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## THE MASONIC CEREMONY AT TRURO.

The foundation stones of the Truro Cathedral were laid on Thursday, the 20th May, 1880, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with all the pageantry, pomp, and magnificence befitting a Royal and Masonic ceremonial.

The building of a Protestant Cathedral is a novelty among all the works of the age, and will represent the work of many generations, and the rejoicings were on a scale commensurate with the magnitude of the work. The inhabitants of Truro, and the Masonic and clerical bodies realised that the occasion was historic, and all classes co-operated to make the festival one which would cause the day to be enshrined in the memory of all who were privileged to participate in the event.

Truro wore a gay air, with the handsome triumphal arches and profusion of decorations which enshrouded every street and made pleasant the most unpretentious alley. The weather was truly Royal, the sun shining brightly upon a scene of kaleidoscopic grandeur. The streets of the city were crowded with visitors from early morn, and the proceedings, which were viewed by a vast and brilliant gathering, were barren of any one feature that could detract from a success triumphant in its completeness.

Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall at eleven o'clock, and there were present:—

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., acting as Grand Master in the absence of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales.  
 „ W. W. Beach, M.P., acting D.G.M.  
 „ Francis B. Allston, acting S.G.W.  
 „ Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, W.M. No. 1 (Lord Mayor), J.G.W.  
 „ Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Chap.  
 „ Rev. Arthur P. Purey-Cust (Dean of York), G. Chap.  
 „ Lieut.-Col. J. Creton, G. Treas.  
 „ W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., acting G. Reg.  
 „ Capt. Nath. Geo. Phillips, P.G.D., acting Pres. B.G.P.  
 „ Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.  
 „ R. F. Gould, S.G.D.  
 „ Frank Richardson, S.G.D.  
 „ Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, J.G.D.  
 „ John H. Scott, J.G.D.  
 „ John Gibson, G.S. of Wks.  
 „ Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., acting G.D.C.  
 „ Charles Greenwood, G.S.B.  
 „ C. S. Jekyll, G. Org.  
 „ W. Clarke, Asst. G.P.  
 „ H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The following brethren acted as Grand Stewards:—

Bro. Josiah Houle, P.M. 92.  
 „ Harold Carter, P.M. 92.  
 „ Wm. Lake, P.M. 131.  
 „ G. Drysdale, J.W. 222.  
 „ J. H. Sampson, I.P.M. 131.  
 „ J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143.

The following brethren were deputed to assist in the ceremony:—

Bro. W. J. Murlis, P.M. (Banner of Grand Lodge).  
 „ T. W. Willcocks, W.M. 131 (S. Warden's Col.)  
 „ J. J. Hawken, W.M. 331 (J. Warden's Col.)  
 „ Joseph Wallace, W.M. 75 (Cornucopia).  
 „ A. O. Mitchell, W.M. 121 (Wine).  
 „ W. Weaver, W.M. 318 (Oil).  
 „ E. D. Anderton, P.M. 131 (Mallet).

Bro. J. Farren Penrose, P.M. 101 (Trowel).  
 „ I. G. Vincent, W.M. 330 (Cor. Light).  
 „ George Kennedy, 330 (Doric Light).  
 „ John O. Job, W.M. 496 (Ionic Light).  
 „ W. B. Cory, 131 (G.M. Banner).  
 „ F. H. Shaw, W.M. 330.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Public Rooms by the R.W. Lord Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master, at 10.30 a.m. R.W. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M. of Devon, were present, and were received with the usual honours. At the close of the salutations the P.G.M. said that during the last few days he had been very hard at work, and had almost lost his voice. He would, therefore, ask the brethren to keep silent while he laid before them some matter on which, he considered, depended, in a great measure, the success of the present gathering. They would all know that a large number of the brethren present were entitled to admission into Grand Lodge—all Masters and Wardens, present and past. But, unfortunately, there arose a difficulty in the admission on this occasion. The room in which the Grand Lodge would be opened was too small to accommodate them. It would not contain over 150 persons. He would, therefore, ask them to permit him to decide who should be admitted. He thought that the Provincial Grand Officers and the present members of each lodge in the province might be accommodated, and the other brethren, he hoped, would kindly forego their privilege on this occasion. He would suggest that when the procession returned the Provincial Grand Officers and the Masters of the lodges should part off from it and proceed to the Town Hall, the rest of the brethren following him back to the Public Rooms. He had also to observe that as a large number of ladies would attend the luncheon all the passages of the Town Hall should be kept as clear as possible, and if any of the brethren of the class as specified found that there was not room for their admission to Grand Lodge, he would suggest that they would follow him to the Public Rooms. He would ask the brethren if those arrangements met with their approbation.

Bro. Carlyon proposed that the arrangements should be carried out, and by a vote of the lodge it was seconded and carried unanimously, and warmly approved.—The P.G.M. said he had another matter to bring before the lodge. He thought on the Duke of Cornwall, their Most Worshipful Grand Master, visiting Cornwall on a Masonic occasion, they would be somewhat neglectful if they did not present him with an address. The idea had occurred to him too late to be brought before the Masonic Committee, and, of course, there had not been any opportunity to consult Provincial Grand Lodge. He had, therefore, caused what he considered a suitable address to his Most Worshipful Grand Master to be drawn out for presentation. By their leave he would read it for their approval.

“To His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

“May it please your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master—We, the Provincial Grand Master, officers, and brethren of the Province of Cornwall, desire to be allowed to welcome your Royal Highness on this memorable occasion, with our respectful expression of loyalty and fraternal devotion as heir to the throne of England, Lord of the Ancient Duchy, and head of our honourable Craft. We rejoice in the occasion which has brought your Royal Highness amongst us to perform our ancient rites at the foundation of a building which, we believe, will be worthy of the high and holy purpose for which it is reared. It is an additional source of gratification to us that Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall has been graciously pleased to brighten the scene of our labours with her presence, and we earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may pour His blessing upon your Royal Highness and all those that are near and dear to you, and grant to you long life, health, and happiness.

(Signed) “MOUNT EDGCUMBE, P.G.M.  
 E. CARLYON, G. Secretary.”

The brethren expressed their warm approval of its sentiments, and on its being proposed and seconded that it should be adopted by the P.G. Lodge, it was put and carried unanimously with applause. The presentation was entrusted to the P.G.M.

The procession was then formed in the following order:—

Band of Music.  
 Two Tylers, with drawn swords.  
 Visiting brethren.  
 Lodges according to their numbers, juniors walking first.  
 Provincial Grand Officers of other provinces.  
 Provincial Grand Officers of Cornwall.  
 Architect with the plans.  
 A Cornucopia, with corn borne by } Grand  
 Master of a Lodge, two ewers, } Steward  
 with wine and oil borne by Mas- }  
 ters of Lodges.  
 Assistant Grand Pursuivant.  
 Grand Organist.  
 Trowel, borne by a Past Master. Mallet, borne by a Past Master.  
 Past Grand Sword Bearers.  
 Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
 Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
 Grand Superintendent of Works bearing a plate with the inscription for the Foundation Stone.  
 Past Grand Deacons.  
 Grand Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions.  
 President of the Board of General Purposes.  
 Past Grand Registrars.  
 Grand Registrar bearing the Great Seal.

Grand Treasurer bearing a phial containing the coins to be deposited in the stone.  
 Past Grand Chaplains.  
 Past Provincial Grand Masters.  
 Provincial Grand Masters.  
 The Corinthian Light borne by the Master of a lodge.  
 The Column of the Junior Grand Warden borne by a Master of a lodge.  
 The Junior Grand Warden with the plumb rule.  
 G. Steward. Banner of the Grand Lodge. G. Steward.  
 The Doric Light borne by the Master of a lodge.  
 The Column of the Senior Grand Warden borne by a Master of a lodge.  
 The Senior Grand Warden with the level.  
 Junior Grand Deacons.  
 The Grand Chaplain }  
 Grand Steward { bearing the Sacred Law } Grand Steward  
 on a cushion.  
 The Deputy Grand Master with the square.  
 The Ionic Light borne by the Master of a lodge.  
 The Grand Sword Bearer.  
 THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.  
 Senior Grand Deacons.  
 Two Grand Stewards.  
 Grand Tyler.

The procession started from the Public Rooms at 11.30, and marched, *via* Boscawen-street and Lemon-street, to Southleigh, in reversed order, followed by the whole of the Masons. Upon the head of the procession reaching Southleigh the brethren opened out, lining the whole of Lemon-street on both sides, to permit the carriage of H.R.H. the Princess to drive through. They then re-closed and faced the city. His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master having assumed his place in the procession, it moved off in the above detailed order, and arrived at the western entrance of the Cathedral about noon, the brethren passing through to the north-eastern enclosure and taking their seats, with the exception of the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, who formed in ranks standing on each side of the area of the western enclosure.

The preliminary prayers having been offered up by the Bishop of Truro, the Prince passed through the church into the north-east enclosure, in the centre of which a canopy had been erected for his accommodation. One of the windows of the old church overlooking this space had been removed, and around it was erected a carpeted platform for the Princess of Wales, and the occupants of the Royal Dais. The Prince was accompanied to the canopy by the Bishop of Truro, who was preceded by the Rev. Canon Mason, bearing the Bishop's crozier, and two acolytes. The Canons of the diocese were also assembled under the canopy, the Provincial Grand Officers were drawn up near it, and opposite them were the Clergy, the whole being backed by the assembled brethren. The Bishop of Truro opened the service, the whole of the Clergy joining in the responses.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS addressed the assembly, saying:—Be it known unto you that we, being lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, although not ourselves Operative Masons, have from time immemorial been associated with the erection of buildings raised for the benefit of mankind and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us secrets concealed from those who are not Masons, but they are lawful and honourable, and are not opposed to the laws either of God or of man. They were entrusted to Masons, in ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them down to our posterity. We are assembled here in the presence of you all to erect a House for the worship and praise of the Most High, which I pray that God may prosper as it seem good to Him. And as the first duty of Masons in every undertaking is to envoke His blessing, I call upon you to join our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The CHAPLAIN having offered up prayer,  
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS said: I now declare it to be my will and pleasure that the corner stone of this Cathedral be laid. The Grand Secretary will read the inscription on the plate.

COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, read the inscription as follows:—“This corner stone of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary's, Truro, is placed by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, this 20th day of May, 1880.”

COL. CRETON, Grand Treasurer, was next called upon to deposit a phial containing the coins of the realm in a cavity in the foundation stone, and the Grand Secretary placed the plate with the inscription on the lower stone. Bro. John Gibson, Grand Supt. of Works, afterwards adjusted the stone, a plain block of granite, and it was then lowered upon a basement of granite.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, having laid the stone, and proved its just form and position by the plumb-rule, said: I find this stone to be plumb, and that the Craftsmen have prepared it true and trusty.

Upon the level being handed to him, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, after testing the stone with it, said: I find the stone to be level, and that the Craftsmen have laboured skilfully.

The square was next handed HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, who having used it, said: I find this stone to be plumb, level, and square, and I declare it to be duly prepared and truly laid, and that the Craftsmen have worked well.

The gold vases belonging to the Grand Lodge used in the ceremonial were next handed the Grand Master.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, taking the cornucopia containing the corn, said: I scatter corn upon this stone as an emblem of abundance and plenty. May the good seed of

His word sink into the hearts of men, take root, and bring forth fruit a hundredfold to their benefit and His glory.

The ewer with the wine was next handed him, and HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS said: I pour wine upon this stone, the symbol of strength and gladness. May those who work upon this building, and those who shall hereafter meet within its walls, ever perform their allotted parts in the service of the Great Architect with cheerfulness and singleness of heart.

Taking the ewer with the oil HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS said: I sprinkle this stone with oil, the emblem of peace and harmony. May goodwill and brotherly love prevail amongst those who shall worship in this house to the glory of the Most High until time shall be no more.

Returning to the canopy, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, addressing the assemblage, said: Brethren, we are an ancient fraternity which from its earliest days has been identified with all that is beautiful and grand in architecture, and you will therefore be proud to have aided me, as I have been proud to work with you, in commencing a building which by the beauty of its design and the solidity of its construction will, we trust, be an ornament to this city and province for centuries to come. But, brethren, it is something far more than this. It is a temple to be erected to the glory and worship of one heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Creator of all things. And whatever minor differences there may be amongst us, I feel sure that the same spirit must be in your minds this day which animated the Jews of old when, as Ezra tells us, "The builders laid the foundation of the Temple of the Lord," and "they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David, King of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord, because He is good and His mercy endureth for ever. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord because the foundation of the House of the Lord was laid."

The Bishop of TRURO pronounced the dedication prayer, "In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this foundation stone, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Mr. Pearson, the architect of the new Cathedral, was next presented to the GRAND MASTER, who, after having examined the plans of the intended building, said to him: I place in your hands the plans of the intended building, together with the necessary tools, not doubting your ability and skill as a Craftsman; and I desire that you will proceed without loss of time with the completion of the work, in conformity with the plans and designs now entrusted to you.

A psalm having been sung, the representatives of the different lodges which had raised subscriptions in aid of the Cathedral Building Fund laid the purses containing their offering on the stone, and the ceremony concluded. The Royal party having returned to the western enclosure, and the Masonic gathering having waited within the northern enclosure until the second stone was laid, re-formed in procession and marched back to the Public Rooms, where the lodge was closed without further ceremony. After the second stone had been laid, His Royal Highness walked with the Grand Officers back to the Town Hall, where, as Grand Master, he closed the Grand Lodge in the usual form.

The mallet used by his Royal Highness in laying the Masonic foundation stone is one of great antiquity. It bears upon the silver plate affixed to it, the following inscription:—"By order of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, and W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, and with the concurrence of the brethren of the lodge, this plate has been engraven and affixed to this mallet, A. L. 5841, A. D. 1827, to commemorate that this being the same mallet with which His Majesty King Charles the Second, laid the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral, A. L. 5679, A. D. 1675, was presented to the old Lodge of St. Paul, the Lodge of Antiquity, by Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, R.A., D.G.M., W.M. of this lodge, and architect of the edifice." The trowel used by His Royal Highness was solid silver, with a beautiful piece of serpentine let into the handle, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Duke of Cornwall, Grand Master of England, on the laying the foundation stone of the Cathedral of St. Mary's, at Truro, 20th May, 1850."

The ceremony in the eastern enclosure having concluded the M.W. G. Master proceeded to the westward stone, the choir going before singing the 127th psalm "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it," to Purcell's music; and also the 97th psalm "Her foundations are upon the holy hills; the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." The westward stone having been adjusted by the Freemasons, the mechanical portion of the work being admirably carried out by Bros. W. Juleff, 331, Truro; Pengelly, 1554 (Camborne), and Grey, No. 589 (Redruth), under the superintendance of Bro. John Julian, 331 (Truro); the Prince laid the stone with the accustomed ceremonies as described in the Masonic ceremony. The Bishop of Truro (in the absence of the Archbishop) said, with a loud voice, "In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this stone (touching it) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Amen"—adding "Here let the true faith and fear of God, with brotherly love, ever abide; and be this place dedicated unto prayer and unto the invocation and praise of the most Holy Name of the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen." The Old Hundred was then sung by the whole assemblage; and at its conclusion, the Princess and the young Princes descended from the Royal dais and ascended the pavilion, where the Princess held a reception for those ladies and others who had purses to lay upon the stone. Her Royal Highness sat in a State Chair, whilst each lady ascended made a curtsy, handed her purse to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and passed on; the noble earl placing the purse on the stone. The names of these ladies will be found in the financial statement. The Lord Bishop then offered the concluding prayers—namely, a collect for the masons and workmen, a collect for the Gift of the Spirit, and a collect for all worshippers; and the ceremony ended.

The Grand and Provincial Officers returned to the Town Hall. The M.W. G. Master occupied the throne, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form. In addition to the Grand Officers present at the opening the following Past Grand Officers and officers of Provinces occupied their position in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sir Edmund A. L. Lechmere, Bart., Prov. G.M. Worcester.  
 Rev. John Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G. Chap.  
 Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap.  
 Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand.  
 Sir M. Costa, P.G.W.  
 J. P. M. Montague, P.G.D.  
 Charles Murton, P.G.D.  
 Robert Grey, P.G.D.  
 Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap.  
 Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.  
 John M. Case, P.G.D.  
 Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.  
 James Mason, P.G.S.B.  
 J. Lewis Thomas, P.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.  
 S. Mullens, P.G.S.B.  
 Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.  
 W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G.S.B.  
 Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G. Chap.  
 The Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire.  
 The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall.  
 L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M. Devonshire.  
 W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight.  
 W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex.  
 W. Stephens, P.G.D.C. Middlesex.  
 Richard John, P.P.G.D.C. Cornwall.  
 C. P. Henty, P.P.G.W. Sussex.  
 T. M. Humphries, P.P.G. Sup. Wks. Stafford.  
 E. F. C. B. Cave, P.P.G. Chap. Sussex.  
 W. Randall, P.P.G. Chap. Warwickshire.  
 T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex.  
 Lord Ebrington, P.G.M. Devonshire.  
 G. Bunt, P.A.G.D.C.  
 R. Grey, P.G.D.  
 H. Godfrey, P.P.G.S.W. Gloucester, &c., &c., &c.

The amount laid on the stone at the N.E. by some of the lodges of the province was nearly £300. A collection was also made for special Masonic purposes during the ceremony. It would be invidious in a simple report of the proceedings, where all concerned contributed by personal exertions to the success of the gathering, to mention names, but we cannot forbear referring to the invaluable services of Bro. Fenn, as the acting G.D.C. He was ably assisted by Bro. Grey, P.G.D., and Bro. R. John, P.P.G.D.C. Cornwall.

It is worthy of note that many Provincial Officers and Masters of lodges from a distance were accompanied by members of their respective lodges anxious to support their chiefs on the occasion. Amongst others Bro. Gould, G.S.D., was accompanied by two members of the Moira Lodge, No. 92; The R.W. Bro. James Horner Neilson, P.M. 629, (Ireland), P.G.S.W. of Egypt, and Grand Representative, came purposely from Dublin to take part in the proceedings as a member of No. 331, Truro. We may also mention that the Lord Mayor received a very warm greeting, and many were the enquiries after his lordship by the spectators eager to see that important personage.

Bro. J. Cooper Furniss, of No. 131, Truro, was the caterer of the luncheon and at other places in the city, and the Press has unanimously accorded to our worthy brother great praise for the admirable arrangements which contributed so much to the creature comforts of the brethren.

The decorations were on a magnificent scale; the arches particularly presenting a most brilliant and artistic appearance, and to Mr. Silvanus Trevail, architect, Truro, is due not only the original conception of the general idea, but also the designing of the manifold details; upon him has also devolved the duty of carrying them into execution.

