES, P.S.G.W., also thanked them sincerely for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. He thanked the R.W. Prov. G.M. for the honour he had conferred upon him, and hoped that by walking in the footsteps of his predecessors he should merit their kindness.

Bro. J. COLLINGE, P.J.G.W., also acknowledged the compliment.

The seventh toast on the list was "The Masonic Charities." This was proposed by Bro. J. A. BIRCH, who, in the course of an eloquent speech, suggested that each lodge in the province should appoint an additional officer as Almoner or Charity Steward.

The toast was acknowledged by Bro. HINE in suitable terms.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. JAMES POTTER (Tudor Lodge), who said he was glad to have such a toast to propose, and he could assure them that it was highly gratifying to the brethren of the Friendship and Tudor Lodges that such an honour had been paid them, and everything had been done to make their visit a pleasure to them, and bring it to a successful and happy issue. He hoped they had succeeded in their efforts, and gave a cordial invitation to either of their lodges, and trusted to meet them again as visitors in Oldham.

Bro. ALLPASS, P.G.S. West Lancashire, responded. He said in coming to Oldham he anticipated they would be well received, but the reality had exceeded the anticipation, as the kindness and cordiality he had received was far greater than he expected.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The W.M.'s of Oldham Lodges," and thanked the Oldham brethren for the reception he had met with. He had found the Oldham lodges thoroughly efficient, and was glad that some of their brethren had been rewarded by appointments of high standing in the province. He hoped they would always meet in harmony, happiness, and love.

Bro. COLEMAN, W.M. (Tudor Lodge) responded, as did also Bro. A. CLEGG, W.M. (Friendship Lodge).

The last toast on the list, "All Poor and Distressed Freemasons," was proposed by Bro. COLLINGE, P.G.J.W., and suitably acknowledged.

The proceedings were then brought to a close.

### NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY.

The following is the agenda paper for the National Great Priory, to be held on Friday, the 14th inst.:

Upon the Great Prior taking the throne, the National Great Priory will be opened in ample form.

The Registrar will call the muster roll.

The minutes of the last Great Priory meeting will be read.

A motion that the minutes are correctly recorded will be made.

The report of the Council will be read.

Motions arising out of the report will be made.

A motion will be made that the report be received and adopted.

The Great Prior will nominate and invest his officers for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer will be elected.

The members of the Council will be appointed and elected.

Three members of the Grand Master's Council will be elected.

The Almoner will collect the alms.

The National Great Priory will be closed in ample form.

A Priory of the Order of Malta will afterwards be held.

By order.

W. TINKLER, K.C.T.,  
Vice-Chancellor.

### VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES TO TRURO.

Brethren intending to visit Truro on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the Truro Cathedral by H.R.H. the Grand Master will be glad to learn that the Great Western Railway Company will issue first, second, and third class return tickets from any station on their extensive system of railways to Truro at a single fare-and-a-quarter for the double journey, such tickets being available (except in the case of tickets issued from London) from the 19th to the 21st inst. inclusive. Tickets issued in London will be available from the 18th to the 22nd inclusive.

Special meetings of the Exeter, Plymouth, and Plympton lodges will be held on the 19th inst., and a similar concession (but, in this case, restricted to first and second class passengers) is announced by the Great Western Company in favour of visitors to those lodges, the tickets being available from the 18th to the 21st inst. inclusive. Holders of tickets from London to Truro may break their journey at Plymouth. The only voucher required will be the card of admission or lodge summons, as the case may be.

### DEATH OF THE GRAND MASTER OF ITALY.

Bro. GIUSEPPE MAZZONI, the Grand Master of the Italian Freemasons, and Triumvir of Tuscany conjointly with Guerrazzi and Montanelli in 1849, died on Tuesday last, the 11th inst., at Prato, after four days' illness. He had been four times re-elected Grand Master, and had represented Prato in four Parliaments. In the Parliament of 1876 he was elevated to the Senate, and appeared there for the last time this year. His funeral on the 14th was attended by representatives of the various Masonic societies.

### THE IRISH MASONIC FEMALE ORPHANAGE.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., without ostentation or ceremonial, a truly great work of charity was inaugurated. For some years past the modest schoolhouse in Burlington-road, which has been maintained by the Freemasons of Ireland as a home for the orphan daughters of deceased members of the Order, has proved too small for the numbers of deserving children seeking admission to its benefits. The spread of Masonry in Ireland, especially remarkable during the last ten years, while it has vastly increased the influence and resources of the Order, has multiplied the demands upon its characteristic charity, and, for some time, the project of erecting a school worthy of the brother-

hood and capable of affording adequate relief has occupied the minds of many leading Masons of Dublin and the provinces. After some hesitation, we believe confident and vigorous counsels have prevailed, and Messrs. M'Curdy and Mitchell have prepared the designs, and Messrs. Gahan and Son obtained the contract for a building which, when completed, will be a noble monument of that benevolence which Freemasons claim as one of their especial virtues. The new school will stand upon a healthy and well-selected site between the Blackrock-road and Simonscourt-avenue, where about nine acres of land have been secured. The proposed expenditure will, we understand, be little short of £12,000, to be laid out upon useful and substantial, but handsome rather than showy work, and the buildings will be sufficiently extensive to accommodate (should funds permit) no less than seventy or eighty orphans. Though their movements are not made public, we have every reason to believe that the Masons of Ireland are bestirring themselves to keep pace with the builders, and to provide the necessary funds—of which about £6500 have been already promised—by special subscriptions, in the hope of preserving the invested capital of the Institution to meet the increased cost of maintaining the school when enlarged. The urgent necessity for the completion of this work is too plainly proved by the large number of children who are in vain seeking admission to the existing school, which, for more than twenty years, has been quietly doing a vast amount of good, but has become crowded even beyond its capacity. The Governors must be much gratified and encouraged by the marked distinction recently attained at the Trinity College examinations for women by one of their pupils, who won the second place under circumstances most creditable to her. In several important branches she distanced all her competitors, and seems to have missed the first place only from not taking up some very advanced subjects not taught in the school. It will need but a slight effort on the part of each member of the Order to complete the new school, and we are much mistaken in our estimate of Freemasonry if those who have courageously begun this great work fail to receive prompt, general, and open-handed support in carrying out their undertaking.

### REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

#### Craft Masonry.

**STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst. at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. There were present Bros. S. B. Halle, W.M.; C. Cordingley, S.W.; H. A. S. Humphries, J.W.; H. Fallett, P.M.; Treas.; A. A. Wing, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Horne, S.D.; J. Smith, D.C.; W. Balls, I.G.; H. T. Nell, Steward; Steed, Tyler; Defriez, P.M.; Driver, P.M.; G. G. Symons, P.M.; H. Moss, P.M.; J. Vass, P.M.; Nicholls, Siddall, Fontaine, Freelove, H. N. Symons, Glennie, Wood, E. H. Dove, Cubbon, Hinch, Thomas, Callow, Greenfield, and Herbert. Visitors: Bros. Ridge, S.D. 1347; Phillips, Macpherson, 354; and Packe, 488.

The lodge was opened in due form, according to ancient custom, and the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Freelove and Fontaine, candidates for the Third Degree, were examined, found qualified, entrusted, and required. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Freelove and Fontaine were re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ballot was taken, and proved unanimous, in favour of Bro. G. J. Packe, 488, New York, as a joining member. Mr. Samuel Challen Greenfield was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. rose for the first and second time. Bro. Wood proposed, and Bro. Halle, W.M., seconded, "That Mr. Joseph John Curtis be a member of this lodge." It was proposed by Bro. Follett, and seconded by Bro. Humphries, to have a summer banquet, which was unanimously carried. The W.M., Bro. Halle, and P.M.'s Follett, Symons, Moss, and Wing, were appointed as a committee to make the necessary arrangements. Nothing more being found for the good of Freemasonry, &c., the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

**PHOENIX LODGE (No. 173).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There were present Bros. E. W. Allen, W.M.; Jas. Blyth, S.W.; J. Andrews, J.W.; C. J. Jekyll, Org.; J. Burford, Treas.; E. W. Matthews, Sec.; F. Foxley, S.D.; F. D. Vine, J.D.; G. Güterbock, I.G.; H. W. Davie, Steward; C. T. Speight, Tyler; Wilson, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Witt, P.M.; Salmon, P.M.; Vine, P.M.; Phillips, P.M.; Finch, P.M.; Muller, Pearce, Mabey, Russell, Humphreys, Tatham, Simpson, Gilbert, Stanham, Viney, Wood, Filmer, Mott, Kearley, Holcombe, New, Kinnimond, Williams, Ferguson, Gairdner, and Boulting. Visitors: Bros. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; J. H. Jewell, P.P.G.O.; T. Wood, P.P.G.J.; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; A. W. Duret, P.M. 1223; J. Nicholson, P.M. 59; W. Shepherd, W.M. 69; J. Cattle, P.M. 1257; H. J. Johnson, W.M. 1791; J. Schofield, 172; A. Thomas, P.M. 1446; W. R. Lister, W.M. 145; J. Pearson, P.M. 1196; and others to the number of thirty-six.

The formal business of the lodge having been performed, the W.M., Bro. Allen, installed Bro. Jas. Blyth as his successor. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner, to the evident satisfaction of the numerous brethren present. Bro. Blyth, as W.M., invested the officers—the present officers down to the I.G. having advanced in rotation. Bro. Davie was appointed Secretary of the lodge, in the place of Bro. Matthews, who did not desire to be re-appointed, and Bro. Holcombe was appointed W.S.

The lodge having closed, the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in pleasing and felicitous terms, and Bro. H. Pullen, in returning thanks in eloquent terms for the Grand Officers, paid a warm tribute of praise to the W.M., whom he esteemed as a friend for his efficiency as a Mason; and he alluded to the fact that he had on the last installation meeting of the lodge recommended the then

W.M., Bro. Allen, to instal his successor, and he was gratified to observe that he had taken his advice, and the result was the installing Master had gained great credit to himself, and had done honour to the lodge by the very efficient manner in which he had performed the duty. The W.M. then presented the jewel of the lodge to the I.P.M., and in doing so acknowledged on behalf of the members the uniform kindness and urbanity with which the duties of the W.M. had been performed during his year of office. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Baker, P.M., who stated that it had given him great satisfaction to witness the able manner the ceremony of installation had been performed by his pupil.

The musical arrangements were of a very efficient character, and gave great pleasure to the brethren assembled.

The W.M. was warmly congratulated upon the success which had attended his installation, and received many expressions of goodwill for continued success during his year of office.

#### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, E. Present: Bros. S. L. Green, W.M.; T. Goddard, S.W.; N. D. Partridge, J.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Walters, P.M., Sec.; S. Lewis, S.D.; W. McDonald, J. A. Robson, I.G.; G. C. Young, Org.; Marsh, Tyler; H. Seymour, Clark, Potter, Kimbell, Gooch, Winkley, Newman, Edwards, Stevenson. Visitors: Bros. B. Lyons, P.M. Upton Lodge, No. 1227, and J. Miller, Neptune Lodge, No. 22.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Herman Gabriel, which proved unanimous, and, being in attendance, was duly initiated into the Order according to ancient rite. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Edwards examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Edwards raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, served by the host, Bro. Stevenson. Some excellent songs were given, Bro. Young, Organist, presiding at the piano.

#### DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).

—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th of April, 1880, at the Freemasons' Hall, London. Present: Bros. J. W. Brooke, W.M.; J. C. Corpe, S.W.; W. P. Gibson Bott, J.W.; Dewsnap, Treasurer; Cruise, Sec.; Dewsnap acting J.D., Treasurer; Stokes, J.D., Acting Senior D.; Wilkins, I.G.; Bauman, Steward; Goddard, Tyler; Malony, P.M. Members: Bros. Furse, Quoadt, Averbach, Williams, Holmes, Cattermole, Owen, Bertie, Jenkins, and others. Visitors: Bros. Dann, P.M. 72; Jakins, M.M. 1385; Jakins, M.M. 343; Hodson, W.M. 1706; Runacles, 1558 and 1563, W.M.; Day, M.M.; Hook, P.M. 186; and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for (as joining member) Bro. M. Keith-Frith, Great City Lodge (proposed by the W.M. and seconded by J.P.M., Bro. Malony) and for Bro. Walter B. Marcus, Industry Lodge (proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Dr. Bott, J.W.), which ballot proving unanimous, the Secretary (in the absence of the brethren from unavoidable causes) was instructed to inform them thereof. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Quoadt, Averbach, Holmes, and Cattermole having answered the usual questions in a highly creditable manner were entrusted, and withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Quoadt and Averbach were raised to the Degree of M.M., and afterwards Bros. Holmes and Cattermole were also raised to the same Degree. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. The ballot was then taken for Mr. J. Bertie and Mr. Howel Jenkins, which proving unanimous, the brethren were duly initiated into the Order. The ceremony was impressive. The ballot was then taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and it proved unanimous in favour of Bro. C. T. Corpe, S.W., who made a suitable reply to the congratulatory remarks of the W.M. Bro. Dewsnap was then re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard re-elected Tyler for the ensuing year. The W.M. then proposed that Bros. Captain Furse, Williams, and Owen, being the three senior members of the lodge, should be appointed the Audit Committee. The W.M. then rose for the first and second time, at which the S.W. proposed that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to the outgoing W.M. Bro. Dr. Bott seconded this, and it was carried unanimously. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the vote. The W.M. then rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Best. The usual Masonic toasts were then proposed, and Bro. Corpe, W.M. elect, and Bro. Bott, J.W., took occasion to refer in glowing terms to the services rendered to the Duke of Cornwall Lodge by the present W.M., both as founder and first W.M. The W.M. made suitable acknowledgments, and in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome Bro. J. S. Hodson, W.M. of the Orpheus Lodge, and Bro. J. Dann, P.M. 1558, inasmuch as that the lodge was indebted to the former for their having recommended the petition for the warrant to the Grand Lodge, and to the latter for his large amount of Masonic knowledge, which he had imparted to him (the W.M.). The toasts were replied to in a feeling manner, and the other toasts (interspersed with capital songs) were given and well received, the evening being spent in a very agreeable manner.

We understand that an emergency meeting is already mooted as becoming necessary, and we feel we are breaking no confidence in asserting that the Duke of Cornwall Lodge is likely to be as complete a success as any of its predecessors.

#### BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).

The last regular meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 6th inst., at 7.30. There were present Bros. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.W. Warwick, P.M., &c., W.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S. of Wks., as I.P.M.; Hunt, S.W.; Radway, J.W.; Ashley, P.P.G. J.W., Treas.; T. Wilton, P.P.G.J.W., D.C.; Cater, Sec.; Mercer, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; Ames, I.G.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; Peach, S.S.; T. E. Wilton, J.S.; Bigwood, Tyler; F. O. Brown, P.P.G.S.W., P.M.; Clark, P.M.; Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W., P.M.; Rubie, P.P.G.J.W., P.M.;

and Captain Peel Floyd. There were many members and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed, also the minutes of the lodge of instruction, and those of a meeting of the Permanent Committee, in reference to proposals from another lodge as to certain improvements in the Masonic Hall. A circular, respecting the meeting of Grand Lodge at Truro to lay the foundation stone of the cathedral, was read, and several brethren intimated their desire to be present. Mr. T. G. Brown and Mr. W. H. Reynolds, who had been previously admitted by ballot, were introduced, properly prepared, and were duly initiated by the W.M. On their subsequent retirement, the brethren were called off for refreshment, when only two toasts were given, namely, "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Newly-Initiated Members," who briefly responded, and Bro. Mercer gave the Entered Apprentice's song. The brethren having been called on again for refreshment to labour, the W.M. completed the ceremony, requesting the J.D. to explain the symbolism of the working tools and the S.S. to deliver the Lecture on the First Tracing Board, each readily complying, and performing the duty in such a manner as to elicit hearty applause. The W.M. delivered the usual charge pertaining to the First Degree. Several matters of only private interest were discussed, and when the W.M. had risen a second time to inquire if any brother had a proposition to make, he was requested to retire by Bro. Ashley, who, on his compliance, took his chair. The acting W.M., in the most brotherly and feeling terms, alluded to the sad bereavement that had fallen on the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins, by the loss of his wife, and Bro. F. Wilton, P.M., under considerable emotion, having spoken, a vote of condolence was duly passed, and a resolution to that effect ordered to be sent to the Worshipful Master, in the name of all the brethren. The lodge was finally closed at ten o'clock, and it may be fairly stated that the season before the summer vacation terminated with great *déclat*; several features in the proceedings being unusual, unexpected, and evidently gratifying to those present, not the least of which was the very careful manner in which the subordinate officers performed their duties.

**DURHAM.**—Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—At a meeting of this lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, on the 6th inst., a letter was read from John Fawcett, Esq., the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Durham, resigning that high and important appointment, whereupon the following resolution was moved by Bro. William Brignal, P.M., P.Z., and P.P.G.R., and seconded by Bro. Thomas Bell, W.M.: "That the brethren of the Marquis of Granby Lodge of Freemasons, No. 124, having just heard read the resignation of Bro. John Fawcett, Esq., of this city, as the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province of Durham, hereby express their sympathy and regret for the cause which has led the Right W.P.G.M. to decide on that step, but they cannot thus sever the connection between them without unanimously expressing their high appreciation of, and thanks for, the unwearied zeal and devotion which he has manifested for the good of Masonry in general, and of the Province of Durham in particular, during the long period of upwards of a quarter of a century. In his retirement from active duties connected with the Craft they most sincerely and heartily wish him health, happiness, and prosperity." The above resolution was carried by acclamation, and confirmed on Tuesday evening last. It is worthy of remark that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of Freemasons in England, has appointed the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry to act as successor to Bro. Fawcett, and the brethren in general wish his lordship a long and prosperous career.

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, the largest and most prosperous in the province, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at six p.m. There were present Bros. Wm. Brackenbury, W.M.; David Jackson, I.P.M.; Thos. Roberts, P.M.; H. Burrows, P.M.; — Hocking, P.M.; L. Herdman, S.W.; Thos. Smyth, J.W.; Thos. Clark, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Treas.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas.; M.C.; C. Marsh, J.D.; Richard Whitehead, acting S.D.; G. Leitch, S.; G. Godfrey, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Joseph Ball (I.C.); J. Rallie, W. P. McDonald, W. R. Reeve, C. Harold, C. Cockbain, John Morgan, J. Bebbington, W. A. Lacke, S. W. H. Halse, H. J. Hughes, F. Schön, D. J. Parry, H. Hawley, D. Jones, R. Mayson, J. W. Gaundless, James Orme, John Roberts, Robt. Hulme, J. Knox, W. Braithwaite, E. Tomes, J. H. Stillings, Dr. Miller, J. C. Noble, H. Weatherill, and others. Visitors: Bros. Capt. T. Berry, P.M. 155; H. S. Alpass, P.M. 155; P.G. Sec.; R. Weale, 249; R. Foote, S.W. 1505; E. Taubman, P.M. 1075; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. J. Walker, 1208; John Butler, 203; T. P. Chapman, 1325; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 249.

The lodge was opened at six p.m. by the W.M. When the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. T. F. Parry and F. G. Middleton, both of whom being in attendance, together with Dr. T. Clarke, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting, were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Morgan, Orme, and Harold having expressed a desire to go forward, were tested as to their proficiency, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when the above named brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when Bro. Callow, P.M., proposed that the sum of fifty guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and in a very able speech advocated the cause of the noble Institution. Bro. T. Clark, P.M., seconded the resolution. Bro. Dr. Miller rose and moved as an amendment that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted. He stated that, whilst fully recognising the great claims of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, they ought not to overlook the claims of the widows and orphans in the Province of West Lancashire. The amendment having been seconded, Bro. Alpass, P.G.S., in supporting the resolution, spoke of the efforts being made by other provinces, and called the attention of the brethren to tables published in the *Freemason* of the first ult., in which this province stands near the bottom of the list. He hoped that after the large number of initiations during the W.M.'s

year of office they would pass the resolution, as the greater portion of the initiation fees ought to be devoted to the Masonic Charities, and the subscriptions only for the working expenses of the Lodge. He concluded by making a forcible appeal to the brethren to support the R.W.P. Grand Master, Earl Lathom, on the occasion of his presiding at the festival. Bro. Hocking, P.M., and Bro. Herdman also spoke in favour of the resolution, which, upon being put to the lodge, was declared carried.

After various sums had been voted in aid of families of Freemasons, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M. announced that it was the intention of Bro. Callow, P.G.T., and himself to represent the lodge at the festival in June, and that they would have great pleasure in taking up any sums that the brethren might feel disposed to forward to them.

After a very pleasant evening had been spent, enlivened by some excellent singing from several of the brethren, they separated at an early hour.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002). The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. T. Bird, W.M.; Capt. Sewell, I.P.M.; R. W. Robinson, Sec. as S.W.; H. Peacock, J.W.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; J. Black, P.M.; T. Mason, S.D.; J. Hewson, Tyler; H. Carruthers, S. Thwaite, S. Ferguson, F. Smith, W. F. Lamony, P.M. (*Freemason*), and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. Smith gave evidence of his proficiency, and was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. On the lodge being closed down, Bro. Lamony's notice of motion, relative to an alteration in the date of the installation festival, was allowed to stand over for a month. Intimation was given that Miss M. A. Hartness, daughter of the late Bro. W. J. Hartness, of this lodge, had recently gained a prize for drawing, at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Last year she also took a prize for machine work.

**MANCHESTER.**—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1009).—The installation meeting and St. John's Festival was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, the 3rd inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. F. R. Hollins, W.M.; Geo. F. Smith, I.P.M.; Geo. Wilson Wilson, S.W.; R. Hardley, J.W.; G. Yates, J.D.; J. C. Kenyon, I.G.; C. E. Austin, Treas.; Saml. Statham, P.M., Sec.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Chap.; R. L. Mestayer, P.M.; R. Marshall, P.M.; H. T. Robberds, P.M., Org.; P.G. Org.; George Hant, F. A. Huet, R. J. Walker, J. Radford, Geo. Macbeth, and Henry Heap, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Francis H. Wright, P.M. 331; J. Kidson Taylor, 163; Thos. Robert Peel, P.M. 1147; Robt. Elliott, P.M. 1147; Ellis Jones, P.M. 1147; J. H. Chapple, 152; G. V. Blaikie, S.D. 152; W. M. Jaffray, W.M. 152; Hudson Lister, P.M. 1011; N. Dumville, P.M. 1011; J. H. Pearson, 1458; Mark Vickers, W.M. 317; D. Astwith, 1773; J. Seel, 1147, 1730; Joseph Clifton, P.M. 277; John Owen Giles, 1147; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at four o'clock with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was afterwards raised to the Second Degree; Bro. G. W. Wilson, W.M. elect, was presented to the installing Master, Bro. R. L. Mestayer, P.M., and, after the usual preliminaries, was, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S. When the brethren below the rank of Installed Master had been re-admitted, the usual proclamation was made by Bro. C. E. Austin, P.M. (who, at this point, assumed the directorship), and the brethren formally saluted their new W.M. in the customary manner.

Bro. the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw then invested the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. Frank Hult, S.W.; R. J. Walker, J.W.; — Carter, S.D.; J. C. Kenyon, J.D.; George Hunt, Sec.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Chap. (invested by Bro. C. E. Austin, P.M.); H. T. Robberds, P.G. Org.; Org.; R. L. Mestayer, D. of C. (by deputy); and Henry Heap, Tyler.

Bro. C. E. Austin, P.M., delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and, after Bro. the Rev. Bradshaw had offered up a prayer, the ceremony of installation terminated. We may add that the working tools were presented and explained to the W.M. by Bro. Saml. Statham, P.M., and that all the brethren who took part in the ceremony performed their parts most satisfactorily, and left nothing to be desired. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.55.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John in the spacious banqueting hall. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. F. R. Hollins, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. G. W. Wilson." In the course of his remarks, Bro. F. Hollins said it fell to his lot once again to perform a pleasant duty. A thought had struck him a moment or so ago of the proverb, "The King is dead! Long live the King!" The same proverb might with truth be applied to W.M.'s of lodges, as, in reality, they always lived. Some four years ago it was his privilege to Deacon a gentleman who was being initiated into their lodge, and, in doing so, he had said to himself, this gentleman will be W.M. of the Shakespeare Lodge, and, he was happy to say, his prediction had been verified, as that same gentleman now sat in the chair of K.S. He had not been disappointed with their W.M. during his upward career, and he had all along felt sure that whatever Bro. Wilson undertook to do he would do well. He now felt equally certain that the members of No. 1009 would not be disappointed with the W.M. they had chosen. Bro. Hollins further remarked that, for the second time in his life, he found himself an I.P.M., and, in the present instance, he could fulfil that office with satisfaction, as he thought in that capacity there would be very little for him to do in assisting so efficient a W.M. as Bro. Wilson, who, if well supported by his officers, would add to the lustre of the Shakespeare Lodge; and he concluded by asking the brethren to drink their W.M.'s health. Bro. G. W. Wilson returned thanks to Bro. Hollins for his kind remarks, and to the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, among them being the toast of "The Immortal Memory of Shakespeare," proposed by the Rev. Chaplain of the lodge

(Bro. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. East Lancashire and Northumberland), who said it was a custom amongst the ancients to meet together on the anniversaries of the days upon which those they loved had gone over to the majority, and, after partaking of a solemn banquet of commemoration, to pour upon the earth full libations of ruddy wine, as offerings of loving remembrance to the names of the dead, whose spirits, refreshed by the generous fragrance and cheered by thought of those they loved, again wended their way in peace into the silent land. We on some day as near as conveniently may be to the day of St. George, Grand Patron of England, honour, in our yearly festival, the undying memory of the great poet of England, under whose name and banner we carry on the great Masonic work. With singular propriety does an assembly of Craftsmen respect and reverence the poet. The craftsman with the working tools of his calling brings rude matter into shape, makes things of beauty to be joys for ever, or things of service for the use of man. The speculative Masonic Craftsman, with his intellectual powers, shapes surrounding circumstance into eternal verities of truth, wisdom, and beauty. What does the poet but this? Is not he the true maker—that is, craftsman—who, catching the fleeting thoughts and feelings of his day, pours them into the glowing mould of genius and imagination, and turns out the creations of his intellect for an eternal possession of mankind? The poet is the maker; the ideal of poesy is the real of mankind. By a true paradox the ideal is more real than the materially existing or even the actual past. Men and things pass and fade, but the poet's dreams are the bright inheritance of humanity. Who amongst us has not met with Dogberry and Verges? Who has not in his time forgathered with Mr. Justice Shallow, and enjoyed his cakes and ale with Falstaff?—perhaps, going further afield, met Touchstone and Audrey in the woods of Arden, or dropped a tear over Juliet's tomb. Statistics and geography may tell me that Bohemia owns no seaport, registers no ships of entry. Well, so much the worse for Bohemia, for, in our heart of hearts, we believe that on its barren shores beautiful Perdita found a wintry welcome, and that genial vagabond Antolycus—"name not yet put in the Book of Virtue"—still frequents Bohemia, sheepshearing, "and doesn't leave a purse alive in the whole army." Yes, no jewel, no perfect stone of nobler substance and truer die can be placed before the Craftsmen of this lodge for their meditation and imitation than the work and fame of him whose name they bear. Shakespeare, the true Englishman—the immortal poet—a great instance of the union of the practical and imaginative—on the boards a useful actor—in the streets of his native town a shrewd and thriving man of business—in the closet the lord of universal nature, before whose *sine frenzy* of imagination all compact bounds of time and space give way, while his magic pen gives airy nothings a local habitation and a name—an English poet for Englishmen, men in whom is found the most prosaic practical, joined with the most enthusiastic, ideality. Our poet is the poet of men, and therefore he is a dramatic poet. The dramatic instinct is natural to every heart, and finds expression in every life, from the day when the precocious child beats his little stool in mimicry of the pedagogue to whose school he, satchel on back, crawls so unwillingly, playing at horses and soldiers, until the days of later life, when, spectacle on nose, he listens to some aptly told and dramatically-enacted tale of heroism or melancholy love. The dramatic poet is not of common occurrence; he usually makes his entrance on the world stage at some time when national life beats high and the life current runs briskly through some nascent state. The drama for its noblest effort requires a high civilisation and intense intellectual life. It rose upon our world in the days when Sophocles fought in the Grecian ranks at Marathon; the fairy-like wonders of Mexican and Peruvian discoveries fired the hearts of Spain, when Lope de Vega was pouring forth his flood of dramatic poesy; while the glories of the Fourteenth Louis were dazzling France, Racine was dignifying her stage, and Moliere creating her finest comedy. So when England's pulse was beating strong in the noble days of Queen Bess, and a fresh world was opening to her arms and commerce, strong with the new life of a free reformation, our native Shakespeare warbled his wood notes wild, and catching the very form and pressure of the time, handed down to us his lofty creations, winning the honour which "bates Time's keen scythe, and makes him heir of all eternity." Rightly do we, I think, meditate on him to-day. He is the poet of us all. Like the Arabian enchanter who was wont to dive into the souls of men, and search out and confound them with their inmost thoughts, so Shakespeare pictures us as we are, at home with us all, with the crown burdened King on his uneasy throne; with the clown munching his chestnuts by the winter fire; with tricky Ariel; and with moody Jacques. The chords he strikes find in our bosoms responsive echoes, because he depicts the passion of men, and shows how we are all driven along in life by the subtle play and influence of passion. Passion, rightly ruled and well-disposed, becomes the very energy of virtue; ill-regulated, and left to its own fierce will, the cause of ruin and moral shipwreck. All this too done with truest sympathy for the unfortunate or the victim. Even from a murderous Macbeth we cannot withhold the pity of a fellow humanity. But this festive occasion demands more joyous ideas. Gaze for a time on Shakespeare, the pourtrayer of life's noblest passion, love. (The speaker here gave various illustrations of this point, taking Marc Antony as the type of disastrous, passionate, ill-regulated love; the one for whom the world was well lost for love; whose fiery passion like a fierce volcano destroys with the outcast of its internal flames all that is near it, and ends by destroying itself; whose wild words "Let Rome in Tyber melt, and the wide arch of the Ranged empire fall. Here is my space"—express its terrible surrender of all to a fatal passion. Again, Posthumus, the type of true, honest, conjugal love, "The loyal'st husband that did ere plight troth—" whose love the tender Imogen characterised "as sweet as balm, as soft as air, as gentle"—a love which had its rough trials, but came right at last, and leaves us with every promise of life-long happiness. "See Posthumus anchors upon Imogen.") May every brother of the mystic tie in "holy love of faithful wife" find the strength of his heart, the wisdom of his life, and the beauty of his home. Again, for type of the easily-swayed, uneasy, untrustful, thunderous passion of an ill-governed mind, see him who loved not wisely, but too well—Othello, Cyprus's most unfortunate Governor. Again, for type of the modern young Englishman, swell or dandy, not wearing his heart on his sleeve, hotter in heart than in word, taking the world easy, "with quip and jest, and pointed repartee," good honest stuff, with venge

of fineness, and lip cynicism over all, see Benedict, the married man. "Sir," said she, "for which of my good parts did you first suffer love for me?" "Suffer," quoth he, "suffer love. A good epithet. I do suffer love, indeed, for I do love thee against my will." Gallant gentleman, light-hearted acquaintance, honest friend, type of gallant young England, go with congenial mate to happy days and time-honoured tombs. I might say a word on the most spiritual of loves—the love of a son paid to an honoured mother, as seen in warlike Coriolanus, whose mother won out of his love for her "a happy victory to Rome," and he, conquering for her his worst foe, a revengeful self, died the martyr of maternal love. But we will not, for, like Tinker Sly, you will be saying, I am sure, "'Tis a fair discourse, would it were done," so that to make all well that ends well, I ask you to once again commemorate our poet, and drink in fitting silence the immortal memory of the Poet Shakespeare. Bro. Bradshaw was much applauded when he had finished, and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close shortly before eleven o'clock, Bros. Hudson Lister, W. Dumville, and J. H. Pearson contributing in no small degree towards that enjoyment by their singing of some delightful glees, songs, &c.

**KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Keswick Hotel on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., the business being a raising. The lodge was opened by Bro. Jos. Wales, W.M., assisted by the following: Bros. W. Lamony, P.M., as S.W.; W. Hodgson, J.W.; T. Usher, as S.D.; D. Crowden, as J.D.; T. Mayson, J. Coward, I.G.; and C. Thompson, Tyler. The chair was subsequently taken by Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, and an honorary member of this lodge, when Bro. G. Stamper was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then closed.

**DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).**—The regular May meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday week, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. There were present Bros. W. B. Hextall, W.M.; J. E. Russell, S.W.; J. O. Manton, J.W.; Rev. Worsnop, Chaplain; W. Naylor, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Treas.; W. Butterfield, Sec.; C. D. Hart, S.D.; W. W. Poplewell, J.D.; P. Wallis, D. of C.; G. Johnson, I.G.; Carr and Saver, Stewards; H. J. Foulds, P.M.; J. Heathcote, P.M.; Liffie, P.M.; Piper, P.M.; and Worsnop, P.M.; Belfield, R.M. Baxter, Coulthurst, Cadman, F. S. Cooper, Dodd, Lane, T. H. Orme, Osbourn, Wheatcroft, and the following visitors: Bros. A. Frazer, W.M. 731; S. Steele, W.M. 802; F. Campion, P.M. 253; W. Whittaker, S.W. 731; J. Bland, J.W. 731; T. Day, M.C. 731; G. Speckley, 253; W. K. Burstall, 591; J. Piper, 802; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The lodge being opened in due form, the summons convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last lodge duly confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to invest Bro. Naylor, P.M., P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Sec., as Treasurer of the lodge, vice Bro. Bobart, P.M., P.G.S.W., resigned. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Broughall and found clear. Messrs. Dusautroy and Broughall were afterwards presented and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being impressively rendered by the W.M. The charge after the ceremony was given by Bro. Manton, J.W. The W.M. then received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, and, business being finished, the lodge was formally closed. The Fourth Degree received the usual attention at the hands of the brethren, and the cause of Charity was not overlooked.

**WREXHAM.—Square and Compass Lodge (No. 1336).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, when about forty members of the Craft were present. At the close of the lodge the W.M. presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Edward Smith, a very handsome Past Master's jewel, as a tribute of the high esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren, and an acknowledgment of the valuable services he rendered as W.M. during the years 1878 and 1879. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Alderman Smith, Mayor of Wrexham, by the members of the Square and Compass Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1336. May 4, 1880."

**NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Bro. West's house, the Three Crowns, Bro. W. Vance, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. W. T. Turner, I.P.M.; W. Burgess, S.W.; J. A. Elder, J.W.; A. J. Manning, P.M. and Treasurer; J. Ives, P.M. and Secretary; V. Holloway, S.D.; C. Lewis, J.D.; E. Biggs, I.G.; M. Shirwin, Organist; and A. W. Page, P.M., Tyler. The only visitors present were Bros. W. Gilbert, P.M. 1327, and P.P.G.J.W. Herts; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

There was no work for the lodge to do, but a very handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. Turner by the W.M. in the name of the lodge. It consisted of a vellum, framed in gold, and bearing the following inscription in illuminated letters: "Presented, with a Past Master's jewel, to Bro. W. T. Turner, P.M., by the members of the Henley Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1472, held at the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, as a token of esteem and regard, and in appreciation of the zeal and energy displayed by him in promoting the prosperity of the lodge, and the general welfare of its members during his year of office, and for the very efficient manner in which he performed the duties of W.M., including the ceremony of installing his successor into the chair. 4th May, 1880." In presenting it Bro. Vance spoke of the progress the lodge had made under the rule of Bro. Turner, and of the good feeling that existed among them, and wished Bro. Turner many long years of life and happiness. Bro. Turner, in reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the very handsome gift, which he prized above anything yet received by him in his life. He should always remember that night with pride and satisfaction, and would still further endeavour to merit their good opinion by continuing to work for the success and prosperity of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, having partaken of supper, passed a few hours in harmony.

**BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).**—The usual monthly meeting of this suburban lodge (and the last

previous to the summer vacation), was held at the Town Hall, Bootle, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. A. C. Pater-son, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bro. Councillor J. P. McArthur, P.M. (Mayor of Bootle); Alderman Newell, P.M., P.G.S.W. (ex Mayor); R. Roberts, P.M.; Councillor S. E. Ibbs, P.M., Treas.; Hough, S.W.; Dr. Young, and a number of visitors. Bro. Capt. Crowley, of Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, and another brother connected with the Bootle Lodge were passed to the F.C. Degree by the W.M. in an effective manner. The brethren subsequently sat down to supper under the presidency of the W.M.

**BLACKPOOL.—Blackpool Lodge (No. 1476).**—The installation meeting and St. John's festival in connection with the above lodge was held at the Clifton Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. E. G. Stead, W.M.; J. Waddington, S.W.; Fred. Pattison, J.W.; Thomas Blane, Sec.; W. Lister, S.D.; R. Edmondson, J.D.; H. Gardner, I.P.M.; J. Wray, P.M.; R. W. Braithwaite, P.M.; S. P. Bidder, P.M.; Dr. Wartenburg, Dr. Richardson, T. W. Dickson, J. S. Todd, A. J. Holloway, J. J. Horrocks, A. Moore, A. Wade, Geo. Beneke, and E. Leigh. Visitors: Bros. J. Whittaker, P.M. 1256; J. Hopwood, W.M. 703; Wm. Parker, W.M. 1256; R. Butterworth, P.P.G.P. E.I.; and Johnson, P.P.G.J.D. Rutland and Leicester.

The lodge opened at half-past two o'clock in the First Degree. The minutes of last meeting being confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.V. elect (Bro. Fred Pattison) was presented by Bro. H. Gardner, I.P.M., to the Installing Master (Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M.), who inducted him into the chair of K.S. in a very masterly manner. In due time the M.M.'s were re-admitted and saluted the W.M. Bro. Pattison then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Thos. Blane, S.W.; A. Moore, J.W.; H. Gardner, P.M., Sec.; J. Wray, P.M., Treas.; E. Leigh, S.D.; J. S. Todd, J.D.; Geo. Beneke, I.G.; T. Dickson, S.S.; Dr. Wartenburg, J.S.; T. Gregory, Org.; A. Wade, P.M., Tyler; E. Gregson, P.M., D. of C. After the addresses to Master Wardens "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in harmony and solemn prayer at five p.m.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining rooms, and sat down to a sumptuous banquet. A very choice menu was served, under the superintendence of Bro. A. J. Holloway, the courteous manager of the hotel, whose capabilities are well-known as a public caterer. The dessert being laid on the table, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. In proposing "The Memory of the late Henry Johns, P.M., P.Z." Bro. Bidder dwelt at considerable length on the good qualities, and, at all times, the very generous disposition of Bro. Johns, and the loss the Blackpool Lodge would sustain by his death. "The Health of the W.M." "The I.P.M." "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," and Tyler's toast, were also proposed and duly honoured. The proceedings were brought to a close at 9.30 p.m., after spending a very enjoyable evening.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—The regular meeting of this flourishing little lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst. Bro. C. G. Padel, W.M., was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; Rev. J. Blake, Chap.; J. T. Sellar, S.W.; G. Simpson, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; and a number of other officers, members, and brethren. After a successful ballot had been taken for a candidate, Mr. Pexton was introduced, and initiated into the First Degree, the S.W. giving the charge. Bro. Stubbs was also passed to the Second Degree. Ballots were taken for two life memberships in the Girls' School, which were won by Bros. Kay and Brown. The name of a candidate for election was proposed, and the lodge was closed.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel on the 4th inst. Owing to illness, the W.M., Bro. John G. Horsey, was unfortunately absent. The lodge was opened at three o'clock p.m., there being present Bros. C. Sawyer, I.P.M. and Sec. (acting W.M.); S. Davison, S.W.; E. A. Head, J.W.; W. Rudge, S.D.; J. G. Calway, J.D.; E. Dickman, I.G.; C. W. Noehmer, P.M. and D.C.; H. Horsey, W. H. Brown, G. Mitchell, J. Cooper, M. Ovenden, T. Carder, W. Pile, A. M. Betchley, C. Firbank, and G. W. Holmes. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Thorpe, S.W. 176; W. C. Banks, I.P.M. 1223; R. Allison, W.M. 186; and A. Hopkinson, P.M. 191.

Before proceeding a telegram, expressive of the sympathy of the brethren with the illness of the W.M., was sent by the unanimous desire of those present. The minutes having been read and confirmed, in accordance with the notice of motion of Bro. Sawyer, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. John G. Horsey, W.M., on the expiration of his year of office. The candidates for passing, Bros. G. Mitchell and W. H. Brown, having been entrusted, and retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Henry Horsey and T. Carder, candidates for raising, were entrusted, and retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The two latter brethren were then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. A telegram from the absent W.M., thanking the brethren for their expressions of sympathy, was then received and read, and the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. C. W. Noehmer, P.M., having taken the chair in place of Bro. Sawyer, passed the two candidates to the Degree of F.C. The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, and the ballot proving unanimous in favour of Mr. George Berry, a candidate for initiation, this gentleman was duly admitted into the secrets of ancient Freemasonry. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the S.W., Bro. S. Davison, unanimously chosen. Bro. W. Hale was again appointed Treasurer, and Bro. F. Sargeant, Tyler. Bros. Brown, Mitchell, and Cooper were appointed members of the Audit Committee. The acting W.M., before concluding the business of the evening, rose and alluded, in feeling terms, to the many virtues of our departed Bro. John Noke (for whom the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning), and to the great services he had so kindly rendered to the Sackville Lodge.

After closing, the brethren re-assembled at table, and thus brought a very pleasant evening to an end. Bro. Pierpoint, superintendent at London Bridge Station (S.C.R.), again kindly placed a saloon carriage at the

disposal of the London brethren, thus adding much to their comfort on their journey down in the morning.

**FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening the 5th inst., when Bro. Ed. Clarke, P.P.J.G.D. Cumberland and Westmorland, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, Bros. Richd. Wilson, S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, J.W.; John Harris, Sec.; William Martin, I.P.M. and Treas.; James Winter, S.D.; Edward Gibson, J.D.; Daniel Dixon, I.G.; Bryce Craig, Tyler; William Foster, George Lowden, John Banks, with visitors from various lodges in the province, Bros. R. Baxter, W.M. Kenlis Lodge, Egremont, 1267; J. F. Kirkconel, J.W.; F. Whittle, Sec.; Samuel Blenkhorn, S. 872; John Scott, jun., Curwen Lodge, 1409; Harrington, and others.

The business before the lodge was to elect a Worshipful Master, when by a unanimous vote Bro. Geo. Dalrymple was announced as the W.M. elect, which met with hearty applause. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Banks proving his proficiency therein, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the candidate was again duly admitted, and in a most impressive manner raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, in a way which would have added lustre to older "lights;" in short, the whole work was performed in a manner pronounced to be faultless. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony, when the brethren adjourned for a short time to do honour to the loyal and Masonic toasts, the Tyler's toast concluding the proceedings about 10.30.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE (No. 22).**—The session of this lodge opened on the 28th of September last, and since that date there have been thirty meetings and 244 attendances, hailing from thirty lodges, being an average attendance at each meeting of nearly nine members. The ceremony of "initiation" has been worked thirty-three times, that of "passing" twenty, that of "raising" seventeen times, and the ceremony of "installation" once.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., Bro. H. Baldwin, Sec., filled the chair of K.S., supported by Bros. D. McDiarmid, S.W.; J. Warren, J.W.; P. Rose, S.D.; J. Chambers, J.D.; J. Kowin, I.G.; D. Keyes, acting as candidate; Bro. A. Lamarque, P.M., the highly-esteemed Preceptor, being unavoidably absent, in consequence of his father being recently, and somewhat suddenly, "raised" to the Grand Lodge above, where the G.A.O.T.U. lives and reigns for evermore. A unanimous vote of condolence and sympathy was passed to Bro. Lamarque on this, his severe bereavement. It having been "resolved" to continue working during the summer months, or until such other arrangements are made as will meet the views of the lodge, Bro. F. Rose was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed with a vote of thanks to the acting W.M., and adjourned.

The members and friends of this lodge dined together on Friday, the 7th inst., when upwards of thirty sat down to a repast, well-served up by Bro. D. McDiarmid, of the Cambria Tavern, near Loughborough Junction, S.E., where this lodge holds its meetings every Monday evening at 7.30. The Preceptor (Bro. A. Lamarque, P.M.) being unavoidably absent, Bro. William Ashwell, P.M. of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22 (under whose warrant the lodge works), presided, and Bro. H. Baldwin, the Secretary, acted as Vice-President.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, Bro. G. S. Graham giving some of his clever songs and selections; the one from "Il Trovatore" being most vociferously encored, in which he accompanies himself on the pianoforte to the natural whistle, with the bells, bones, drum, &c.; also the singing and recitations by Bros. W. S. Crook, J. Warren, Wallis, Schovary, and others added greatly to the enjoyment of the company. A unanimous vote of thanks to the President, Vice-President, and Host closed the proceedings at a very far advanced hour of the evening.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE (No. 58).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. C. E. Barnett, W.M.; B. Haynes, S.W.; E. Beeton, J.W.; Smallpiece, Precept.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Herbigge, S.D.; William Fraser, J.D.; E. W. Haines, I.G.; James T. Fraser, J.D.; E. Tarr, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tarr acting as candidate. The Second Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the three Degrees. Bro. Beeton was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**GREENWICH.—St. George's Lodge (No. 140).**—On Monday week this lodge of instruction closed its session with a banquet at the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, to which about forty brethren sat down. The chair was ably filled by Bro. Hubback, P.G.S., P.M. 140, 320, &c., and the vice-chair by Bro. Loughborough, W.M. 140. Bros. Tattershall, P.M. and Secretary 140; Noak, P.M. 140; Wallace, P.M. 140; Roberts P.M. and Secretary 79; Edwards, P.M. 140; G. Brown, Preceptor; and Hill, J.D., Secretary, supported the Chairman, and Bros. Dennant, S.W.; Spark, S.D.; and Nuding, I.G., supported the Vice-chair. The brethren did ample justice to a judiciously chosen and generous menu.