We have only space to describe the Masonic arch. It is thoroughly pure and chaste in its design, and effectively rich in its decorations. The archway rises boldly to the public view from the entrance of Lemon-street. It is flanked on either side by a pair of splendidly proportioned Corinthian columns supporting entablature and cornices. The other side is similar. Between each pair of columns are Masonic badges—four in all. Towards Boscawen-street they represent the badges of the Royal Alpha Lodge, or the Prince of Wales's Own Lodge, and the installation jewel; and on the Lemon-street side the badge of the Grand Lodge, No. 1, and the Prince of Wales's badge and plume. Illuminations of these may be seen in Bro. W. J. Hughan's recent work on Freemasonry. Below the badge, are the ordinary signs of the working tools of Craft Masonry introduced in four groups. Towards Lemon-street the motto is "Hail, Master"—the Masonic greeting—and on the Boscawen-street side are the words "Faith, Hope, and Charity"—the three cardinal virtues of Freemasonry. The top is surmounted with a trophy of flags, having towards each face of the arch the Masonic arms, with supporters and motto. On either side, above the column, is a large vase containing ferns and flowers artistically arranged in lieu of statuary, and kindly lent for the occasion by Canon Phillpotts, of Porthgwillden. The architect's original design included four recumbent figures for this portion of the arch, representing "Truth, Merit, Justice, and Piety," but the funds would not permit this form of embellishment to be carried out. The columns of the arch are in Devonshire marble, which is intended by Mr. Trevail as a compliment to the brethren of the sister county. The capitals of the columns are gilded, and the body of the arch is in white marble, veined and jointed to represent actual Masonry.

The luncheon was laid in the Market House, a huge covered space admirably adapted for the purposes of a great festive occasion, and the normal appearance of which had been entirely obliterated by the free and tasteful dispositions of flags, mottoes, and evergreens. These streamed from the roof and covered the red walls, and made picturesque pillars essential components of a perfect decorative picture. The company—to the number of several hundreds—had no difficulty, thanks to the perfection of arrangements, either in reaching the rendezvous or in discovering their destinations, and shortly after two the throng and hungered throng were spiritedly discussing and contemplating the unvoiced scene. At a quarter-past two the swelling murmurs from without announced that the Royal guests were on the point of entering the improvised hall. As they did so there was a simultaneous rustling. In a moment the company was standing *en masse*, and vociferous cheering was shaking the festooned walls and resounding to the multitude outside. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe conducted the Princess of Wales through the area to the raised platform, the Prince of Wales escorting Lady Falmouth, the

young Princes following with Lord Falmouth, and following in the distinguished train were the Bishops of Truro, Exeter, Madagascar; the Lord Mayor of London, the Mayors of the local boroughs already alluded to, Earl St. Germans, Earl Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Clinton, Admiral the Hon. C. J. B. Elliot, General Pakenham, the Hon. T. C. Agar-Robartes, M.P., Sir J. St. Aubyn, Bart., M.P., Sir Edward E. A. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Sir James M'Carel-Hogg, Bart., M.P., Sir George Strachey, Bart., Sir C. B. G. Sawle, Bart., Mr. A. P. Vivian, M.P., Mr. W. C. Borlase, M.P., Mr. E. Brydges-Williams, M.P., Col. C. S. Cocks, Lieut.-Col. Tremayne, Lieut.-Col. Grylls, Lieut.-Col. Hawker, and a large number of distinguished visitors.

Grace was said before the meal by the Bishop of Truro, and after by the Bishop of Exeter. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe then rose, and was greeted with hearty cheers.

The noble CHAIRMAN, when the ovation had subsided, said: Our time is very precious to-day, and our toasts must be few, and our speeches short as possible, but you would not forgive me were I to allow you to separate on such an occasion without giving expression to our loyalty to the Crown by drinking "The Health of our Most Gracious Sovereign." (Loud cheers.) Queen Victoria holds a high place in the world, not merely because she rules over many nations, peoples, and languages—tyrants and bigots have done that in the history of the world—but because she enjoys the high privilege of reigning in the hearts, as well as over the destinies, of the freest, and, therefore, the most loyal people in the world. (Loud and long continued cheering.) And I say that British loyalty, although perhaps roughly and plainly expressed, is not to be found more genuine throughout Her Majesty's dominions than amongst the inhabitants of the somewhat remote and rugged peninsula of Cornwall. The toast was received with loud and prolonged cheering, during which the band played the National Anthem.

The noble CHAIRMAN then said: I have one or two more toasts with which to occupy your time from the chair. I need not tell you what the first of these toasts must be. (Cheers.) We have met here upon a very solemn and important occasion; we have met to inaugurate the commencement of a building which, we trust—and I believe there are many here who heartily join in the hope and prayer—may be of great benefit to the county—(loud cheers)—and of the highest interest; but we have also met here—and especially in this room—to welcome one, ay, more than one—(vociferous cheering, in the course which the Princess smiled and bowed her thanks)—whom we have for years longed to welcome in this manner. (Loud cheers.) And I may say I know from my own knowledge that the wish which we have entertained has been shared by those whose healths I am now going to propose to you. His Royal Highness has expressed to me on more than one occasion his desire for some good opportunity to arise for his coming into Cornwall—(loud cheers)—and when one morning, on board his Royal Highness's yacht, I ventured to suggest that the laying of the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral would afford that opportunity, without a moment's hesitation he said, "That is just what I should wish." (Loud cheers.) And now, ladies and gentlemen, we are here to give His Royal Highness a welcome. (Loud cheers.) We welcome him as Englishmen would welcome him in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, but we welcome him especially as the duke of this ancient Duchy of Cornwall, with which we are associated as the quasi subjects of that duke. (Cheers.) Many of us also welcome him here most cordially, and I say so particularly for the brethren, who welcome him as the head of our Ancient and Honourable Craft. (Loud cheers.) We thank him most heartily for having come upon this occasion to celebrate that which is really a great event in the history of Cornwall. (Loud cheers.) And I will add, if I may be allowed to do so, that after twenty years of service with His Royal Highness, during which twenty years I have met with innumerable instances of kindness, that it gives me the greatest happiness, personally, that it should have fallen to my lot to be your spokesman on this occasion. (Loud cheers.) And I need not say that there is no one here who will not go away with a pleasant feeling in his heart that our festival, which is smiled upon by the sun, has been graced by the presence of the illustrious lady who sits upon my right. (Loud cheers.) I have the honour, therefore, to propose to you "The Health of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, and the rest of the Royal Family," and amongst those, not least in that family, we must name especially Prince Albert Victor and Prince George, who, I feel sure, rejoice in having this opportunity of being welcomed in the county of Cornwall.

The toast was drunk amid loud cheers, the band playing meanwhile "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The PRINCE, in replying, said: Ladies and gentlemen,—I am most grateful to Lord Mount Edgcumbe and to the county for the kind way in which he has proposed this toast. And in the name of the Duchess of Cornwall, as well as my own, I beg to thank you for the way in which you have received it. It is almost needless for me to say the very great pleasure and the very great gratification it has given to us to come down into Cornwall. It is a matter of great regret to me that some years have certainly gone past since we were last here, but I rejoice that again I have had the opportunity of coming down to the Duchy; and after the kind way in which we have been received it will only make it incumbent on us to pay you visits more frequently in future. We have come here to-day for the purpose of performing an important service, and to all those who are concerned in the arrangement, I can only offer, on my part, and I am sure on the part of the Duchess, our congratulations on the very great success of everything that as appertained to the ceremony. The order that we met with in the street, and being favoured at the same time with so beautiful a sun,—good omens, I trust, for the future of this Cathedral. Ladies and gentlemen, as I know your time is short, I will not keep you any longer, but before sitting down I have a toast to propose to you, which I know you will all drink most enthusiastically—it is that of "Prosperity to the County of Cornwall, and the City and Diocese of Truro," (cheers), and I have great pleasure in connecting with that the names of our Chairman, Lord Mount Edgcumbe, the High Sheriff, on behalf of the county, the Bishop on behalf of the diocese, and the Mayor on behalf of the city. (Cheers.) It will be bad taste on my part to dilate on anything concerning them personally, but I am sure the Chairman, the Lord-Lieutenant, will allow me to express to him, as representative of the Sovereign of this country, many thanks for the manner in which everything has been done

here, not forgetting my acknowledgments to my host and hostess with whom we have been staying, and to thank all others most sincerely who have contributed to the success of the proceedings of to-day. (Cheers.) The welcome we have received is one that will remain vividly engrained on our memories, and to that welcome I extend most cordially and thoroughly to you my wish for the prosperity of this county and this city, and, to quote your own motto, "One and All." (Loud cheers.)

The toast was acknowledged by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the High Sheriff, the Lord Bishop, and the Mayor of Truro.

Other toasts were responded to by the High Sheriff, the Bishop of Truro, the Mayor of Truro, Admiral Eliot, General Pakenham, Col. Archer, the Earl of Lathom, the Bishop of Exeter, and the Lord Mayor of London.

There was afterwards a successful promenade concert in the western enclosure, and brilliant illuminations and fireworks in the evening.

The following appeared in a daily contemporary, *The Western Morning News*, of the 10th inst., and as it presents an historical epitome of English Freemasonry and its connection with the Royal Family, we have much pleasure in reproducing it:—

Masonic assemblies and processions since the middle of last century have rarely been seen by the inhabitants of Cornish towns, and none ever occur in the London district. Whenever such meetings take place they always prove most attractive, and are the means of gathering large crowds of eager spectators. As a society, however, Masonry is private, and many even of its own members know little of the character and extent of its benevolent enterprises. The members under the jurisdiction of England, in London and elsewhere, educate, clothe, and board many hundreds of orphans annually, and have also numerous annuitants of aged Freemasons and widows scattered over the country, such beneficence being so thorough and hearty, that upwards of £100,000 are expended every year in aiding those of their unfortunate and needy brethren. The Grand Lodge of England has under its sway over 1500 active lodges, and is the oldest and largest Grand Lodge in the world. Their Grand Master is elected annually by the representatives of the several lodges present at the Freemasons' Hall, London, there having been forty-one so elected from early last century. From 1813 to 1842 H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex presided over the Grand Lodge, and from 1843 to 1869 the Earl of Zetland. The Marquis of Ripon occupied the "Throne" from 1870 to 1873, and on his resignation (which at the time caused much surprise) he was succeeded by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has been unanimously elected every year since that period.