The usual toasts having been proposed and heartily responded to, the Chairman called on Bro. Forsyth for a recitation. He rose and said: "Worshipful Chairman, the recitation I purpose giving you this evening is by special request of the members of the lodge of instruction. It will not convey the sentiments and words of any public author, but is an expression in my own words of the sentiments held by those members of the lodge of instruction who have received benefit from our Preceptor during the session just closed. They desire me, sir, to convey to him the expression of their great appreciation of his unvarying kindness and courtesy in helping on in season and out of season the work he has set his mind to. No pains have been spared, no time has been grudged, by our beloved



Preceptor, if only he could help us on in the Masonic knowledge of which we acknowledge him *facile princeps*. Think, brethren, which of you would fill his post? In the first place you must devote one whole evening in seven solely and entirely to the duties you would undertake. No business engagements must even interfere with this duty. Foul weather or fair, tempting you to stay at home or go abroad, fogs, or rains, or snows must present no excuse for absence, for they never come between us and Bro. Brown. Who will accept his post? Secondly, you must not only have all the ceremonies to perfection, *verbatim et literatim*, but you must have them according to the standard of working. I mean the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which is sanctioned by Grand Lodge, and although there is no compulsory ritual, we boast of working the standard ritual. Ah! no one offers yet? Again, if you would fill Bro. Brown's chair, you must imitate his unvarying courtesy and gentleness in correcting our faults. You must not only never betray hastiness of temper, or dullness of intellect, nor pretend to superior mental excellence, but you must have the knack of making the *pro tem*. W.M. feel as if he were bestowing a favour in accepting a correction. And, lastly, you must work without hope of reward, without that great comfort and consolation of other teachers, viz., the gradual but steady advancement towards perfection of their pupils in the branches taught. There is there a regularity in the course of instruction, but here you have a ceremony worked tolerably well one night, and the next execrably. You have one class of brethren one night, and next, perhaps, a totally different set. Bro. Preceptor, I will not accept your post; and I am requested to convey to you our appreciation of your goodness and kindness to us. You have endeared yourself to us not only at work, but when refreshment enables us to light the calumet you have given us still further instruction in the several laws and sentiments of Freemasonry, so that we look upon you as the exponent of the three great principles upon which our Order is founded. My brethren have requested me to supplement the inward and spiritual grace by the outward and visible sign of their appreciation of your services by presenting you this "Tantalus" spirit case, on which you will find the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Preceptor Brown, by the members of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, No. 140, as a token of their esteem and admiration of his unwearied kindness and courtesy. 3rd May, 1880." You will find two keys attached to it; the golden one you will keep, the other you will entrust to your wife, to whom we send our most kindly greetings, and hope that to each of you it may give good spirits. The case was then sent round, and afforded the brethren much amusement in attempting to get at the contents, but they failed in their endeavours until an expert brother showed them the trick.

Bro. Brown, who had been kept in ignorance of the presentation, then replied, with much feeling: Worshipful Chairman and brethren, it was my intention to reserve until a later period of the evening a few remarks on the occasion of our present meeting, but I have been so completely taken aback by this unexpected mark of your kindness, and the accompanying sentiment so eloquently expressed by our dear Bro. Forsyth, as to force from me without a moment's delay the promptings of my almost overcharged heart, and if I fail, as fail I shall, in rendering my thanks intelligible, kindly charge it to my inability to express rather than to a want of appreciation of the high honour you, brethren, by your kind and generous act have conferred on an undeserving member of the Craft, for I feel myself unworthy of your handsome present—a full reward for any service I may have rendered is amply compensated by the friendliness you evince on all occasions of our meeting. This beautiful and useful gift, besides being an exquisite example of art workmanship, I perceive has its triple reservoirs filled to the brim with a most comforting looking liquid. I cordially invite you all, brethren, to call and partake of their contents at some future time. ("We'll all call in a body," and laughter.) Our esteemed brother has also been good enough to associate my wife as part recipient of this treasured gift; be assured, brethren, I will not fail to duly convey to her those kind allusions, and safely transfer the duplicate key. Brethren, your kindness has robbed me of speech. I ask you kindly to accept my heartfelt thanks for this undeserved and unexpected token of your kindness, and for the kind and eloquent encomium which accompanies it.

The Chairman proposed "Success to St. George's Lodge of Instruction," accompanied by words of encouragement for the younger brethren, and paid a high tribute to the Treasurer, Bro. Webster, and the Secretary, Bro. Hill; this was coupled with the name of the Preceptor, who, in reply, briefly referred to the work of the past year; for himself, he must say that he had a most genial and attentive class of students. He said: It may not be known to the whole of the brethren present that the course of procedure differs somewhat in this from the neighbouring lodges of instruction, inasmuch as that the sections are not worked; the careful rehearsal of one or so of the ceremonies with their accompaniments, and after closed the meeting assumes the form of conversation—this is found to work very acceptably to the members, and an hour so employed is fraught with much enjoyment. Bro. Roberts replied to the toast of "The Sister Lodges of Instruction," and remarked that although Emulation working had been changed during the last twelve years, he was willing to recognise the standard referred to by Bro. Forsyth, and hoped the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement would be a boon to those lodges of instruction whose ambition was not peculiarity, but harmony of ritual. Bro. Hill, after felicitating the members on having once again the able and genial presidency of Bro. Hubbuck, called for a bumper response to the toast, "The Health of the Chairman," to which succeeded "musical" honours. Bro. Hubbuck thanked the brethren for the heartiness which greeted Bro. Hill's proposal. He had always a most lively interest in all matters pertaining to his parent lodge, and would always feel it a pleasant duty to promote its welfare. He congratulated the members on the continued success of their Masonic school, and the kindly feelings which prevailed its members, to which might be attributed in a material degree the satisfactory conduct of Masonic matter in the mother lodge.

Bro. Porter presided at the pianoforte, and various members of the lodge contributing to the congeniality of the occasion, the evening closed in perfect peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

We are pleased to observe in the proceedings of this lodge of instruction that in the interesting ceremony of

presenting a testimonial to their Preceptor there has been a carefully considered opinion given as to the vexed question of unanimity of ceremonial. As Grand Lodge wisely declines to fix the ceremonial with which all lodges must work, the best plan is to have a standard working, and let the various lodges of instruction assimilate themselves to that working as nearly as may be. We congratulate Bro. Brown on the appreciation his services have merited, and believe that all Preceptors will be encouraged to imitate his example.

### Royal Arch.

**PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).**—The installation meeting of this well-known chapter was celebrated with more than usual éclat, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday last, the 10th inst., when a large proportion of the members and a goodly array of visitors attended. Chapter was opened at the hour appointed by E. Comp. M. S. Lavel, M.E.Z.; E. Comp. Thos. Poore, H.; E. Comp. R. N. Field, J.; and other Present and Past Principals of the Order, amongst whom were E. Comps. James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E.; R. H. Harvey, H. C. Levander, G. Waterall, J. W. Baldwin, and Thos. Hands. Comps. Thomas Meggy, P.S.; S. Poynter, N.; J. Walmsley and B. R. Bryant, Asst. Sojs.; E. Mitchell, J. W. Watts, H. Ball, and other members were present; as also Ex. Comps. Fred. Binckes, P.Z. 10; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z. 73; T. Hands, P.Z.; J. Hepburn Hastie, Z. 1216; C. Pulman, H. 1339; Henry Lovegrave, N. 72; N. B. Headon, 145; J. Wellford, 733; J. King, 1489; and W. Ackland, 63, visitors.

After confirmation of minutes of previous convocation, Bro. Henry Baldwin, of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, was received into the Order, the ceremony of exaltation being very ably performed by the M.E.Z. and his officers. Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe of the chapter, then addressed the Principals elect in relation to their new appointment, and subsequently installed Ex. Comps. Thos. Poore, as Z.; R. N. Field, as H.; and Samuel Poynter, as J. The officers were invested in the following order, viz.: Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E.; Comps. T. Meggy, Scribe N.; B. R. Bryant, P.S.; J. Walmsley, 1st A.S.; J. W. Watts, 2nd A.S. Ex. Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z., Treasurer, was unfortunately prevented from attendance for investment. Comp. John Gilbert was invested as Janitor. The full ceremony of Royal Arch installation was then completed by Comp. Stevens, who delivered the addresses to Principals, officers, and companions in a most effective manner, and which amply merited the compliments he received for his perfect working. Propositions for exaltation and joining were received, and the Auditor's report and balance-sheet adopted.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet. The new proprietors of the Horns Tavern, Messrs. Smith and King, had made ample and elegant provision for this refreshment, and their liberality and courtesy were warmly acknowledged by all present as the evening's entertainment proceeded. On the clearance of the cloth the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts, and, departing somewhat from the usual programme, followed with that of "The Visitors," for whom, in reply, Comp. Fredk. Binckes expressed the pleasure they had experienced, both in the chapter on account of the working of the ceremonies of exaltation and installation, and at the table on account of the heartiness of their reception and the good things set before them. To the toast of "The M.E.Z." Comp. Poore returned his thanks for his elevation to the Degree, and expressed his determination to uphold the well-deserved reputation of the chapter. To the Installing Principal he tendered the thanks of members and visitors alike for his exemplification of the perfect ceremony of installation, and to the Immediate Past Principal the acknowledgments of the companions for services rendered, and of which the P.Z.'s jewel they now presented was but a feeble token. To these compliments responses were given by the companions indicated; and so with alternate toast and song the usual programme of a Masonic dinner was carried through in order and regularity. "The Charities of the Order" gave occasion for a splendid speech from that acknowledged champion of our Institutions, and "best of beggars," Comp. Binckes, whose forcible appeals are seldom if ever ineffectual, and the Janitor having been summoned to his especial duty, the companions, after formally thanking Comp. J. B. King, their host (who was present throughout the evening), for the admirable catering of his firm, separated, fully satisfied with the entire transactions connected with their sixteenth installation.

### Mark Masonry.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bell Tavern, High-street, Shoreditch, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M. the W. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.G. Std. Br., who was well supported by officers and members. There being no other business before the lodge but the installation, the minutes were confirmed, and the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., proceeded with the ceremony, placing Bro. W. J. Meek in the chair of A., according to the ancient rites of the Order. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers, viz.: Bros. J. B. Shackleton, I.P.M.; H. Meyers, S.W.; W. Beasley, J.W.; J. Edmunds, M.O.; R. Marshall, S.O.; J. J. Gould, J.O.; A. P. Little, R.M.; James Hill, Sec.; B. Meyer, Treas.; G. Andrews, S.D.; E. M. Adams, J.D.; H. Godfrey, I.G.; J. G. Hopkins, Tyler. Amongst the visitors on this occasion were the V.W. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, P.G.W., and Grand Mark Secretary, Bros. John Constable, W. C. Needes, and others. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Shackleton on his retirement from the Master's chair for the second time since the establishment of the lodge, and the thanks of the members were accorded to Bro. James Stevens for his highly appreciated services as Installing Master. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren dined together, and subsequently the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent in social intercourse.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 5th inst., the W.M., Bro. C. P. McKay, in

the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Lovegrove, Prov. S. of W., S.W.; G. Clark, J.W.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G., I.P.M.; J. Curtis, M.O.; H. Baldwin, S.O. and Sec.; G. Kipling, as J.O.; G. J. Dunkley, Org.; C. J. Axford, I.G.; M. S. Larham, P.P.G.S.B.; and Thomas, acting Tyler. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for several brethren, and Bro. Madeley, J.W. No. 1543, was regularly advanced to the Degree of M.M. It was unanimously resolved that the future meetings of the lodge should be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Some other business was transacted and the lodge was closed.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**YORK.—Hilda Chapter Rose Croix (No. 23).**—A regular communication of this chapter was held at the Queen's Hotel, on Friday evening, the 7th inst., the M.W.S., Bro. T. B. Whythead, presiding, supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, H.P.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, 1st Genl.; L. Murphy, as 2nd Genl.; A. T. B. Turner, G.M.; T. M. Richey, R.; G. Simpson, C. of G.; J. Hanley; P. Pearson and H. Jackson, Equerries; and others.

Successful ballots having been taken for Bros. E. J. de Salis, D.A.C.G. of Ordinance, Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, and Rev. James Blake, Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, those brethren were admitted to the 18th Degree by the M.W.S. A letter was read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, thanking the members of the chapter for a letter of congratulation which they had forwarded to him on the occasion of his late appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The M.W.S. informed the chapter that he had taken upon himself the responsibility of forwarding the sum of £2 2s. to the testimonial fund now being raised to their late Secretary-General, as he had felt every confidence that the chapter would wish to contribute to so pleasant a purpose. The sum was voted unanimously by the chapter, which was then closed, and an adjournment made to supper.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).**—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held in the Masonic Hall, Maryport, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Em. Sir Knight T. Mandle, M.P.S., was on the throne, supported by Em. Sir Knights W. F. Lamony, P.S., as V.E. and H.P.; W. Shilton, P.S.; Sir Knights J. R. Banks, S.G., as Rec.; D. Titterton, D.C.; J. Abbot, D. Bell, and J. Hewson, Sentinel.

This was certainly a poor muster, and anything but encouraging to the few original members, who manfully stick to their posts, in the hope of better times. The minutes of the former assembly were read and confirmed, after which the election of officers was proceeded with. The V.E. in the chair, in proposing a Sir Knight to fill the throne of Constantine for the next twelve months, said that diligence and fidelity was entitled to its just reward. After the many merely ornamental Sir Knights who had from year to year been placed in the regal chair of Dykes Conclave, it was quite high time that the services and worth of one of their hardest-working Sir Knights was acknowledged. He alluded to Sir Knight J. R. Banks, the present S.G., who had filled many offices, was one of the oldest members, and, what was better, had nearly always been found at his post. He, therefore, thought that the election of Sir Knight J. R. Banks as M.P.S. would go a long way towards resuscitating the fortunes of Dykes Conclave. The M.P.S., in warm and complimentary terms, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Sir Knight J. R. Banks, having replied, proposed as V.E. Sir Knight W. Armstrong, one of the oldest and most active Masons in the province, who, if it had been in his power, would have attended the assembly. Em. Sir Knight W. Shilton seconded the proposition, which was agreed to unanimously. Sir Knights W. H. Lewthwaite and J. Hewson were next unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Sentinel for the next year. On the proclamations being put, the V.E. in the chair made a few remarks as to the present position and prospects of the conclave. He said that, unfortunately, many of the Sir Knights who had been concerned in the introduction of the Order into Cumberland were now never to be seen at their assemblies, and this, no doubt, exercised a deterrent effect on the younger members. Notwithstanding the dormant condition into which they had lapsed, it was satisfactory to know that they were thoroughly sound in the matter of their finances. He had been looking over the cash book, and found that a balance remained in hand, whilst, if the year's dues and arrears were collected from those members who were good for the money—he had left out of the calculation doubtfuls—there would be a sum of about £12 to begin afresh with. As Dykes Conclave was really the only branch of the Order working in the northern counties—that was to say, Cumberland, Westmorland, Northumberland, and Durham—he thought that fact was an incentive for the members to exert themselves more than ever in resuscitating their conclave. The M.P.S. followed, and urged that every individual member use his best endeavour during the next three months to insure a large gathering at the enthronement and consecration assembly in July, and he had no doubt but that the conclave would once more proudly hold up its head. The M.P.S. elect suggested that the annual assembly be held at Cockermouth, the headquarters of the conclave, and he promised to put forth his utmost energies to make it a success. After a vote of thanks had been accorded to the W.M. and brethren of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, for the use of their hall, the conclave was solemnly closed.

We understand it is intended to invite the attendance of the Chief Intendant General of Cumberland and Westmorland, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Past Grand Chamberlain, on the occasion of the annual assembly.

The will of Bro. Theodor Anthony Rochussen, late of 23, Abchurch-lane, merchant, and of St. Hilda's, Lawrie Park, Sydenham, who died on the 12th ult., was proved on the 28th ult., by Mrs. Julie Henriette Adele Rochussen, the widow and sole executrix. The testator leaves his residence, with the furniture and effects, and one-half of the residue of his estate, to his wife; the other half is to be held upon trust for his children.

**LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION—MAY ELECTION, 1880.**—The Committee have selected the following Candidates, and request the Votes of the London Brethren on their behalf:—

- AGED FREEMASONS.  
No. 16. William John Helps.  
" 19. Samuel Genese.  
" 24. John Wm. Claisen.  
WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.  
No. 15. E. T. Maynard.  
" 40. Marianne Rigby.  
" 41. Harriet Palmer.  
" 43 Sarah White.  
" 45. Elizabeth M. A. Child.  
" 24. Rebecca Martin.  
" 37. Louisa E. Chandler.  
\*Two Candidates of the same name.

Proxies to be sent to Bro. A. TISLEY, Hon. Secretary, L.M.C.A., No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, London, E.C

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—SECOND APPLICATION.—MAY ELECTION, 1880.**—Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. GEORGE ELLIOTT,

(Now of 91, Kent Street, Grimsby), aged 70 years, who was initiated in Lodge No. 248 (formerly 309), at Brixham, in the year 1846, and subscribed to it for the last 32 years. He was formerly a fisherman, but had the misfortune to lose his vessel in 1865, since which time, owing to failing sight, rheumatism, &c., he could do very little for the support of himself and family, and has been unable to make any provision for declining years. This case is strongly recommended.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS.**

A Subscriber, having several hundred votes of the above Institution to exchange for those of Widows, will be pleased to arrange the same at 67, Knightrider-street, St. Paul's, between four and six, personally (or by letter), until the 19th inst. W. A.

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#### To Correspondents.

R. W. NICHOLSON.—1. Not at all. 2. Certainly not. 3. Yes; entirely. 4. Certainly not. 5. Yes. 6. No.

#### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Moore's Masonic Messenger," "The Egyptian Gazette," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Montreal Herald," "The Lancet," "Der Long Islaender," "The Citizen," "The Liberal Freemason," "Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Louisiana," "Hull Packet," "The Freemason's Monthly," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Croydon Guardian," "The Chelmsford Chronicle."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1880.

OUR readers will notice all the announcements relative to the great gathering at Truro on Thursday, the 20th inst. A very numerous muster of the brethren is expected, and we have every reason to believe, from what we hear on all sides, that this "Grand Assembly" will be a most notable one, and to be long remembered in the annals of the Cornish and English Craft.

WE call attention to the notification relative to the Boys' School on the 1st of July, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The Earl of LATHOM, our most distinguished D.G.M., will be in the chair, and Col. LE GENDRE STARKIE, Prov. G.M. E. Lancashire, is President of the Board of Stewards, the acting Chairman being our well-known and esteemed Bro. RUCKER. So far 270 Stewards have sent in their names. This number, we hope, will be largely augmented by the time the Festival arrives; but we would urge upon all the brethren who intend qualifying as Stewards to lose no time in forwarding their names to Bro. BINCKES.

WE may add to the above that a good deal of anxiety and much annoyance is caused to the Secretaries of our great Institutions by the late period

at which brethren often send in their names as Stewards. We have heard of a case positively where a brother did so on the day of the Festival itself, and though it is true always "that it is better late than never," yet, as regards our Stewards, this is surely one of the cases where the "breach" of the axiom is almost better than its "observance."

WE understand that W. Lancashire is making great efforts to send up a goodly contribution to the Boys' School Festival. Some of the W. Lancashire brethren declare they mean to "beat" E. Lancashire's return to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was a noble one, as some of us remember well.

BY a communication from Bro. HEDGES we hear with pleasure that the amount received for the Girls' School Festival, as increased by tardy returns, is now £13,759 2s. 6d.

WE note with much satisfaction that St. John's Lodge, No. 673, has voted fifty guineas for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and we hope this good example will be followed.

BRO. WHYTEHEAD's address on Mark Masonry, reviewed in another column, deserves the perusal of all interested in archaeological curiosities and history of Freemasonry. The "Marks" of the old operative Masons form a most interesting, if mysterious, chapter, alike in the annals of the Masonic Guilds and the development of the building art.

THE report of the W. Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, as printed in our columns last week, suggests many serious considerations. It is quite clear that all such institutions are advisable, and useful, and helpful, even to the central Institution. Some have seen in them a weakening tendency in respect of our great Charities; we, on the contrary, believe that they will become most valuable subsidiary institutions. The W. Lancashire Institution, which appears to be admirably administered, is spending £660, in round numbers, per annum, and has £15,360 invested.

THE last accounts from Paris seem to shew that a better spirit is arising in the Rite Ecossais. Though we are a purely Craft journal, we have, never, concealed our sympathy with the ruling powers, the Grand Conseil, in this untoward agitation. We entirely disapprove of this attempt to set up a separated and schismatic Grand Lodge, and can only repeat that English brethren can and will have nothing to do with it.

WE understand that an animated contest will take place at the next monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School, as regards the House Committee. We are very sorry to see such continued agitation, and advise all Life Governors to be present and vote for committeemen whose name and position will be an augury of unanimity and peace. It will be a great pity if personal feelings or private piques should upset the harmony of the House Committee. Lately a very bad personal spirit has been manifested in more than one instance, to which we need not advert, which has even descended to encourage the animosity of a party, and the malevolent assertions of deliberate slander of the brethren.

IT is now, we apprehend, clear, that this effort of change is intended to turn out the whole House Committee. Without stopping to point out the impropriety and ingratitude of such a course, which we fear is a "Remanet" from some recent undignified and most personal controversies, we urge upon all brethren Life Governors to be present, and by an overwhelming majority defeat so audacious an attempt, and such pe-

culiarly unwise and unprecedented proceedings. The present House Committee deserves the thanks and support of us all.

IN *Moore's Masonic Messenger* of March, 1880, we find, curiously enough, an American endorsement of our views respecting the expenditure in American Grand Lodges on "mileage" and "member's expenses." We do not wish to revert to a discussion, but we cannot help feeling that a good deal may be said on both sides, and that the opinions we have expressed in all deference are those of many American Masons themselves. We feel sure it is a matter worthy of consideration. We shall reprint the remarks of *Moore's Masonic Messenger* in our next.

THE statement of the Secretary of the Boys' School, in a very characteristic circular. That the Boys' School has not been "so fortunate as the sister Institution in the approving advocacy of a portion of the Masonic press," has a reference, probably, to the *Freemason*, though we do not profess to understand how any such assertion can justifiably be made of the *Freemason*. The *Freemason* has from the first moment of its foundation most earnestly supported all the Masonic Charities, and especially the Boys' School, though its motto has always been "Institutions," not "men."

THE *Freemason* has been manfully maintained by one proprietor, and one proprietor alone, and has earned, and will earn, we venture to believe, the honest approval and fraternal confidence of the entire Craft at home, and of countless friends abroad. Its circulation is increasing as week follows week, and it is now read by thousands of Masons all the world over.

THE remarks which seem to have given such needless offence to some very sensitive minds were intended to help the Secretaries and the Institutions, as it is quite clear by Bro. BINCKES's own admission of his need of a wished for repose, that the present system is unfair to all, and is too onerous in the sacrifice it entails upon, and the loss of health and the interference with domestic comforts, and home enjoyments, it so ruthlessly demands of those who have, night after night, to visit lodges, and plead on behalf of the Charities. We venture to think, as we have always said, that the more expedient, and wiser, and more dignified course is that which has been followed so successfully by the Secretary of the Girls' School, namely, to allow the School and Charity to appeal to the Craft on its own merits. That course seems to commend itself to the approval and sympathy of the Craft if we may judge by the last triumphant festival.

ALL personality, as such, has, however, been excluded, and always is, from the pages of the *Freemason*, and if any feel aggrieved at our honest suggestions and friendly advice, the fault is with them, not with us. Perhaps theirs may practically be the avowal, still, for want of anything better—

I do not like thee, Dr. Fell,  
The reason why I cannot tell,  
I do not like thee, Dr. Fell.

WE understand that at the meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday a very unpleasant affair in the office was dealt with by the members present. Even Masonic officers require surveillance and control.

FROM information which we have received, it is beyond a doubt that this movement to change the whole House Committee in the Girls' School is the result of a petty cabal. Some names are mixed up with the proceedings which are, in our opinion, altogether misplaced, and we are sorry that some worthy brethren have become the cat's paw of a clique. What the opinion of the subscribers is will soon be unmistakably demonstrated to the Craft.



WE call attention to the announcement in another column of Railway Arrangements for brethren visiting Truro. The Great Western Company has offered special facilities on all their system of railways, which, we think, the Craft will appreciate.

#### SERVICES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

##### JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Right Honourable Sir FRANCIS WYATT TRUSCOTT, the Lord Mayor, was initiated into Masonry in the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, on the 20th December, 1858. He represented the lodge as Grand Steward in 1864-5, and in 1865 was installed W.M. This year he was elected a second time to the chair, and was installed, on the 19th of January, in the presence of a large number of brethren. In Arch Masonry Bro. Sir F. Truscott was exalted in the St. James's Chapter, and at the meeting of Grand Chapter, held on the 5th inst., was installed as Grand Scribe N. He is a Life Governor of each of the three Institutions, and has served as Steward on several occasions. This year he was elected President of the Board of Stewards at the festival of the Girls' School, and supported H.R.H. Prince Leopold at the banquet. His popularity as Lord Mayor is unbounded, and he is as highly esteemed in public life as among his brethren of the Craft. Although the public duties of our distinguished brother, as is well known, have absorbed the larger portion of his time during many years, yet he has found some time for Masonry; has worked conscientiously in the lodge, and shown that he has always taken great interest in its prosperity. That the Chief Magistrate of the first city in the world should, during his year of office, and in the midst of daily pressing claims on his time, accept and fulfil the onerous duties of the W.M. of the Grand Masters' Lodge, is a proof that he values Masonry, and that his interest in the Craft has rather increased than diminished. Bro. Sir F. Truscott was Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1871-2, when he was knighted.

In our last issue we noticed the Masonic services of several of the officers appointed at the last Grand Lodge. The Supreme Grand Chapter has since been held, when, as is customary, the Grand Officers for the year were appointed to office in Grand Chapter, and the names, with the exception of Comp. the Rev. R. P. Bent, are identical with those of Grand Lodge.

##### GRAND ARCH CHAPLAIN.

Comp. the Rev. R. P. BENT has been a Mason over thirty years. He was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, October 30th, 1849. He is P.M. of Unanimity Lodge, No. 102, North Walsham, Norfolk; P. Prov. Grand Chaplain of Norfolk; and has been Steward and is Life-Governor of all the Charities. He was appointed Grand Chaplain by the Marquis of Ripon in 1873. In 1874 he went to reside in Sweden, as Chaplain of the English Church at Gothenburg, but came over expressly in April, 1875, to officiate as Senior Grand Chaplain at the installation of the Prince of Wales, for which he composed the special prayer used on that occasion. On his return to Sweden His Majesty King Oscar, as Grand Master of the Swedish Freemasons, commanded him to receive some of the High Degrees of the Order in that country. We (*Freemason*) published a letter from Bro. Bent in our issue of December 15th, 1877, in which he explained the Swedish system of Ten Degrees, of which he himself is a member of the Ninth Degree. Bro. Bent was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry April 29th, 1863, in the Unanimity Chapter, No. 102, North Walsham. He has held office in the Northampton Chapter, No. 360, and is at the present time M.E.Z. of the Montagu Chapter, No. 466, Stamford. Grand Chaplains, when qualified, are usually appointed to office in Supreme Grand Chapter; but Bro. Bent's departure for Sweden will account for his having had to wait for the office to which he has at length attained, and on which he may now be fairly congratulated. He is a member of the Bon Accord Mark Lodge, of the Holy Palestine Preceptory of Knights Templar, and of the Palestine Rose Croix Chapter. He has yet another Masonic distinction, he is an honorary member of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge of Jerusalem, which is a lodge that was consecrated at Jerusalem, in the very quarries of Solomon, under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Canada, in 1873. Bro. Bent was in the Holy City in the spring of 1878, and being invited to attend this lodge, he was (out of compliment to the Grand Lodge of England) requested to take the Master's chair, and perform the ceremony of initiation, which he did, and was then made an honorary member.

By an unaccountable error in our last, which we desire to correct, the Senior Grand Chaplain was named as the successor of the Rev. A. J. Pury-Cust, Deputy Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, instead of Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg.

#### Original Correspondence.

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

##### BOYS' SCHOOL SPECIAL ADDRESS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have seen a "special address" for the Boys' School, which is now being circulated. Under whose authority has this peculiarly-worded production been issued? Has it been approved of either by the House or General Committee? Can any brother who takes an active part in the management of the Boys' School give us this information?

I am, yours fraternally,

A QUONDAM STEWARD.

##### MRS. RIGBY'S CASE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As Bro. Fenn is unable to be at the election on the 21st, having to go to Truro, he has asked me to take charge of the case of Mrs. Rigby for him, and as I understand that some votes are promised for that very excellent case I shall be obliged if all the subscribers wishful to help the poor widow will kindly send their voting papers to me. I shall, as I trust, be able to carry the case to a successful issue. Bros. Hutton Gregory, Fenn, and others, have greatly interested themselves in support of Mrs. Rigby's application.

Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W.  
May 8, 1880.

##### THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct one or two misprints in my letter of last week. The total number of votes (boys and girls) for Dorset should be 645; for Warwickshire 1461; and for Kent 1797.

With these exceptions I believe the figures are correctly printed.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

##### VISITING ENGLISH LODGES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read in the "*Masonic Review*" for March a letter under the heading "About Visiting English Lodges," which contains the following statements:

"On Tuesday, the first day of October, I found myself in London, and having seen in the London *Freemason*, that quite a number of lodges would meet during the afternoon and evening, I presented myself at Freemasons' Hall, at about 5 o'clock p.m.

"The Tyler informed me frankly that it was quite uncertain as to my being able to visit any of the lodges. I notified him that my papers were all complete, and that I was ready to stand any test or examination that was legitimate. I will not be positive, but I think that I applied to five out of seven lodges, then in session, with the same result, that unless I brought some one from the city to vouch for me to the Tyler, I could not be admitted. I returned to my hotel, the Bedford, No. 95, Southampton-row, quite near to the Hall, and after tea, referring to the *Freemason* again, I found that Grosvenor Lodge was yet to meet. The Tyler brought back the same response as in the former application. Feeling doubly chagrined, less, however, at my personal position than at the surrender of my long-life views of the universality of Masonry, I sent the Tyler back and requested an interview with the Master, which was kindly granted. I was conducted up stairs and presented at the door of what I took to be an ante-room, with a half-dozen or more gentlemen, clothed as Masons, in the room. The Master inquired why I had desired an interview with him, and I informed him that I was an American Mason, and craved permission, under due and proper examination of self and papers, to visit his lodge. He replied promptly that he could not do so without having some one to vouch for and introduce me, and declined to inspect my papers or examine me. I firmly replied that he was requiring an utter impossibility, as I was a stranger in a strange land, and stood alone upon my Masonry. I asked him with all the pertinence possible, what became of the universality of Masonry? With an impatient wave of the hand he declined to enter upon any discussion of the matter; and humbly apologising for my intrusion, I bade him good night; and if his be Masonry I would bid it a long, long, good night.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

J. M. TOWLER."

As the son of an English P.M. I feel a very natural interest in English Masonry, and at the same time I am unwilling to believe that it has lost that broad principle of universality which should everywhere be its characteristic. I shall feel obliged if you will inform me through the *Freemason* how far Bro. Towler's assertions are justified by the facts in such cases.

Yours fraternally,

W. M.,

St. Vrain, No. 23, Colorado, U.S.

Longmont, Colorado, U.S.,

April 23rd.

#### Reviews.

##### ARCANA SAITICA. Amoy.

This is the production of an anonymous brother at Amoy, China, being professedly a lecture on the Tracing Boards. We do not like it, either in tone, temper, or substance. It is an attempt, alike unwise and improper, to introduce into our non-controversial Craft sectarian discussions, inasmuch as the work before us is indirectly suggestive both of scepticism and unbelief, and, in fact, is the avowal of a "polished Pantheism," if we understand the writer correctly. Think of a brother re-introducing in a Masonic lodge the now forgotten "animus" and exploded theory of the "Elohist and Jehovistic controversy." The writer gives a lucid account of the Rites of Isis, and wherever he has obtained his facts from, in this respect they are, we believe, correct. All the early mysteries preserved the teaching of a purification, probation, death, resurrection, and sacrifice for sins and for mankind. The belief in the Triune Deity and a

future life of bliss or punishment were also undoubtedly inculcated, despite "Lobeck" and others. We confess we took up the little paper with curiosity, and we put it down with pain. We say this because we think it always better to speak honestly, above all, in a review, and we equally detest "flummery" and "high falutin" by whomsoever emitted.

#### NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE MARK DEGREE.

By Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD. York.

This is a very able statement of the claims of the Mark Degree. And if it be that we do not altogether go with the writer, whose opinions always deserve careful consideration, it is not owing to any want of lucidity or logic on his part. But we have our difficulties, and we will impart them to our readers. It is undoubtedly true that "Marks" were used by the operative guilds habitually until the seventeenth century. We have been told that they are still used in some measure by Masons. In Scotland the evidence of the use of "Marks" in Masonic lodges goes back to 1600. In England we have none so far, until long past 1717.

Evidence may yet turn up, but at present we believe we are correct in stating, no trace of Masons' Marks, whether of operative or speculative lodges, is to be found until after the middle of the 18th century. Now we are not prepared to deny, as we said at first, that marks were used by the mediæval guilds, (as their works attest everywhere), and that in Scotland you have evidence of the same. But neither south or north, in London or in York, is there any proof of "marks" being known to Masons in these English "limitts" until late in the 18th century. How then do they come in? We received our "mark" from the old Mark lodge that used to meet at "Bradford" years ago; but there is no evidence, we apprehend, of much greater antiquity than the end of the last century so far anywhere. The present system of the "Mark" is admittedly modern, and the "Crux" always has been how you were to "join" a piece of "new cloth" on an "old garment." Some twenty-five years ago the subject was hotly contested, and some brethren denied the antiquity of the Mark Degree, *per se*. We are ourselves aware of no old Mark ritual, and we have felt, (though we may be wrong), that the fact of the "marks" is one thing, the connection of Mark Masonry with the marks "quod est demonstrandum." We have, however, perused Bro. Whythead's essay with much pleasure, and recommend all our readers to do the same. It will repay both reading and thought.

#### ESTATUTOS PARA LAS LOGIAS SIMBOLICAS, &c.

DEL PERU. Peru, 1879.

This is an official publication of the "Constitutions," so to say, of the lodges and High Grades of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, Peru! We regret again to see lodges, *qua* lodges, under the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as we feel sure that it is a mistake, and the cause of constant complication. Our Anglo-Saxon system is the only true one. We are pleased to note that their Constitutions, which seem clearly and admirably drawn up, proclaim the necessity of belief in the T.G.A.O.T.U. as an indispensable qualification for admission into the Order. We never, for our part, could understand why, in the interests of Masonic unity and peace, the Grand Orient of France could have been so rash as to throw down such a torch of contention as this painful controversy. We trust that better days are in store for France and Cosmopolitan Masonry, and that we may "all the world over" yet rally round and reunite in the simple admission of faith in the great and Divine "Architekno" of the world and of mankind. To those who read Spanish these statutes are full of interest.

#### MAGAZINES FOR MAY.

"Scribner" is very effective indeed this month. We find to our surprise that it is still, despite its obvious merits, little known in England.

"Temple Bar" rests on "Adam and Eve," and "The Rebel of the Family," and has an interesting account of "Colbert," a stirring recital about "Thoraima," and a most touching "monody" on "Henri Murger." Let us read and note.

"All the Year Round" has the "Duke's Children" and several most interesting papers. We like "Set in a Silver Sea" we honestly confess—no doubt we have very bad taste—less and less.

"The Antiquary" is very interesting for antiquarian students and lovers of "old things, old books, and old ways."

We cannot, for some reason or other patent to the thoughtful Masonic mind, deal for the most part with such lesser luminaries as "Cornhill," "The Argosy," "Cassel's Family Magazine," "The Quiver," "Hand and Heart," "The Fireside," "Little Folks," "Blackwood," "Fraser," "Macmillan," "The Month," "The Sunday Magazine," "The Gentleman's Magazine," &c.; but they have many points of interest for habitual friends or casual readers. The greater lights, (if they be greater), like "The Nineteenth Century," "Fortnightly," "The Contemporary Review," are out of the scope and boundaries of the *Freemason* altogether.

#### YOUNG FOLKS. Red Lion House, Red Lion-court, Fleet-street.

This stirring and sensational serial moves on with great energy, and is seemingly much in demand. We know a fair young lady who reads it carefully month by month, and believes alike in fairy tales and supernatural scenes. How far such a strain on the imagination can be good for the young, we honestly confess we think, may be a matter of serious doubt; but "Young Folks" is undoubtedly well written, and has many readers and admirers.

#### THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY TO THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER. John Bellows, Gloucester.

This issue for 1880 is compiled by Col. H. Basevi, P.D. D.G.M. Punjab, and P.P.G.R., and is very neatly "got up," and full of needful information for the Gloucester brethren. If all these "calendars" were printed in a somewhat larger size they could all be bound up in one volume, and issued to the Craft, as they are most helpful in their various localities.

MOORE'S MASONIC MESSENGER. 146, Jefferson-avenue, Detroit, Mich., U.S.

We do not remember to have seen this little Masonic periodical before. It has, we see, reached No. 6, Vol. I. It seems to us to be extremely well-edited, and marked not only by much promise as a new "petit sujet" of Masonic literature, but directed by truly sound views on all Masonic questions, as well as full of interesting matter of various kinds.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### THE HOLY MARTYRES FOUR.

Since penning my note of last week, I find that Bro. Fort in his "Antiquities of Freemasonry," at p. 174, cites as a noticeable fact, that Stieglitz and other authorities specifically refer to the *Coronati* as *soldiers*.

Bro. Findel, at p. 63 of his history, says: "The chief festivals of the Stonemasons were on St. John the Baptist's Day, and the one designated the Day of the 'Four Crowned Martyrs,' the principal patron saints of the Stonemasons." I should be obliged to any brother who will give me the date of the latter festival.

R. F. GOULD.

#### THE PARENTALIA.

In the concluding note on Sir Christopher Wren, I used too comprehensive an expression in my employment of the phrase "all encyclopædists." At the time of writing I had in my mind the "Encyclopædia Britannica," and the like, but I am well reminded that my remarks would equally apply to the very valuable compilations of Bros. Kenneth Mackenzie and Woodford, which I should be the last person to undervalue or depreciate. Indeed, the article on Wren in "Kenning's Cyclopædia," to which my attention has been drawn by the "founder of our English Masonic school," Bro. W. J. Hughan, may be justly quoted as a specimen of the good workmanship which in so many instances has compressed a mass of instructive facts within the limits of a few lines.

The Editor of this "Cyclopædia" refers in the *Freemason* to the theory of *Papal Bulls*. The celebrated antiquarian, Governor Thomas Pownall, in a letter written 9th January, 1788, which was published in the "Archæologia," vol. 9, p. 110, states: "That he had searched (whilst a Rome) for the Bull, Diploma, or Charter, instituting that foreign corporations, which thereby claimed exemption from the Statute of labourers." "The librarian of the Vatican" (he adds) "was, in 1773, on my behalf applied to, but could not find the least trace of such a record. The Pope himself interested himself in the enquiry, and ordered the most minute search to be made, but no discovery arose from it. I cannot, however, yet be persuaded but that some record or copy of the diploma must be somewhere buried at Rome, amid some forgotten bundles or rolls." So far Governor Pownall, who it must be recollected was a Mason, albeit his sweeping disparagement of the Society in the letter under notice, would hardly have led one to think so.\*

Mr. Patrick Fraser Tytler, in his "History of Scotland," 1845, vol. 2, p. 278, remarks: "I have in vain looked for the original authorities upon which Sir Christopher Wren and Governor Pownall have founded their descriptions of the travelling corporations of Roman architects."

R. F. GOULD.

#### INIGO JONES' MS.

In answer to Bro. Gould, I must explain that the title given to the MS. as above is due to our Rev. Bro. Woodford, the owner thereof. So far as I have had information, the only reason why it is so termed is due to the frontispiece by the celebrated Inigo Jones. Bro. Woodford has offered to publish it and the Wood's MS. as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers have been obtained, and I hope that condition will soon be observed, as, doubtless, we shall then be favoured with a facsimile of the MS., or, at least, of a portion thereof, that all may judge as to its antiquity. I have not seen the document, and, therefore, cannot pronounce an opinion about it, save as to its being a very valuable MS., provided its claim to being Inigo Jones' MS. can be substantiated. So far, there has been "no proof submitted of the connection of this great architect with our Masonic Craft," as Bro. Gould intimates; but he may still have owned the MS. in question even if not a Freemason (as we understand it), so I await the publication of the roll with increasing interest.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### SPECIAL MEDAL OF No. 85, HARLESTON.

I am much obliged to Bro. Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, J.W. 85, for his communication of last week respecting a medal worn by members of the "Faithful" Lodge, No. 85, Harleston (Norfolk), and I have communicated with him on the subject, so as to lay the matter before the readers of the "Freemason" directly a decision is arrived at.

The medals worn by certain lodges may be classed under three divisions. 1st. Those granted before registration. 2nd. Those after registration until 1866. 3rd. Those from 1867 of one uniform pattern, unless under special circumstances. Neither in the second or third class have I been able to find the medal mentioned as belonging to No. 85, or as worn by its members, so it must, if at all, belong to the first division. If it does, Bro. Hill will be able to oblige us with the date of the warrant when it was authorised by the M.W.G.M., and I shall then be glad to place it in the list accordingly, it being my desire to make my "Masonic Register of Lodges" as accurate as possible. Medals have been worn by lodges without any authority, and one we

\* "It should seem, however, that societies of these Masons met in mere clubs, wherein continuing to observe and practise some of their ceremonies, which once had a reference to their institutions, they only made sport to mock themselves, and by degrees their clubs or lodges sunk into a mere foolish harmless mummery."—*Archæologia* vol. 9, p. 120. Bro. G. F. Fort, in "Antiquities of Freemasonry," p. 127, leans to the view expressed by Governor Pownall, viz., that the well-known statute of Henry VI. made an end of the then existing English Masons; but with all respect for these eminent authorities, I am clearly of opinion that the Act of Parliament referred to, was merely an *intermediate* manifestation, of the course of policy pursued by the legislature throughout a long series of years, commencing with the reign of King Edward III., and continuing until the Tudor period.

know of, on finding they as members had no right to such a distinction, petitioned the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and since obtained an ordinary centenary medal warrant. It is just possible that I have not been able to trace No. 85 as being entitled to a special centenary medal, but at all events it could not have been granted on the terms mentioned by Bro. Hill, viz., its being constituted "under warrant from the Grand Lodge of York," as it was warranted in 1753 by the regular Grand Lodge in London, known as the "Moderns."

I should suggest an examination of the records of the lodges about 1753, for even if there be no warrant in existence for the medal being worn, there may be a confirmatory statement in the minute book, sufficient for the purpose.

I shall be glad to hear of any other probable omissions.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### HUGHAN'S "OLD MASONIC CHARGES."

Bro. Gould has kindly suggested the re-issue of my "Old Charges of British Freemasons," and I should only be too pleased to respond; but just now my hands are very full of various kinds of work, and my spare time is very restricted indeed, having, first of all, "to labour for the meat that perisheth" before attending to the various studies that so interest the contributors to the "Masonic Notes and Queries" department. I shall, however, arrange for another edition when a fair opportunity occurs, and re-write the introduction, so as to embrace the latest important discoveries. The "Soldier Martyrs" is an expression quite new to me, and I anticipate so also to most of us. It strikes me as being a fancy of the writer's, Francis Ney, unless intended in a figurative sense as "soldiers of the Cross." Much obliged to Bro. Gould for noticing it, however.

W. J. H.

#### THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

In answer to Bro. Gould, I am not aware of any authority who terms them "soldiers," besides Bro. Fort, except as forming part of the "noble army of martyrs." In the Sarum Missal their day is, as Bro. Gould knows, November 8th, and they are simply termed "Holy Martyrs." Mrs. Jamieson, in one of her interesting books, says, that the stone cutters and others go once a year to the church of the "Quatuor Coronati," Rome. In mediæval art they are distinguished as "Masons" only.

A. F. A. W.

#### INIGO JONES.

The force of the evidence as regards Inigo Jones is this, and I think it good as far as it goes. The Masonic traditions claim Inigo Jones as a member of the Order. A copy of the institutions relative to the Freemasons is sold, with a frontispiece by Inigo Jones. That is a fair presumption that Inigo Jones had some interest in and connection with the Freemasons of 1604, hence confirming the traditions. Of course, if the drawing be not by Inigo Jones, and his name not in his handwriting, the value of the evidence is greatly reduced. I will, however, have the fact looked into as regards Inigo Jones. I, for one, hardly expect to find much historical evidences, (knowing the early feeling of Masons *in re* evidence), of pre 1717 Masonry. But let us not too hastily shut the door on such a possibility, remembering in what a "transition state" we are just now *in re* Masonic history, and how greatly we have, and shall have, to modify many expressed opinions. Possibly they are called soldiers as forming part of the "noble army of martyrs."

A. F. A. W.

#### SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

Is there not an old MS., which is said to have been the property of Sir Christopher Wren? and does it not strengthen the position of those who cling to Sir Christopher, just as I understand Inigo Jones's MS. to strengthen his claim to be considered a Mason? Is it wise to disregard all "tradition" on this point, when it is possible that that tradition may yet receive collateral and supplementary evidence? I await some remarks from "somebody" on these heads.

SENEC.

#### SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN AND FREEMASONRY.

I quite agree with Bro. Gould and the learned and reverend editor of the "Cyclopædia" "that the authority of the 'Parentalia' is not great," but still it is a curious work, and without further discussing the subject now being so ably investigated I may venture, perhaps, without being guilty of any very gross intrusion, to add my contribution to the topic in the shape of a note as to what Parentalia is, and who and what the author was. Bro. Gould and the editor of the "Cyclopædia" are acquainted with it, but probably many readers of the *Freemason* are ignorant of the title and name and history of the author of the work so constantly referred to. It is entitled "Parentalia, or Memoirs of the Society of Wren," by Joseph Ames. The author was a very extraordinary man. He was born in 1689 at Great Yarmouth, and, coming in early life to London, was apprenticed to an ironmonger. When out of his time he set up in business for himself in Wapping-street, near Hermitage Wharf, in St. George's-in-the-East, a parish with which I have long been connected by many close and valued ties. To his avocation as an ironmonger he shortly added that of a ship chandler, then a very profitable trade in that maritime neighbourhood. Serving in succession all the parochial offices, he at length (but in what year is uncertain, as no record of officers seems to have been kept in the parish during its constitution in 1729 and 1766) was elected churchwarden. It must have been before 1759, and probably his rather turgid Latin epitaph in the parish church would supply the missing date, but I have not a copy of it by me at present to refer to. However, if of any interest to the readers of the *Freemason*, I could readily obtain a transcript of this mortuary inscription. I extract from a most interesting little work, published so recently as St. George's Day (the 24th April) in the present year, an interesting account of this truly remarkable tradesman.

It is refreshing to turn to the peaceful history of two or three of the first parishioners of St. George's. 'Joseph Ames, Wapping-street, buried Oct. 14th, 1759,' in St. George's Church Vaults. There is a good reason why the memory of Mr. Ames should be kept green. In an age when wealth and culture were not very closely allied, he showed in his own life how, amid unfavourable surroundings, it was possible for them to join hands. By trade a shipchandler and ironmonger, he found his profitable recreation in the study of English history and antiquities.