His Royal Highness was initiated at Stockholm by his Majesty the King of Sweden in 1868; in 1870 the rank of Past Grand Master was conferred upon him in this country, and on the 28th April, 1864, the "Heir to the Throne" was installed as Grand Master at the Albert Hall, South Kensington, in the presence of some 8000 members, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.

The Prince of Wales has exhibited a marked appreciation of Freemasonry, and has served as Master of three lodges, one of which—bearing his own name—is an appointment so long as His Royal Highness continues to be the Prince of Wales. From 1737 to 1874 no less than fifteen Princes of Great Britain and Ireland have been admitted as Freemasons, three having been Princes of Wales. At the present time His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and his Royal Highness Prince Leopold have been Grand Wardens under their Royal brother, and the latter is Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire.

Her Majesty the Queen has for long been a warm supporter of the Masonic Charities, and is the patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales being the patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It is idle, therefore, to talk of the "revolutionary tendencies" of the Society as some Roman Catholics have done, for evidently it aims at securing the loving friendship of brethren and the peaceful progress of mankind. It is an unsectarian and non-political institution, and as such has accomplished much, and is calculated to be still more useful in such respects. In India the principles of the Order are taking deep root, and already Hindoos and Parsees assemble as Freemasons in the same lodges with Christians, Mahomedans, and the followers of Confucius.

The ceremony, however, of to-day is quite unique in character from an English standpoint, it being the first time that we know of historically that the Grand Master of the Freemasons (for the time being) has agreed to lay the foundation stone of a building for ecclesiastical purposes and an additional feature to the attractions of the day will be found in the fact that it will be the first occasion that the present Royal Grand Master has appeared in the clothing of the Order in any public Masonic gathering in England.

His Royal Highness in 1876 laid the foundation stones of the new docks at Bombay, the new market at Gibraltar, and the new post-office at Glasgow, but in this country it has been reserved for the most westerly country to have the honours of witnessing the first public appearance of his Royal Highness as Grand Master of the Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge who will be present to support their Royal Chief that day, will be mostly of high social rank, and distinguished as Freemasons. Rarely is a brother appointed to Grand Lodge office from the West of England, as only a few are so selected once a year from different parts of the country, so that such a number of Grand Officers is, indeed, a very rare sight out of Freemasons' Hall. Though larger assemblies have been held, for the quality or rank of the members present few, if any such, have surpassed that which will be represented in responding to the summons of their Grand Master that day. Neither will any have been more representative, for the thousand brethren in line will have come from many distant parts of England, some even from Scotland and Ireland, and a few connected with New Zealand and United States Lodges, &c.

The excellence of the arrangements are mainly due to the great exertions and efforts of the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who has been ably seconded by several of his officers, and certainly no means have been spared to ensure the comfort and convenience of the members of other provinces who visit the city of Truro to take part in the ceremony, and the Province of Cornwall has done its best to entertain them

and the Grand Lodge of England on such an important and unique occasion.

We have prepared a list of lodges represented, and visitors present, but the pressure on our space necessitates their being held over until next week.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of Grand Lodge for Wednesday, the 2nd June:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 28th April for confirmation.
3. The minutes of the Especial Grand Lodge at Truro on the 20th May for confirmation.
4. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

	£	s.	d.
The orphan children of a brother of the Lodge of Light in Adjoohia, No. 836, Fyzabad, Bengal, East Indies	50	0	0
A brother of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, London	250	0	0
A brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	200	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 905, London	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1416, London	150	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham	75	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford, Yorkshire	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Union, No. 166, London	50	0	0

8. Report of the Board of General Purposes.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report:—

1. In connection with the proposed erection of new offices for the use of the Charities there appears to be a contiguous plot of freehold ground in New Yard, the possession of which by Grand Lodge is highly important in connection with questions of light and air.

The Board are strongly advised that this plot of ground should be purchased, and they have been enabled to arrange that Grand Lodge by its trustees can purchase the fee simple, free from incumbrances, for the sum of £1050, and they have at the same time satisfied themselves that a tenant at a thoroughly remunerative rent can be obtained so long as is desirable.

They accordingly recommend that such purchase be sanctioned by Grand Lodge.

2. Having received formal complaint that a brother had violated the Constitutions by appearing in a public place or assembly (namely, one of Her Majesty's levées) wearing Masonic jewels without the authority of the Grand Master, the Board proceeded to deal with the matter, and caused the brother in question to be summoned to appear before them. It appearing that the error arose from a misconception of the Constitutions, and due submission having been made and regret expressed, it was not thought requisite to proceed further than admonition in the matter.

3. Lodge No. 401 (Slaidburn) having passed two brethren after an insufficient interval (viz., twenty-five days) from their initiation, the Board have ordered that the brethren be re-obligated in the Second Degree, and subsequently in the Third Degree at the proper interval, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the lodge.

Lodge No. 910 (Pontefract) having passed a brother after an insufficient interval from his initiation (viz., sixteen days) the Board have ordered that the brother be re-obligated in the Second Degree, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the lodge.

4. The Board further report that they have had under consideration the important question of the due preservation, by binding where necessary, and the improvement, by addition, of the excellent library belonging to Grand Lodge, in their charge, and they are unanimously of opinion that it is desirable that Grand Lodge should authorise an expenditure not exceeding £25 per annum for the above purposes.

The President will move in accordance with the foregoing recommendations.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th May, 1880.

At a meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved, that

"The Board desire to express their appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy of their President, Sir John B. Monckton, and embrace this opportunity of congratulating him on the honour recently conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER, Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th of May inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5835 14s. 4d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s., and £22 14s. 5d. in the hands of the solicitor of the Society.

9. Appeals.

(1.) Appeal by the W. Master, officers, and other members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 864, Cape Town, against the decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa,

Western Division, for declining to entertain a complaint against certain brethren of the lodge for conspiring to black ball candidates.

(2.) Also appeal by Bro. Thomas Gardner, the Secretary of the said lodge, No. 864, complaining of certain expressions used, respecting him, by the District Grand Secretary, in an official communication addressed to him by direction of the District Grand Master.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

10. Proposed Motions.

(1.) By Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Gd. Treasurer—"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

2. By Bro. James Stevens, P.M. No. 720: "That, inasmuch as all laws made by this Grand Lodge should be strictly observed and respected, this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the resolution of Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee of Past Masters for enquiry into the merits of the respective systems of working, &c., adopted on the 1st December, 1869, and confirmed on the 2nd March, 1870, and which thereby and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Fraternity, regulating the government of Grand Lodge (Section 8, page 28, became a law, should be carried into effect."

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:—

Masters:—Bros. Charles Atkins, 1260; Edward Cutler, 197; Frederick H. McCalmont, 394; Herbert Monckton, 593; Richard Notley, 1150; George Pitt-Lewis, 444; Charles Wm. Thompson, 969; and Francis Charteris Wemyss, 1615.

Past Masters:—Bros. Albert J. Altman, 1657; Wm. Coppard Beaumont, 26; Henry Bishop, 66; Henry B. Dubois, 1777; Henry E. Frances, 857; Edward B. Graham, 19; Frank Green, 1567; Henry Harben, 92; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, 205; John Matthew Klench, 1686; Henry C. Levander, 632; Alfred M. D. Meadows, 4; Macrae Moir, 66; William Henry Perryman, 3; Samuel Poynter, 902; James Stevens, 1216; John G. Stevens, 554; and Alfred Henry Tattershall, 140.

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board:—

Bros. Frederick Adlard, 7; Brackstone Baker, 21; James Brett, 177; Ralph Gooding, 1; Edward Letchworth, 1579; James Henry Matthews, 143; Samuel Poynter, 902; and Griffiths Smith, 560.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—

Bros. Charles Atkins, W.M. 1260; James Brett, P.M. 170; William Clarke, P.M. 114; Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; William F. C. Mountrie, P.M. 11; George Penn, P.M. 1642; Alf. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Henry George Warren, P.M. G.S.L.; James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507.

NEW LODGES.

- No. 1856.—St. George's Lodge, Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand.
- 1857.—South Rakaia, South Rakaia, Canterbury, New Zealand.
- 1858.—St. John's Lodge, Ashburton, Canterbury, New Zealand.
- 1859.—Prudentia Lodge, Negapatam, Madras.
- 1860.—Phoenix Lodge, Simon's Town, Cape of Good Hope.
- 1861.—Claremont Lodge, Esher, Surrey.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Henry Smith, V.P., Prov. G. Sec. for West Yorkshire, in the chair. The attendance of brethren was large.

Bro. JAMES TERRY (Secretary) read a letter from Bro. Francis Knollys, dated Marlborough House, the 5th inst., in which he was desired by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to inform Bro. Terry, in reply to his letter of the 28th ult., that His Royal Highness had approved of the 23rd of February, 1881, as the day on which the next Festival of the Institution should take place.

The report of the Audit Committee was then received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were confirmed, and Bro. Terry then read the following report:

In presenting the annual report to the Governors and Subscribers, the Committee of Management have much pleasure in congratulating them upon the continued prosperity of the Institution, evidenced by the large amount of donations collected by the Stewards at the Festival, which, by command of the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, N.W.G.M., was held on the 9th February last, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, supported by a Board of 230 Stewards, who brought in no less a sum than £12,280. The Committee tender their warmest thanks to the Earl of Zetland for his kindness in taking upon himself the arduous task of Chairman upon the occasion, and also to the brethren who so nobly exerted themselves to raise this large amount.