From his house in Wapping-street he gave to the world two volumes which gained something far greater than a restricted parochial fame, the *History of Printing* and *Parentalia, or Memoirs of the Family of Wren*. He became a fellow of the Society of Antiquarians, and in 1741 was elected its Secretary. Some time afterwards he attained the ever-coveted distinction of Fellow of the Royal Society, and when they laid him in the vault under the parish church, of which at one time he was churchwarden, who could have denied the appropriateness of the Latin epitaph which marks the last resting place of the successful tradesman, and the ripe scholar.—From "An East-End Chronicle, St. George's in the East Parish and Parish Church, compiled from various sources by the Rev. R. H. Hadden, B.A., Curate, with introduction by the Rev. Harry Jones, M.A., Rector. London: Hatchards, 1880."

SAMUEL POYNTER.

MEMPHIS.—The Royal city of Egypt for many generations, and also Meph, or Noph, was the seat of the fraternity of priests, and the great school of the wisdom and the mysteries of the Egyptians. From it the so-called Rite of Memphis apparently derives its name, though it has clearly no historical warrant for so doing, and though it is averred by its supporters to commemorate and continue the hermetic and spiritual teachings of the Egyptians. We should not have given the Rite Memphis in so much detail were it not that we wish the *Cyclopædia* to be, as far as it goes, a perfect book of reference.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia*.

### Scotland.

#### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 6th inst., the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the throne. Bros. Roger Montgomery, D.C.R., acted as Depute Grand Master; William Mann, Proxy District Grand Master of all India, as Senior Grand Warden; and R. F. Shaw-Stewart was at his post as Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand Officers present were Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Rev. J. Henderson, Chaplain of Lodge St. Andrew, Adelaide, Acting Grand Chaplain; William Hay, Grand Architect; F. L. Law, Grand Jeweller; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible Bearer; H. Y. D. Copland, Grand Sword Bearer; C. W. Maxwell Müller, Grand Director of Music; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; William Bryce, Grand Tyler. There were also present Bros. Alex. Hay, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and Grey town; William Maclean, Proxy District Grand Master of Montreal; James Turner, President, and James Crichton, Vice-President, of the Board of Grand Stewards; and the following representatives of sister Grand Lodges: Bros. William Officer, Egypt and Pennsylvania; E. W. Nightingale, New York; R. S. Brown, Kentucky; George McLean, Nebraska. The following sister Grand Lodges were also represented: England, Sweden, the Three Globes of Prussia, the Countries Grand Lodge of Germany, Grand Lodge of Saxony, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, West Virginia, Wyoming, New Jersey, &c. Letters of apology were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Depute Grand Master; Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., Substitute Grand Master; F. A. Barrow, Past Senior Grand Warden; John C. Forrest, Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire, Middle Ward; Captain Colt of Gartsherrie, Past Grand Sword Bearer; Dr. Falconer, Proxy District Grand Master of New South Wales, and a large number of Masters and Wardens from the Glasgow Province.

A vidimus was submitted by the Grand Cashier of the income and expenditure for the three months ending 24th April, which showed that during that period there had been 1050 entrants, and that the income had amounted to upwards of £1330, being about £720 in excess of the expenditure. A statement as to the fund of Masonic Benevolence showed that during the three months ending 29th April 1880, had been voted by the Committee as grants to brethren, or widows of such. Presents, being reports of their proceedings, were received with thanks from the Grand Lodges of Prussia, Portugal, St. John's of Hungary, Maryland, Montana, Alabama, Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, South Carolina, and Massachusetts. Grand Lodge approved the reposal of Lodge Palestine, Beyrout, No. 415, permission being given the lodge to work in Arabic, as many of its members know no other language; confirmed the action of Grand Committee in ordering that a charter be issued to Lodge Hawera, Patea, N.Z., and ordered that a charter be granted to the Lodge St. James, Macduff. Bro. William H. Bickerton, Glasgow, having resigned his seat in Grand Committee, Grand Lodge approved of the appointment in his place of Bro. William McLean, jun., R.W.M., No. 31, Glasgow, who had been next on the list to the members elected in February. Bro. Dr. Max Neuda was unanimously appointed representative to the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, in room of Bro. Henry Maurer, resigned. It having been reported that the difficulties heretofore existing between the Grand Lodges of Colon and the island of Cuba had been amicably adjusted, and that the two bodies had united under the title of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and the island of Cuba, Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of Grand Committee, complied with the request of the new body to recognise it.

Grand Lodge next proceeded to the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for the Glasgow City Province. It appeared that at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge Bros. Sir James Bain and William Pearce were nominated for the office of Provincial Grand Master, and that it was resolved by 21 to 12 to recommend the appointment of Sir James Bain. A petition had, however, been presented to the Committee, signed by thirty-five brethren, members of Grand Lodge, residing in Glasgow, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, praying for the appointment of Bro. Pearce. Grand Committee, being desirous to give effect to the election, and as statements had been made impugning the validity of the resolution in favour of Sir James Bain, remitted the petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge for reconsideration of their resolution and for their report. The Grand Secretary reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Committee, the Provincial Grand Lodge had met

and reconsidered their recommendation, and that on a division fifty voted for Sir James Bain and eighteen for Bro. Pearce; and he submitted a petition in favour of each. The Grand Secretary stated that the petition in favour of Sir James Bain was signed by sixty-three members of Grand Lodge resident in the Glasgow Province, and that of Bro. William Pearce by thirty-five. Bro. Johnston, in proposing that Sir James Bain be elected, remarked that the business had been gone about in a proper Masonic spirit, and that the petition in his favour was signed by two-thirds of the members of Provincial Grand Lodge. Out of thirty-one lodges in the province twenty Masters had put their signatures to the petition of the gentleman he had named, and he hoped Grand Lodge would support the prayer of their petition. Bro. Officer seconded the motion, and argued that it was the duty of the Grand Lodge to give effect to the wishes of their provincial brethren. Both the brethren nominated were total strangers to him, and the course he had adopted was to deal impartially, and with a desire to conciliate the majority. Dr. George Buchanan (Sub-Provincial Grand Master) proposed that Bro. William Pearce should be appointed Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Pearce was Senior Warden of Prince's Lodge, and was well known as a most enthusiastic Mason; while, on the other hand, those who supported Sir James Bain were bound to admit that it was on exceedingly rare occasions that he was to be seen at any Masonic meetings. Bro. Crichton seconded the nomination, and said he could endorse every word that had been said in favour of Bro. Pearce, who would make an admirable Provincial Grand Master. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election, when Sir James Bain was appointed by seventy-one votes, fifty-four voting for Bro. Pearce. A letter had been submitted to Grand Committee, in which Bro. Lord Ramsay, M.P., resigned the Provincial Grand Mastership of Forfarshire, the duties of which, through pressure of other business, he felt himself unable to perform; and, on the recommendation of Grand Committee, Grand Lodge accepted Lord Ramsay's resignation, and thanked his lordship for his services. In compliance with a request of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the appointment of a successor was deferred. On the application of the Lodge St. James' Operative, Edinburgh, No. 97, authority was given that lodge to change its designation to "Edinburgh St. James." Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The regular Quarterly Communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. J. Easton, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, in the chair; Bro. W. Kyle in his place as P.G.S.W.; and Bro. A. Lawrence, R.W.M. 117, acting as P.G.J.W.

There were also present Bros. J. Morgan, P.G.T.; G. Sinclair, P.G.T. of B.F.; J. Booth, P.G.S.D.; A. Bain, P.G.B.B.; Wm. Phillips, P.G. Architect; T. Hallett, P.G. D. of M.; J. Harley, P.G. Jeweller; J. Balfour, P.G.D.C.; A. Holmes, P.G.I.G.; W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Sec.; and a very large attendance of members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and visitors.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in full form, the minutes were read and adopted. Bro. J. M. Oliver, R.W.M. Lodge Commercial, No. 366, was heartily thanked by the Provincial Grand Lodge for his valuable services and kindness, voluntary given, in writing up back records of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The resignation of Bro. W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Secretary, was accepted with regret; the Provincial Grand Lodge acknowledging in the warmest terms the very efficient manner Bro. Bickerton had discharged the duties of his office, and the zeal he had shown for the good of Freemasonry in general.

Bro. Sir James Bain was nominated as successor to Bro. Col. Neilson for the office of P.G. Master of Glasgow.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

The Quarterly Communication of the members of this lodge was held in the hall of Renfrew County Kilwinning Lodge, No. 370, Paisley, on Saturday, the 1st inst., Bro. Sir Arch. C. Campbell, Bart., the Provincial Grand Master, in the chair.

Before the regular business of the meeting was proceeded with, Bro. J. Caldwell, Craigie, S.M., referred to the high distinction which had been conferred on the P.G.M., and proposed that they record in their minutes an expression of the pleasure with which they had heard of the conferring of the high honour. None knew better than the brethren did how well he deserved the honour, and none rejoiced more than he did that his high personal character had been so nobly recognised by the Queen. Bro. George Fisher, S.W., seconded the motion, which was agreed to unanimously.

The Benevolent Committee recommended that a grant of £5 be given to a brother in ill-health, which was approved of. The Treasurer reported that there was at the credit of the general fund £20, and at the credit of the benevolent fund £112.

**GLASGOW.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 571).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Bro. Tute, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported on the dais by Bros. A. Holmes, R.W.M. 413; G. Weir, S.M.; D. Peachey, D.M.; with the Senior and Junior Wardens in their respective chairs.

The lodge being opened in the E.A. Degree, the minutes of last regular and emergency meetings were read and approved of. An application for admission to the Order was read from Mr. Ted Jarratt, and, there being no objections lodged, he was admitted to the lodge, and duly initiated into the mysteries of this Degree; Bro. Tute, R.W.M., administering the oath and obligation. It was resolved to hold the annual picnic of the lodge towards the end of May, a committee being appointed to make the necessary arrangements. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

#### Royal Ark Mariners.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday week, after the meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Masters, to which lodge it is moored. At the request of the W.C.N., Bro. H. Lovegrove, the chair was taken by Bro. T. Poore, P.C.N., with Bros. G. Clark, as J.; H. Lovegrove, S.; C. I. McKay, S.D.; Baldwin, Scribe; Dunkley, Organist; and Axford, Guardian.

Bros. Curtis, Madeley, and Thomas were introduced and elevated, the quaint ritual of the Degree being most impressively rendered. Bro. Lovegrove then assumed the chair, and, this being election night, Bro. George Clark was elected W.C.N.; Bro. H. Lovegrove, Treasurer; and Bro. Potter, Warden.

#### Amusements.

**DRURY LANE.**—Mr. Augustus Harris's energetic management of Drury Lane bids fair to be very successful. The ever popular "La Fille de Madame Angot" is now re-inforced by a new spectacular ballet of action called, "Les Sirènes," which for splendour of effects equals, if not surpasses, anything of the kind that has been seen, even at Drury Lane. The enormous stage is peculiarly fitted for entertainments of this sort, and all its resources are brought into requisition on this occasion. The scenery painted by Mr. Cuthbert, represents a sea shore, and a coral palace beneath the waters, the abode of Naida. The lively music and bright costumes thoroughly delighted the audience, and judging from the hearty plaudits with which the different changes of scene and effects were received, we should pronounce it a decided success, and likely to hold the boards for a considerable time.

**MOHAWK MINSTRELS.**—The Mohawk Minstrels, which number several brethren among the proprietors, announce their usual novelties for the Whitsuntide holidays. These established public favourites have occupied the Agricultural Hall at Islington for seven years, with constantly increasing repute, and their efforts to amuse the holiday makers are always attended with the success their energy deserves. The principal numbers promised are a screaming travesty sketch "The Dunites," and Messrs. Mason and Dixon in their wonderful acrobatic performance. Morning performances will be given at three o'clock on Monday, the 17th, and Tuesday, the 18th, in addition to the usual entertainment at eight o'clock.

#### Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

In the columns of the *Gloucester Mercury* "Local Notes and Queries" are to be commenced under the editorship of Bro. T. B. Trowsdale.

The *Biograph* of the current month contains a notice of William Black, the popular novelist; also capital sketches of about twenty notable men.

Beautifully-executed portraits of Sir James E. Alexander, C.B., Alderman Cotton, M.P., and W. H. Wills, M.P., appear in "Colburn's New Monthly" for May.

Bro. Ackrill has just issued the 20th edition of "Thorpe's Illustrated Guide to Harrogate." It is a capital local book, and is in every respect satisfactory, for it is well written, and printed in good style, and nicely illustrated.

Thomas Burbridge, of Coventry, has just published an able booklet by Mr. W. G. Fretton, F.S.A., on the "Municipal Regalia, Seals, and Coinage of the City of Coventry." The work is of great merit, and a welcome addition to local literature. The author is favourably known as a writer on antiquarian subjects.

At a recent meeting of the Hull Literary Club, Mr. John Cook, F.R.H.S., read an able paper on "The History of the Hull Charterhouse," an institution which was founded by Sir Michael de la Pole in 1384. It has been decided to issue the paper in book form, as it contains much important information not included in the local histories.

A portrait of Lady Monckton is given in the *Whitehall Review*.

**THE STUDY OF THE PAST.**—A great and growing interest in the doings of other days has of late years made itself manifest in all classes of the community. This is "all as it should be." No man can know too much of the history of his country. The more we learn of Britain's glorious past the deeper becomes our patriotism. We are pleased to notice the interest taken by the periodical press, metropolitan and provincial, in matters historical and antiquarian. Nearly all the popular magazines are giving much attention to this entertaining and instructive branch of our national literature. With the beginning of the present year, too, was commenced a high-class monthly, specially devoted to the study of the past. We refer to "The Antiquary," which, under the able editorship of Mr. Edward Walford, M.A., has already achieved a pronounced success. Again, in the provinces, a number of the leading country newspapers are bestirring themselves to supply their readers with historical information, chiefly of a local character. Two of our own contributors, Mr. Wm. Andrews, F.R.H.S., and Mr. Thomas B. Trowsdale, have done much of late to popularise archaeology by their numerous newspaper articles. Mr. Andrews has recently concluded simultaneous publication of the charming chapters of his highly interesting and very valuable work, "Historic Romance," in a large number of English and Scotch journals, and is now engaged in writing a series of papers entitled "Strange Stories of the Midlands." Mr. Trowsdale is contributing carefully compiled antiquarian articles, containing much curious information, presented in pleasant style, to seven or eight country newspapers. The establishment of "Local Notes and Queries" columns in several new quarters, by representatives of the provincial press, is also further facilitating archaeological research in no small degree. We are glad to see that so much attention is being given to the elucidation of our national and local history by the all-powerful public instructor, the press; and the marked interest which the reading public evinces in the same important matter.

The "Masonic Magazine" for May contains many papers which will be read with interest outside the charmed circle of Freemasonry. Notable amongst these are an article entitled "The Rod, in and out of School," from the pen of Mr. J. H. Leggot, an able and pleasing historical writer; "Customs and Superstitions connected with Judas Iscariot," by Mr. H. C. Appleby, a paper which shows the author to have an intimate acquaintance with legendary lore; and a contribution on "Whitsuntide Customs," written by Mr. T. B. Trowsdale, author of "Glimpses of Old Kent," &c.—"Brief," May 7.

An Act against swearing and cursing was passed in the reign of James I., and another for the more effectually suppressing of cursing and swearing in that of William and Mary. Both these, however, were repealed in the reign of George II., and another passed "more effectually to prevent profane swearing," which was ordered to be read quarterly in all parish churches and public chapels. A curious case of the non-observance of this clause is noticed in the "Gentleman's Magazine," xlii., p. 339: "On July 6th, 1772, a rich vicar and a poor curate paid into the hands of the proper officer £15, the first £10, the latter £5, for neglecting to read in church the act against cursing and swearing.—From 'The Derbyshire Gatherer,' edited by William Andrews, F.R.H.S."

This month a new magazine for ladies is issued under the title of "The Princess," by Roberts and Co. It is a good addition to our monthlies, and merits success.