In May, 1879, there were 145 male and 145 female annuitants upon the fund; to-day, waiting election, there are thirty-one men and forty-eight widows.

Since the last election seventeen men and sixteen female annuitants have died, and the Committee, naturally being desirous of extending the benefits of the Institution as widely as they prudently can, have determined not only to fill up these vacancies, but to add fifteen additional annuitants (viz., five men and ten widows) upon the already large list of recipients, so that after to-day there will be 150 males and 155 females upon the funds, the total amount of whose annuities will reach £10,960. There are also twenty widows receiving £20 each per annum (being half the amount of their late husbands' annuity), making the total payment £11,360 in annuities alone, without the ordinary and necessary working expenses.

The Committee venture to think that the following figures may not be without interest, as showing the growth of the Institution during the past nine years:—

	Male Annuitants.		Female Annuitants.		Total annual amount paid.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
1872	114	£2964	78	£1950	£4914
1873	115	4140	81	2268	6408
1874	120	4320	88	2484	6804
1875	130	4080	98	2744	7424
1876	130	4680	113	3104	7844
1877	144	5760	127	4064	9824
1878	145	5800	134	4288	10,088
1879	145	5800	145	4640	10,440
1880	150	6000	153	4980	10,980

With these figures before the donors and subscribers, the Committee leave the support of the Institution in future with greater confidence to the liberality of the Craft, feeling assured that the work thus being done must commend itself to its favourable consideration and sympathy.

It will thus be seen that the Institution is in a most prosperous condition, mainly owing to the continued exertions of the Secretary, Bro. Terry, whose untiring energy and zeal for its welfare are deserving of the highest praise. Since his accession to office the income of the Institution has steadily increased, for whereas in 1874 the sum announced at the annual festival was £5176, the amount has risen in 1880 to the above-mentioned sum of £12,280, and your Committee tender its best thanks to Bro. Terry for his great efforts in bringing about such a glorious result.

To Grand Lodge the Committee again renew their thanks for the grant of £70, enabling them to provide the residents of the Institution with coals during the inclemency of the winter months.

The Institution at Croydon is in a thorough state of repair, but the time will shortly arrive when the usual painting and renovations will have to be attended to.

The health of the residents is, as usual, well cared for by H. J. Strong, Esq., M.D., the honorary surgeon, to whom they accord their heartiest thanks for his kindness and attention.

An offer having been made by R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., to attend to the ailments of the non-resident annuitants without fee, the Committee accepted this generous offer with their warmest thanks, and appointed him an honorary surgeon, and they have reason to know that in many instances his attention has been of great service to those who have needed his care.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, ending the 31st March, 1880, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:

MALE FUND.	
Balance 31st March, 1879	£2,921 10 11
RECEIPTS.	
Donation from Grand Lodge	£500 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	100 0 0
Do. lodges, chapters, and individuals	6691 5 2
Annual subscriptions do.	973 10 0
Dividends on stock in the Government Funds	1879 2 1
Rent of field	9 0 0
Cash withdrawn from call	1500 0 0
Interest on cash at call	6 9 0
	11,659 12 3
	£14,581 3 2

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Annuitants	£5560 0 0
Salary of Secretary and clerk	352 10 0
Collector—commission	121 13 0
Messenger	5 0 0
Secretary—provincial expenses	44 12 11
Medicine for residents at Institution	12 10 0
Warden at Institution	20 0 0
Pension to late gardener, and gardener's salary	54 12 0
Rates and taxes at Institution	29 16 10
Repairs and furniture	15 8 4
Law charges	4 14 6
Stationery, printing, &c.	47 12 10
Advertisements	9 4 0
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	164 7 10
Petty expenses	13 10 4
Entertainment of Stewards and annuitants	34 8 7
Votes of thanks to Stewards	19 10 0
Balance—building gardener's lodge and greenhouse	51 1 11
Gardening expenses	5 15 1
Hire of hall on day of election	2 12 16
Rent of office	18 0 0
Rent of field at Croydon	16 18 10
Placed at call	1500 0 0
Purchase of stock	2431 17 6
Brokerage and powers of attorney	21 13 2
	£10,558 2 2
Balance on this fund	£4,023 1 0

WIDOWS' FUND.	
Balance 31st March, 1879	£3,252 0 5
RECEIPTS.	
Donations from Grand Lodge	£300 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	50 0 0
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	4796 10 6
Annual subscriptions	762 12 6
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	1059 6 11
Rent of field	9 0 0
Cash withdrawn from call	1500 0 0
Interest on cash at call	6 9 0
	8,483 18 11
	£11,735 19 4

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Annuitants	£4741 0 0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	352 10 0
Collector—commission	99 1 0
Messenger	5 0 0
Secretary—provincial expenses	44 12 10

Medicine for residents at Institution	12 10 0
Matron at Institution	50 0 0
Pension to late gardener, and gardener's salary	28 12 0
Rates and taxes	29 16 8
Repairs and furniture	15 8 4
Law charges	4 14 6
Stationery, printing, &c.	47 12 11
Advertisements	9 4 0
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	151 4 4
Petty expenses	13 10 5
Entertainment of Stewards and annuitants	34 8 7
Votes of thanks to Stewards	19 10 0
Balance—building gardener's lodge and greenhouse	51 1 10
Gardening expenses	5 15 1
Hire of hall on day of election	2 12 6
Rent of office	18 0 0
Rent of field at Croydon	16 18 3
Placed at call	1500 0 0
Purchase of Stock	2431 17 6
Brokerage and powers of attorney	15 2 6
	9700 15 8
Balance on this fund	£2035 3 8

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.	
Balance 31st March, 1879	£37 15 8
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	58 15 0
	£96 10 0

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Repairs	£48 6 1
Brokerage and powers of attorney	1 4 0
	49 10 1
Balance on this Fund	£46 19 11

Total Balance as per Auditors' Report £615 4 7

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:

MALE FUND.	
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£500 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	100 0 0
Dividends on £35,450 Stock in Government Funds	1041 7 0
	£1,641 7 0

WIDOWS' FUND.	
Annual grant from Grand Lodge	£300 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	50 0 0
Dividends on £21,075 stock in Government funds	619 1 10
	969 1 10

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.	
Dividends on £1000 stock in the Government funds	30 0 0
Total permanent income	£2640 8 10

HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks. Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
21st May, 1880.  
Bros. Thomas Goode, W. Hale, Quitmann, and J. Bulmer were elected on the Committee of Management; Bro. Thomas Goode in place of Bro. Griffiths Smith, who retired altogether, and the other three brethren in place of those who retired by rotation.

Bros. Henry C. Warren, A. H. Tattershall, and R. B. Webster were re-elected auditors.  
The poll was then declared open for the election of twenty-two men and twenty-six widows. At half-past five o'clock the scrutineers made the following announcement of the result of the poll:—

MALES.		
No.	SUCCESSFUL.	Votes.
1	Samuel Genese	2163
2	John Bennett	1968
3	John William Claisen	1786
4	William Jones	1523
5	William La Penotiere	1514
6	Henry Douglas	1505
7	William John Helps	1467
8	Thomas S. Morris	1467
9	Jonathan Leaver	1273
10	William Wood	1190
11	James Highland	1166
12	Henry Herbert	1166
13	John Hardman Lyon	1078
14	Edwin Booth	1062
15	Thomas Kendal	1041
16	Richard Broadbent	969
17	James Portlock	965
18	George V. Hague	930
19	Robert Cox Walker	774
20	John Flinn	772
21	James Wauldby	415
22	George Elliott	320

UNSUCCESSFUL.		
23	John Mannington	157
24	Joseph Crisp	35
25	George Ensell	9
26	John Dochar	7
27	William Croft	2
28	Joseph Bennett	Dead
29	Samuel Wilkinson	"
30	Edward Muruss	"
31	J. Emmerson	"

FEMALES.		
No.	SUCCESSFUL.	Votes.
1	Elizabeth Bull	1259
2	Sarah Pattison	1105
3	Matha Crispin	1091
4	Frances Blake	1073
5	Mary Ann H. West	1039
6	Jane Stafford	1029
7	Sarah W. Grace	1011
8	Elizabeth T. Maynard	973
9	Hannah B. Bamber	965
10	Ann Hawkins	955
11	Sarah White	938

			Votes.
12	Susannah C. Andrews	923	
13	Elizabeth Dawson	919	
14	Louisa E. Candler	846	
15	Marianne Rigby	838	
16	Harriet Palmer	796	
17	Sarah Ellen Hodgson	771	
18	Catherine Peters	759	
19	Elizabeth Child	721	
20	Mary Ann Spencer	695	
21	Ann Dumper	686	
22	Ann Dicker	642	
23	Ann Mary Prebble	632	
24	Sarah Woods	597	
25	Jane Willis	597	
26	Martha Weeks	545	

UNSUCCESSFUL.

27	Sarah Wright	536
28	Hannah Betsy Eade	503
29	Rebecca Martin	479
30	Isabella Elliott	454
31	Elizabeth Mary Mongar	454
32	Sarah Ann Allen	430
33	Maria Miller	415
34	Eliza Lafittau	404
35	Phillis Winter	387
36	Elizabeth Isherwood	377
37	Elizabeth Francis	157
38	Margaret Rowell	134
39	Sarah Ann Chrisp	127
40	Naomi Gambell	83
41	Ann Wakefield	70
42	Elizabeth Mary Ann Child	62
43	Mary Ann Bentley	43
44	Jane Harberfield	—
45	Eleanor Gregory	22
46	Hannah George	21
47	Jane Maddick	11
48	Sarah Coggin	Dead

The usual complimentary votes were proposed and carried.

GRAND LODGE BALANCE SHEET, 1879.

The following report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, was read, and, on motion duly made, it was ordered to be entered on the minutes:

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Analysis of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1879.

DR.

To Balance due from late Grand Treasurer, 1st Jan., 1879	£1,612 1 11
Do. in hands of Grand Treasurer, 1st Jan., 1879	1,032 9 0
	£2,644 10 11
Dividends on Consols	1,439 4 10
Contributions of Lodges	7,330 12 3
Fees of Honour	112 7 0
Privilege for publishing Calendar and Pocket Book	35 0 0
	£8,917 4 1
Transfer from Fund of General Purposes	10 0 0
Balance	701 15 0
Cash overdrawn, taken from Fund for General Purposes	701 15 0
	£12,273 10 0

STOCK.

31 Dec., 1879. Three per Cent. Consols... £50,010 10 6

FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

CR.

By Sundry amounts voted to Petitioners	£7,578 0 0
Donations to Royal Benevolent Institution	800 0 0
Printing summaries of lodge of Benevolence	28 0 0
	£8,406 0 0
Purchase of £4000 Three per Cent Consols	3,867 10 0
	£12,273 10 0

Analysis of receipts and payments for the year ending 31st December, 1879:—

DR.

To balance due from late Grand Treasurer, 1st January, 1879	£1,190 6 1
Do. in hands of Grand Treasurer, 1st January, 1879	2,610 6 7
	£3,800 12 8
Dividends on Annuities	455 6 3
Rents for house property, lodges, &c.	2,364 3 8
Contributions of lodges	7,458 5 6
Fees of honour	109 18 0
	10,387 13 5
Sale of Books of Constitution	96 10 3
Sale of charity medals	50 8 0
Subscriptions for Grand Lodge reports	5 12 6
	152 10 9
Grand Chapter, for one-fifth of salaries for year	455 15 0
	£14,796 11 1 0

STOCK.

31st Dec., 1879, Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities ... £18,000 0

CR.

By repairs and decorations	£653 9 5
Certificates and warrants	364 8 7
Postages	137 0 0
Petty disbursements	91 16 1
Wages	380 10 0
Rates and taxes	913 10 6
Donations and pensions	405 5 5
Printing and stationery	325 19 10
Salaries	2257 6 7

„ Miscellaneous expenses ...	278	4	5	
„ Purchase of charity medals...	52	10	0	
	£5860			0 10
„ Purchase of £6000 Three per Cent. Annuities ...				5781 5 0
„ Deposits on purchase of premises in Great Queen-street and New Yard ...		975	0	0
„ Transfer to Fund of Benevolence...			10	0 0
„ Balance ...			2170	6 0
„ Cash in the Bank of England £1271 16 0				
„ „ overdrawn by Fund of Benevolence ...		701	15	0
„ cash in hands of G. Sec. for petty cash ...				171 15 0
„ cash for servants' wages ...		96	15	0
„ cash in hands of P. de L. Long ...				25 0 0
			2170	6 0
	£14,796			11 10

Having examined the accounts with the books and vouchers I certify the same to be correct.  
(Signed) R. P. HARDING, Auditor.  
8, Old Jewry, E.C., January, 1880.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.**

A meeting of this council was held at the Masonic Rooms, 2, Red Lion-square, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. There were present Bros. C. F. Matier, D.G.M., as W.M.; D. M. Dewar, G. Sec., as S.W.; S. C. Dibdin, as J.W.; Alfred Williams, Conductor; J. E. Anderson, as I.G.; Thos. J. Pulley, Geo. Graveley, Walter Spencer, P.M.; C. H. Driver, Thos. Keene, Geo. Lambert, H. C. Lambert, R. P. Spice, and other brethren.

The following brethren were received into the Venerable Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr: Bros. Henry Hacker, Thos. Benham, Thos. Meggy, Fred. Walters, Thos. W. Adams, W. W. Morgan, and E. B. Florence, and after the council was closed the brethren partook of a grill at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of their Deputy Grand Master, Bro. C. F. Matier.

At the next meeting of the council the Degrees of Grand High Priest, the Red Cross of Babylon, and the Knights of Constantinople will be conferred on candidates.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided.

A very large number of brethren attended. On the motion of Bro. GLADWELL, seconded by Bro. MURLIS, it was resolved to accept the offer of Grand Lodge through Grand Secretary, to pay £85 a year rent for the new offices to be built for the Institution at the expense of Grand Lodge.

It was also resolved to renew fire insurance. The Committee also agreed to a gift of £10 to Miss Harkness, one of the girls of the Institution on her obtaining a situation.

The following resolution of the House Committee, moved by Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, and seconded by Bro. J. A. RUCKER, was read:—"That with a view of perpetuating in years to come, the memory of one who for considerably more than half a century, has most deservedly enjoyed the esteem and respect of all connected with this Institution, the success and prosperity of which is in no small measure due to her able management, as well as her gentle and thoughtful influence and example, a subscription, limited to one guinea, be set on foot for the purpose, with Miss Jarwood's permission, of having that lady's portrait painted by an artist of eminence to be placed on the walls of the Institution."

Six candidates were placed on the list for the election in October.

Bro. THOMAS BULL, P.M. and P.Z. 145, presented, in the name of that lodge and chapter, £100, subscribed by the brethren and companions for presentation to the Institution.

Bro. C. A. COTTEBERRONE gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the sum be accepted, and that an annual prize in the School be established, of the value of £3 3s., to be called the "John Boyd Memorial Prize," to commemorate that brother's services to the Institution.

The brethren then proceeded to elect the House and Audit Committees for the ensuing year. The result, which was declared at seven o'clock, was as follows:—

Bro. Edmund Mather ...	284
„ Alfred Henry Tattershall ...	272
„ John A. Rucker ...	271
„ Griffiths Smith ...	269
„ Frank Richardson ...	268
„ Edward Letchworth ...	267
„ Henry A. Dubois ...	262
„ Joshua Nunn ...	262
„ Lieut.-Col. James Peters ...	261
„ Peter de Lande Long ...	258
„ William Hope, M.D. ...	253
„ Charles Hammerton... ..	241
„ Edward Cox ...	96
„ Thomas Cubitt ...	94
„ John A. Farnfield ...	86
„ William Stephens ...	83
„ Reuben R. Davis ...	71
„ Edgar Bowyer ...	68
„ John H. Southwood ...	67
„ Edward Terry ...	65
„ John Bellerby ...	63
„ T. W. C. Bush ...	62
„ Chas. G. Hill ...	60
„ C. H. Webb ...	42

The first twelve of the above brethren were declared duly elected.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.		Votes.
Bro. Henry C. Levander ...	...	309
„ Herbert Dicketts ...	...	296
„ John G. Chancellor ...	...	294
„ Robert B. Webster ...	...	292
„ William Roebuck ...	...	290
„ William Bailey ...	...	288
„ James Cutbush ...	...	283
„ Henry Venn ...	...	273
„ Thomas Kingston ...	...	257
„ Robert Berridge ...	...	96
„ Hyam M. Levy ...	...	61

The first nine of the above brethren were declared duly elected. A vote of thanks to the Scrutineer and Chairman closed the proceedings.

**LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.**

The exertions of this useful and needed association have been crowned in the elections of Friday last with the success their zealous and fraternal endeavours deserved. They elected, or aided to elect, Mrs. Maynard, Rigby, Child, Candler, Palmer, Bros. Genese and Claisen. Helps was so gallantly supported by his friends, that he needed no help, which otherwise was ready. The only disappointment was Mrs. Martin, which appears to have arisen from some misunderstanding. Widows votes were in demand, and the society may fairly be congratulated both on its active exertions and honest success. Each election demonstrates more and more its need and utility. Many who once doubted its "good," now see how simple and yet how true and "thorough" is its working, and though individual interests are many, and petitions for help urgent, it has succeeded in maintaining the confidence of its members and friends, and even won the good opinion of quondam opponents.

We understand that it will soon be having its annual meeting, when a report of the proceedings for 1880 will be submitted, and new members admitted.

Several new members have been recently elected, and we hear that now all members vote at the selection of candidates; thus the Association becomes a very useful medium for ascertaining weak or doubtful cases, and putting forward the strong and good. Bro. A. Tisley, 1, Clifford's Inn, E.C., will give any information as to its object, working, or the means of becoming a member of it.

**NOTES ON THE RITUAL.**

I "note" my friend, Bro. Hughan's, critical and thoughtful words anent these little effusions, and wish, (for fear of misconception), to point out one or two little facts. I did not publish these "rough notes" for controversy or to land ourselves in a discussion inside the "permitted lines" of Masonry, but simply as a matter of information for a distinguished foreign brother. He wrote to ask me, in a most complimentary manner, my opinion of a work he is preparing in German, and I, therefore, thought it better, without adding to his pages, to give him—as he understands English well—my "notes" on the subject. They are, as all must see, rough, cursory, fragmentary, and I am impeded, as Bro. Hughan sees, by the difficulty, according to our English views, of dealing with the subject properly in the pages of the *Freemason*.

But as I am most cautious also not to overstep our "boundary lines," and I am most alive to the objectionability of any such course, I hope that my caution and reticence will be approved by all my readers. I have myself been sometimes greatly pained by the freedom with which writers, at home and abroad, have discussed the ritual, and I have seen several statements of verbiage and ceremonial which ought never to have appeared in print at all. But, then, on the other hand, we need not fall into the other extreme of inveighing against all such discussions, so long especially as they are directed to archaeological studies, and treated as purely antiquarian questions.