#### PRINTERS' KISSES.

Print on my lips another kiss;  
The picture of thy glowing passion;  
Nay this won't do, nor this—nor this—  
But now—ay, that's a *proof impression!*  
But yet methinks it might be mended;  
Oh, yes, I see it in those eyes;  
Our lips again together blended,  
Will make the *impression* a REVISE.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

We understand that Bro. E. Matier wishes not to serve on the House Committee of the Boys' School, he having expressly refused to be nominated.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, Order of St. Lawrence, will be held at 2, Red Lion-square, W.C., on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon. There are various candidates to be admitted as members of the Order.

For the convenience of the public Kingston's Railway Office, Southampton-street, Fitzroy-square, will be open late every evening next week for the sale of Great Western Railway excursion tickets.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Wednesday, the 31st May, at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, by the brethren of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Bro. C. Lorking, S.D. 1524, in the chair, to commence at seven o'clock.

The annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Chapter of N. and E. Yorkshire will take place next Thursday, at York, under the banner of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236.

The future meetings of the Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, will be held at the Guildhall Tavern, King-street, City.

We are asked to state that the future meetings of the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, will be held at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-street, E.C., every Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

It may be gratifying to our readers to learn that on the occasion of our esteemed Grand Master the Prince of Wales's visit to Truro, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Cathedral in the evening of that day, Bro. J. Pain, P.M. of the Stockwell Lodge, 1339, has been specially engaged to furnish a pyrotechnic display of a most elaborate character, and which it is stated will far eclipse any thing that has heretofore been seen in that part of the kingdom.

The first Masonic Hall erected in Georgia is still standing. Its corner-stone was laid in 1799; it was occupied in 1801, and sold in 1854. It is a frame building, the farthest remove in appearance from our modern ideas of a Masonic Temple. The *Masonic Age* for April gives a cut of the old Hall.

Bro. Sir James Macnaghten M'Garel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P. for Truro, completed his 57th year on Monday, the 3rd inst., having been born at Calcutta on May the 3rd, 1823. He is the oldest son of the late Right Hon. Sir James Weir Hogg, Bart., whom he succeeded in the baronetcy in 1876, having been previously created a K.C.B. (Civil) in 1874.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday, the 6th inst.—the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, on the throne—when, after a division as between Sir James Bain and Bro. William Pearce, the former was appointed by a majority to be Provincial Grand Master of the Glasgow City Province. A letter was submitted from Lord Ramsay, M.P., resigning his office of Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, owing to pressure of other duties. A statement of the finances for last quarter showed that the income of Grand Lodge had exceeded the expenditure by £720, and that there had been 1050 entrants to the Craft.

Prince Leopold left Liverpool on Thursday afternoon, in the Allan Royal Mail steamer "Sardinian," for the Canadian tour which has been for some time in prospect. The Prince arrived at the London and North-Western Terminus in Lime-street about five o'clock, and drove in the Mayor's carriage to the landing-stage, whence he embarked on the steamer. His Royal Highness expressed the desire that no municipal demonstration should be made in Liverpool, and there was, therefore, nothing in the form of a public ceremonial. The Prince was accompanied by the Hon. A. Yorke, Colonel McNeill, and Dr. Rhyl, his private physician.



A bust of Major Chard, the "Hero of Rorke's Drift," executed by Mr. Edgar G. Papworth, is now being exhibited in the Grosvenor Gallery. Major Chard gave sittings for this bust simultaneously with those given to Mrs. Butler for her picture, commissioned by the Queen.

Every effort is being made to obtain an influential list of Stewards to give *clat* as well as commercial strength to the occasion of the Lord Mayor's presiding over the festival of the Royal General Theatrical Fund.

The Mercers' Company have voted the sum of one hundred guineas in aid of the extension and maintenance of the Brompton Consumption Hospital.

The Fifty-third Anniversary Festival of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum will take place at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of Mr. James Hiscutt Crossman, of the firm of Messrs. Mann, Crossman, and Paulin.

The *conversazione* of the Pharmaceutical Society is fixed for Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the South Kensington Museum.

A model of the monument in St. Paul's Cathedral erected to the memory of the soldiers who fell in the Crimean war has been presented to the Corporation museum at Brighton.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will hold a levée at St. James's Palace on Monday, the 31st inst.

A convocation of Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday last. A report will appear in our next.

The Press Association have made a present of £100 to Mr. John Lovell, their late manager, who has accepted the editorship of the *Liverpool Mercury*. Mr. Robbins, present secretary, assistant manager, is mentioned as likely to take the place vacated in June by Mr. Lovell.

The *Graphic* of Saturday, May 8th, contains an engraving of a new Masonic Hall at Koolangsu, China, erected to accommodate the members of the Ionic and Corinthian Lodges. It was designed by Bro. W. Danby, of Hong Kong, and contains a spacious hall of fifty-feet in length by twenty-five feet in breadth. The engraving is from a photograph by Bro. St. J. H. Edwards, of the American Consulate.

A bazaar will be held at the Holloway Hall on the 9th, 10th, and 11th June, in aid of the building fund of Holy Trinity Church, Crouch-hill, Hornsey, the Rev. John Robertson, M.A., Vicar designate. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex will attend in state and open the bazaar on Wednesday, June 9th, at 3 p.m.

At the levée on Friday, the 7th inst., Bro. Horace Jones, City Architect, and Capt. Gray, of the 7th Surrey Volunteers, were presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by the Lord Mayor. Mr. Edward Clarke, O.C., was presented by the Lord Chancellor. Amongst those who attended the levée were Alderman Sir C. Whetham, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk), Bro. Baron de Worms, M.P., Baron de Rothschild, the Rev. Prebendary Mackenzie, Rev. S. Flood Jones, &c.

The Post Office authorities announce that notice has been received from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company that, in future, their packets leaving Southampton on the 9th and 24th of each month will go on from Rio de Janeiro to Monte Video and Buenos Ayres, instead of stopping short at Santos; and that the packet which now leaves Southampton on the 30th of each month for the River Plate direct will be discontinued. This alteration will commence with the packet leaving Southampton on the 24th inst.

The *Gazette* of Tuesday night states that the Queen has been pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon Captain Richard K. Ridgeway, Bengal Staff Corps, for conspicuous gallantry throughout the attack on Konoma on November 22nd, 1879, more especially in the final assault, when, under a heavy fire from the enemy, he rushed up to a barricade and attempted to tear down the planking surrounding it, to enable him to effect an entrance, in which act he received a very severe rifle shot wound in the left shoulder.

The "hardly ever" of "Pinafore" is certainly a plagiarism. It is taken from the story of an ecclesiastic who was confused by the honour of preaching before Louis XIV. During his discourse he had occasion to say, "We all must die." Then, catching breath, he turned in a complimentary way to Louis, and added, "Nearly all of us."

A shiftless patent attorney in Washington has gotten up an anti-Masonic sheet, in which he exposes himself much more than he does Masonry. All of its blows are only mouthfuls of wind. One of its facts is most telling against itself. It gives a list of ten churches in Washington, of different denominations, all "presided over by Freemasons."

Our townsman, Bro. R. F. Bower, is removing his library to more commodious and safer quarters, in a convenient room over his wholesale grocery store. Bro. Bower takes just pride in his library. It is said (and we believe with truth) to be the largest and most exhaustive collection of works on Freemasonry in the world. It represents the works of the Craft in the languages of continental Europe, as well as those in the English tongue. And this Masonic library is only a section of the wonderful collection he has made. It has cost him many thousands of dollars, and like every intelligent man who has gratified himself in ministering to his pleasure in this respect, he is glad to have his friends enjoy it with him. When Bro. Bower has his books and pamphlets and manuscripts in shape he will not only derive great comfort from them, but will gladly share with any who appreciate his labour in securing such a magnificent library. May his book be spared from fire, from the attacks of predaceous insects, from all injurious influences, and be a blessing to him and his friends, and the generations following.—*The Daily Gate City*, Keokuk, Iowa.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post-free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 195, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

The Alexandra Palace will be re-opened this day (Saturday). Mr. Willing, the new lessee, has adopted a bold and liberal policy, for which he deserves the sympathy and support of the public.

An excellent portrait of Bro. the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, Secretary of State for India, was issued last week as an extra supplement to the *Illustrated London News*. It is taken from a photograph by Mayall, and is most life-like and characteristic.

Bangor Cathedral was re-opened on Tuesday, after a restoration, effected by Messrs. Thompson, of Peterborough, from the late Sir Gilbert Scott's designs. The present work is a continuation of that completed in 1873, and embraces the renovation of the nave and transepts; the erection of new chapter and muniment rooms; and the external improvement of the edifice and its approaches. Through the efforts of Bro. Jarvis, the Masonic lodges of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, presented Bishop Campbell with a throne bearing emblems of the Craft, designed by Mr. Hathaway. The moiety of the cost of the present restoration has been borne by the Lord-Lieutenant of Carnarvonshire and Mr. Assheton Smith. The preachers at the opening services, which will be continued during the week, were the Bishop of Derry, Archdeacon Griffith, and the Rev. Dr. Forrest. The ordinary choir was supplemented by those from Chester, Hereford, and St. Asaph Cathedrals. A musical festival was given on Wednesday, a cantata, "Prayer and Praise," composed by Dr. Roland Rogers, the cathedral Organist, being included in the programme.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., the "Adelaide," a steel paddle steamer, intended for the Great Eastern Railway Company's Harwich route to the Continent, was successfully launched from the yard of the Barrow Shipbuilding Company. The christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Simpson, the wife of Mr. Lightly Simpson, one of the directors of the Great Eastern Railway Company. The dimensions of the "Adelaide" are—length, 260 feet, beam 32 feet, with a gross tonnage of 960 tons, and accommodation for nearly 200 passengers. She is fitted with compound oscillation surface condensing engines of 1600 indicated horse power. She is expected to be running between Harwich and the Continent next month. The "Lady Tyler," another addition to the Company's fleet, built on the Tyne, is expected to commence running at the same time.

Our attention has been called to the fact that out of twelve Masonic M.P.'s belonging to the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, we only alluded to four; the other eight are Bros. Wm. Amhurst Tysen Amherst, P.G.S.W. Norfolk, representing West Norfolk; Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., P.G.W., representing Gloucestershire; Sir George Macpherson Grant, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon, representing Elgin and Avon; Thos. Fredk. Halsey, P.G.M. Herts., representing Hertfordshire; Lieut.-Col. Edward Hegan Kennard, representing Lynton; Hon. Thos. Chas. Agar-Robartes, representing East Cornwall; Percy Broderick Bernard, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks. Oxon, P.P. S.G.W. Connaught, representing Bandon; and Col. Sir Henry James Edwards, P.G.M. Yorks., representing Weymouth.

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or P.O.O. value 3s. 2d.—[ADVT.]

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#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 21, 1880.

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, day, or month of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 15.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.  
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 " 1384, Loyalty and Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.  
 " 1767, Kensington, King's Arms, Kensington.  
 Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.  
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-l., N., at 8.  
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.  
 Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.  
 Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

#### MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.  
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
 " 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
 K.T. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.  
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.  
 Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.  
 Camden, Guildhall Tav., King-st., City, at 8.  
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.  
 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.  
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
 West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.  
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.  
 British Oak Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.  
 Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.  
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8.  
 St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
 New Finbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8.  
 Kilburn, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30.  
 Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 8.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.  
 Lodge 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
 " 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.  
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Brdg.  
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Station Restaurant, at 7.30.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.  
 Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.  
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.  
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.  
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.  
 Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.  
 " 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.  
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn.  
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.  
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Regent-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.  
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 8.45.  
 Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.  
 United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.  
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.  
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, S.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 20.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.  
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton.  
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 " 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.  
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
 " 1623, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st.  
 Chap. 63, St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 " 834, Andrew, Bell & Anchor Hot., Hammersmith-rd.  
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qts., 1st Surrey Rifles, Cambwl.  
 Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tav., Hampton Court.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.  
 Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.  
 Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.  
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.  
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
 North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 8.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
 Gen. Meeting and Election Ben. Inst., at 12.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 K.T. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.  
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., from 6 to 8.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.  
 Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.  
 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 22, 1880.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs., Southport.  
 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverston.  
 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
 807, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
 1276, Warren, Liscard.  
 1570, Prince Arthur, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.  
 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.  
 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.  
 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.  
 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.  
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 293, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.  
 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.  
 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.  
 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
 1570, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
 Chap. 240, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Mark 161, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 22, 1880.

MONDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.  
 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.  
 1170, St. George, M.H., Manchester.  
 Chap. 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.  
 277, Tudor, M.H., Oldham.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 1052, Callender, M.H., Manchester.  
 1534, Concord, Chester Bank, Prestwich.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.  
 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.  
 277, Friendship, M.H., Oldham.  
 325, St. John, M.H., Salford.  
 581, Faith, Drovers' Inn, Openshaw.  
 633, Yarborough, M.H., Manchester.  
 1129, St. Chad, Roebuck Hot., Rochdale.  
 1161, De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hot., Greenheys.  
 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hot., Mossley.  
 1634, Starkie, Railway Hot., Ramsbottom.  
 288, Loyal Todmorden, M.H., Todmorden.  
 Chap. 159, Starkie, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 42, Relief, Albion Hot., Bury.  
 268, Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Haslingden.  
 344, Faith, Bull's Head, Radcliffe.  
 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hot., Blackburn.  
 367, Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge.  
 816, Roys, Spring-Gardens Inn, Wardle.  
 1011, Richmond, Crown Hot., Manchester.  
 Chap. 204, Caledonian, M.H., Manchester.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

Lodge 152, Virtue, M.H., Manchester.  
 993, Alexandra, Mieway Hot., Levenshulme.  
 1773, Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BROOKMAN.—On the 8th inst., at 10, East Park-terrace, Southampton, the wife of Mr. Arthur Brookman, of a daughter.  
 DUNN.—On the 5th inst., at Clifton Cottage, Tulse Hill, the wife of Mr. W. Newton Dunn, of a son.  
 FISHER.—On the 3rd inst., at Great Ness, near Shrewsbury, the wife of Major C. E. Fisher, Bombay Staff Corps, of a daughter.  
 SOLOMON.—On the 24th March, at Clarens Ville, Sea Point, Cape of Good Hope, the wife of Mr. Saul Solomon, of a son.  
 TYLOR.—On the 9th inst., at Chislehurst, the wife of Mr. William A. Tylor, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CRAWCOUR—MILLER.—On the 11th inst., at 43, Redcliffe-gardens, South Kensington, by the Rev. Mr. Green, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lyons, Lottie, daughter of Mr. Lewin Crawcour, to E. T. Miller, of Colombo, Ceylon.  
 DE VIDA—HORMAN.—On the 3rd inst., at St. Helier's Church, by the Very Rev. W. C. Le Breton, M.A., assisted by the Rev. H. M. C. Price, M.A., Juan De Vida and Miss Mary Georgiana Horman, daughter of the late Mr. G. H. Horman, Solicitor-General for Jersey.  
 KNIGHT—ASHLEY.—On the 10th inst., at St. Pancras Parish Church, John W. Buxton Knight, son of the late Mr. William Knight, of Sevenoaks, Kent, to Isabella Ann Ashley, daughter of Mr. John Ashley, of Grafton-street, Fitzroy-square, London.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—On the 9th inst., at Toronto, Canada, the Hon. George Brown.  
 CROMPTON.—On the 9th inst., at Azerley Hall, Frances Caroline, the wife of Colonel Compton, of Azerley Hall, Yorkshire, aged 59.  
 MANCHESTER.—On the 10th inst., at 9, Addison-terrace, Notting-hill, Henry Manchester, son of Mr. John Manchester, aged 39.  
 SIMS.—On the 26th ult., at Yorkville, Ontario, Mr. Frederick L. Sims, in his 59th year.  
 TODD.—On the 10th inst., at Devonport-road, Shepherd's-bush, Mr. William Richard Todd, aged 70 years.  
 YOUNG.—On the 5th inst., at Leney, Clifton-park, Bristol, in her 80th year, Emma, wife of the Rev. Edward Young, M.A.

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