Bro. Hughan and myself have sought in many disquisitions to take most of such matters out of the mistaken muddle of a hopeless fanaticism, and to raise them to the sober and serious position of interesting and archaeological questions, affecting our Craft alike historically and realistically. If we have erred in times past, and if I have erred in such recent harmless notes, I can only express my heartfelt regret.

One point, and only one, will I touch on here. Bro. Hughan seems to limit Degrees to 1717. Bro. Gould would, if I understand him rightly, make them even *post* 1717, but though the word "Degree" in Masonic usage is doubtless of late eighteenth century use, correctly speaking, the older and triplex division may be traced before 1717 both in England and in Scotland, perhaps not in distinct nomenclature, as First, Second, and Third Degrees, but as Master, Fellow Craft, and Apprentice.

In 1723 Anderson, if I remember rightly, does not use the word "Degree," but he treats the division of Master, Fellow Craft, and Apprentice as of very old standing indeed, and curiously interweaves the old purely operative relationship as between Master and Apprentice into the speculative charges of a Freemason. It is therefore a fair presumption that whatever was thus recognized in 1723 was good in 1717, in fact "within legal memory," as otherwise Anderson was palming off a palpable innovation as an old charge, though he talks especially of such charge being in use in the Fraternity, "especially since the Reformation," which would throw his view of the existence of such regulations nearly 200 years back. I cannot conceive, for one, that Anderson thus writing publicly in 1723 would have dared to assert this threefold division of Grades unless it was of old and recognised authority. Because it is clear that in 1723 something could be done by a Master Mason which a Fellow Craft could not do, and some things could be done by a Fellow Craft which an Entered Apprentice could not do. One objection, from the want of records of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason meetings, is met by the fact that unless you held the general assembly to be a myth, the granting of the Second and Third Degrees could only take place there as at York, or at a quarterly communication in the South. Probably the lodges only did confer the First Degree until a comparatively late period in the eighteenth century, and then conferring the Second Degree also, they formed separate "Master's Lodges," which,

probably, as our olden Royal Arch Chapters did, served for several lodges.

At page 151, 1738, Constitutions, Anderson talks of two "Fellow Crafts, (Master Masons)," and much of the difficulty now occurs from this almost synonymous usage of the terms. In 1721, unless by a dispensation, Fellow Crafts and Master could only be admitted at a quarterly communication, and this is, I fancy, the real explanation.

In 1738 we see that on November 22nd, 1725, it was agreed, as I understand, by a resolution of Grand Lodge, that Masters and Fellows might be "made" at "discretion" in private lodges." Such resolution can still probably be found at Freemasons' Hall, as Grand Lodge minutes, go back to 1723. Anderson is the first who, apparently however, uses the word "Degree" in his "Defence of Masonry," 1730, when he talks of the "Degree of Entered Prentice, Master of his trade or Fellow Craft, and Warden or Master of the company."

**FIFTY-SIX YEARS A MASON.**

Right Worshipful the District Grand Master of English Masons here,  
Permit us to extend the hand  
Of Brotherhood and friendly cheer.

No jurisdiction's bans prevent  
Our doing honour, sir, to you.  
Honours to you with one consent  
Are given, and they are but your due.

Nigh three score years within the Craft  
Your years upon us have a claim,  
But better still you well have borne  
Spotless, unstained, a Mason's name.

'Tis fifty years, yet but a day,  
Since first upon the Mason's Chair  
Your name you earned within your lodge;  
And well your honours still you wear.

Chief of your brethren in this land,  
Connected with old Albion dear,  
By mystic tie bound hand-in-hand,  
Again we wish you hearty cheer.

Brethren from England, to your Rose,  
The Scotchmen bring their Heather sprig,  
While Canada to bind them both  
Of her own Maple sends a twig.

Of all the Freemasons in Canada for whom the brethren entertain the warmest respect and esteem, and in whose opinions as a Craftsman the most profound confidence is placed, probably R. W. Bro. Badgley stands pre-eminent. Fifty-six years of Masonic life, the whole of that time making a study of its jurisprudence and history, is more than sufficient to make an individual an authority, and, adding to these the natural talents with which Bro. Badgley was endowed, it is not surprising that he should be looked upon as he has been. For long the brethren of the English Register, with which the R.W. Brother was more immediately connected, have been contemplating a dinner in his honour, which took place on the 28th ult., in the St. Lawrence Hall, under the most favourable auspices.

R.W. Bro. Hutton presided, having on his right the guest of the evening, R.W. Bro. Badgley, D.G.M.; R.W. Bros. Ogilvie, Moffart, and Dr. Girdwood, P.M.'s, and W. J. Leslie, W.M., of King Solomon Lodge, R.S. On the left were R.W. Bros. S. Bethune, J. Taylor, McCord, and Tarance, P.M.'s. One of the vice chairs was occupied by R.W. Bro. S. J. Thompson, W.M. of St. George's Lodge, E.R., who was supported right and left by R.W. Bros. Ross and Hanson and other brethren of the Scottish Register. The other vice chair was occupied by W. Bro. Fred Clark, W.M., of St. Lawrence Lodge, who was supported by R.W. Bro. Isaacson, Grand Sec. of Quebec, Bros. Young and Lavers, P.M.'s, and other brethren of the English Register.

At the close of a *recherché* and admirably-provided banquet the Chairman rose and said:

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, in every assembly of Englishmen and Freemasons there is one toast which takes precedence of all upon the list, and wherever that toast is proposed it is most heartily received, and I feel sure that I am but the mouthpiece of every Freemason in this assembly when I say that it gives us heartfelt pleasure to see Her Majesty still blessed with the health and strength necessary to the discharge of the duties that devolve upon her. I call upon you to drink "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was received in a right loyal manner, being drunk with the warmest enthusiasm, "God Save the Queen" being sung by Bros. Geddes and Carter and the brethren.

The CHAIRMAN, as he rose to give "M.W., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," was loudly cheered, the company rising to their feet and drinking the toast with all honours, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" being sung by Bro. Young, the company joining in the chorus.

R. W. Bro. HUTTON, D.D.G.M., in giving the toast, said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, the toast that I have to bring before you needs but few words of preface. I have but to name His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, that Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England, to secure a hearty reception. As an evidence of the very great interest he takes in Masonry, His Royal Highness has again been elected Grand Master, and I think I am safe in saying that he is the most popular Grand Master that England has ever seen. (Cheers.) Under his rule the Grand Lodge of England has flourished and expanded more than ever before, and we, the three English lodges left in Canada, drink to "The Health and Prosperity of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England," under whose banner we are proud to be enrolled. (Cheers.)

The Grand Master, R.W. Bro. BADGLEY, responded. It would ill become me in my official connection with the R.W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England, as their presiding representative over English Masons in my Masonic district of Montreal, to allow this toast to pass in silence. I will couple with it the preceding toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which you have received so enthusiastically, and persuade myself that I speak the sentiments of all my brethren here, in expressing our feeling of heartfelt pride that our ancient brotherhood is honoured by the august patronage of Her Majesty, and trust that she may long be spared to patronise our English Craft. Whilst we

pride ourselves upon Her Majesty's condescension, as English Masons we have further special cause to rejoice that our ancient institution is fostered and affiliated by so many individuals of the Royal Family, and particularly that one so near the throne. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has entered our Order, and now presides so efficiently and zealously over its highest duties as Most Worshipful Grand Master over the Mother Grand Lodge of England, a body which we cannot fail to honour and respect, and to connection with whom we have always clung with unswerving loyalty, fully justifying our grateful confidence in our powerful and paramount protection by the Grand Lodge of England, which it has hitherto always extended to its warranted lodges here and elsewhere, and which upon every principle of Masonic chivalry and honour we cannot doubt will continue to be extended to us, for our constant and undoubting loyalty to our English connection, as long as we hold our English warrants. Let me add that the association with our Order of the other elevated members of the Royal Family exhibiting their fellowship with us, I need not say, is most dignifying to the Craft and not merely superficial honour. The public display by those so near the throne of this sentiment of Royalty towards our institutions is an avowal from them of their common cause with feelings and duties of Masons, and of the teaching of brotherly love, relief, and truth which they have learned in their progress through the progressive steps of the Order, spreading the influence of Royalty among Masons, in the geniality which thereby cheers and expands our charity and goodwill to all our fellow creatures, whilst in other relations it assumes the chilling bleakness of indifference, withering all and everything over which it passes. Long, and at all times, as in the past and present, so in the future may the members of the Royal Family of England show their cordial appreciation of the benefits and advantages of Freemasonry by becoming members of our Order, for we may now boast, as was years ago noticed to H.M. George the Third, at the time of extreme public disturbance in Great Britain, that the Freemasons of England yield to no subjects of the realm in the love of their country, in loyal attachment to the person of the Sovereign of the realms of the British Empire.

The toast of the evening, "Our Guest," which every one was so anxious to honour, and for which almost every brother was almost impatient, was given amid such demonstrations of enthusiasm as must, indeed, have been gratifying to the honoured guest of the occasion.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast, said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, this is a red-letter day in the annals of English Masonry in this province, and I am sure that the object of our assembling commends itself dearly to the heart of every one of us. (Applause.) My poor, weak words are totally inadequate to do justice to the subject I have in hand, but you will make up what they lack in strength by the hearty and enthusiastic manner with which you will respond to the toast of the guest whom we meet to honour, and, I am sure, you will agree with me that in honouring him we honour ourselves. (Hear, hear.) The name of Right Worshipful Bro. Badgley—(cheers)—District Grand Master for Montreal and William Henry, is a household word among Masons of every jurisdiction in Canada. (Cheers.) Renowned alike for his kindly courtesy, his gentle sympathy, and ready assistance, where is the brother who ever applied to this noble gentleman and true Mason for advice or help in vain? At home and abroad his opinion in matters of Masonic jurisprudence has always carried with it the weight that it deserves. (Hear, hear.) R.W. Bro. Badgley first saw the light of Masonry on the 10th of February, 1824, years before most of us had seen the light of day. He has consequently been fifty-six years a Mason—(enthusiastic applause)—and during the whole of that long period an active and zealous Craftsman of the Royal Art. For thirty-four years he was a subscribing member of St. Paul's Lodge, and in 1858 the lodge, recognising his eminent services, made him an honorary member, with all rights and privileges. (Cheers.) Between the years 1829 and 1844 he was nine times Master of St. Paul's Lodge, and the year 1880 is the fiftieth anniversary of his exaltation to the chair of King Solomon, and I only give expression to the opinion of every one of his Masonic subjects when I say that he has proved a worthy successor to that great and wise king. (Prolonged cheering.) On St. John's Day, 1842, is dated his patent as Provincial and District Grand Master, and from that date to the present time, a period of thirty years, he has governed the Craft with such zeal and wisdom as are rarely united in one individual. Whilst occupying his exalted position, Masonry in Canada has undergone many changes, but throughout them all R.W. Bro. Badgley has maintained a loyal and unswerving allegiance to the dear old Grand Lodge of England, the mother of all modern Masonry—(cheers)—and if we, brethren, are permitted to assemble to-night round this board as English Masons, we owe it entirely to the steady perseverance with which he has encouraged and upheld that connection. (Hear, hear.) I see around me many prominent Masons of other jurisdictions, and have no desire to say one word that will open a delicate subject for discussion; we meet but with one object in view, and that is to express our feeling of love and veneration for one who, during a Masonic career of fifty years, has not only not made a single enemy, but has succeeded in winning the love, respect, and esteem of all who have known him. (Rounds of cheers.) Brethren, I call upon you to drink, with all the honours, to "The Health of Right Worshipful Bro. Badgley."

The scene at this stage it would be difficult to fitly describe, brethren, young and old, giving demonstrations of their esteem for the R.W. Brother in methods which, however different they might be, demonstrated the depth of the sentiments which they entertained.

R.W. Bro. BADGLEY as he rose to respond was cheered to the echo, and it was some little time before it was possible for him to obtain a hearing. He said: I can scarcely find words to thank you for this most unexpected and overwhelming mark of the regard and partiality with which you have honoured me by the splendid banquet of this evening, and for the compliments with which the Deputy Grand Master, who presides so ably over this joyful gathering, has been pleased to address to me, leaving me little power to answer his and your kindness adequately. It has been well said, as you all know and doubtless have practised, that in our Society there exists a brotherly affection which delights in softening the sometimes deserved asperity of judgment; when the object is to extol the merits or to extenuate the defects of a Masonic brother, we adopt a charitable blindness to his faults, and a kindness to his weaknesses. Under this fraternal influence I have been praised for my services

to Masonry in general, and for my practical attachment to Saint Paul's Lodge in particular, into which I was made a member of our venerable Order. I have no pretensions to anything beyond credit for zeal; it was from the good-will of my fellow-members of that lodge that I was placed in the Master's chair of the lodge, long afterwards, by the unanimous recommendation of the brethren of all the lodges of the Montreal District, that I was elevated to the "supreme command among ye a," which I continue to hold, and the only merit I can justly be entitled to claim is that I honestly consider myself bound to work and aid my mother lodge, and to protect the interests of English Masons under my care as the representative of the Grand Lodge of England in my district, but without needlessly interfering with other jurisdictions, and without breach, I hope, of true Masonic feeling to others not of us. My brethren, you have shown your approval of my conception of my duty, and have crowned your appreciation of it, by rewarding it with this gratifying kindness, and now, as an old member of St. Paul's—perhaps the oldest living—I may be permitted to speak a little of its origin and existence, which may be unknown to some among you, but which I learned during the many years of my connection with the lodge and participation in its duties. I entered the lodge in February, 1824, and, after having duly served my apprenticeship and fellowship, served the office of Master of the lodge several times, until by warrant from the Grand Master in England, in 1849, I succeeded the late Hon. Peter McGill, whose ill-health compelled him to retire from office. My Masonic service has extended over the long period of fifty-six years, during all which period my time devoted to lodge and Masonic duties has been richly redeemed by the kind recollections of my Masonic associates treating me with a genial kindness and a partiality beyond my deserts. The Grand Master then detailed the first constitution of St. Paul's Lodge in 1770, and many incidents of its continued existence, among others the loss by fire of all its ancient documents in 1833, and its reconstitution, and continued prosperity, and high position in Masonry down to the present time. The Grand Master then proceeded: Before I close permit me to occupy your attention for few more minutes, in some degree, more immediately referable to myself, in which I ask your permission to introduce a few remarks about our Institution in general, and its doctrines and purposes, not so much for the information of the brethren assembled to whom they are familiar, as for the outside information of those who, knowing nothing of our ancient Institution, permit themselves to speak evilly and lightly of our Order. And to designate our assemblies as meetings of riotous mirth and destructive intemperance, for answer I can point to the fact that men of full age and healthy intellect, renowned for honour and science, and who have lived in the practice of every public and private virtue have in all ages, as well as the present, been members of our Society, and most zealous to promote its present welfare and its future prosperity, which could not have been the case if such men had been betrayed into anything wicked, trifling, or ridiculous. I could also answer the wilfully unfounded reproach against us, by directing attention to the prodigious extent of the Institution. At no previous time was Masonry more diffused than at the present moment, the age of stirring intelligence and close research; never were its boundaries more extensive, or its members more numerous, which has called forth the beautiful remark, that wherever the sun shines on civilized man, there its brilliant beams are reflected from some bright jewel of our Order. Wherever the true principles of heavenly truth pour down their rays, their they find a receiving or a reflecting power in the virtue of some member of the Craft. The prodigious extent of the Society at present, and its constant increase, so far as we know from the number of lodges on English registries, with those of the sister registries of Scotland and Ireland, is but little imagined by those who are not called upon to consider its numbers. The English register numbers above 2000 lodges, to which Scotland everywhere following England, has added about 700 more, making the number of British Masons almost incredible and extending their lodges over the four quarters of the globe—and it cannot well be otherwise. Wherever British commerce and civilisation, or British intelligence and adventure, or even British arms are carried, the great principle of philanthropy, upon which our Masonic Institution is chiefly based, there establishes British lodges, whether in the wilds of Zuhland or the mountain barriers of Afghanistan, introducing by degrees love to God and goodwill to man. No other human institution or society has ever been permanent or universal; whatever were its laws, however excellent its systems, it could not be extended into every age and every country; it had chiefly in view victories and conquests and the elevation of one people above another, and could not be made congenial to the interest or fancy. Philanthropy was not the ground upon which these institutions were founded; the love of country frequently destroyed the love of humanity; mankind are not essentially distinguished by the difference of the language they speak, the garb they wear, or the dignities with which they are invested. The whole world in the spirit of philanthropy is one great Republic, of which every nation is a family, and every individual a child; to revive and spread abroad these principles, drawn from the nature of man, is one of the great principles of our institutions of philanthropy, and thus on earth are our principles identified by all mortals, and hence the boundless extent, increasing duration and remote antiquity of our Order. We would perhaps wonder if the society were less numerous than it is—a society formed to stimulate to the practical performance of duties and principles of conduct with which you are all familiar; but its movements are done with such perfect tranquillity that they attract no attention. That so vast a body should exist in such silence and move in such regularity without its procedure being apparently acted upon is the best proof of its strict adherence to principles their nature of unchanged advantage to society at large. It is an allowable pride to hold a leading station among men of such a class, but at all times subject to their scrutiny. For thirty years I have had the honour and satisfaction of presiding over the Society of English Masonry here, and subject to the scrutiny of my brethren and fellows. It is the duty of Masons to scrutinize my conduct, and, if necessary, to prevent the credit of the Craft being tainted by unworthy superintendence. You have observed me for thirty years in my high office and I take it that you, my brethren have this day pronounced your judgment. I ought now to know how to appreciate this testimony of your

approbation, and I do appreciate it. Your verdict may be partial and I may be conscious that it is so, but it is the stamp of honour affixed upon me, and I thank you Right Worshipful Sir and brethren, with a gratitude commensurate to the magnitude of your favour. I heartily thank you, Right Worshipful Sir and brethren, for the compliment you have paid me, and for the hearty manner in which the toast of your guest, including myself, has been received.

So soon as it was possible for the brethren to consider another toast, after the enthusiasm into which they had been worked as the guest of the evening proceeded with his response

The CHAIRMAN said:—Right Worshipful Sir and brethren,—I call upon you to drink "the health of our sister lodges," and this affords me the opportunity to say on your behalf how happy and pleased we are to see so many distinguished brethren of the other jurisdictions in the Dominion. (Cheers.) It was felt that this being a banquet got up by the three English lodges, they alone could act as hosts, and consequently no official invitations to join the demonstration were sent out, but simply an intimation that any Mason in good standing who wished to participate would be welcomed as a subscriber. I am much pleased to see that so many have joined us in our efforts to do honour to R.W. Bro. Badgley. The English Masons in the District have but one object in view to maintain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England and to live in peace and brotherly love with Masons of other jurisdictions. I give you "our Sister Lodges; long life and prosperity to them."

Several of the toasts were given and responded to enthusiastically, and the meeting separated after a most enjoyable evening.

#### OPERATIVE MASONS' MARKS.

The other day I saw an interesting illustration of the operative phase of Mark Masonry. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., and I visited the works in connection with the restoration of the south transept of York Cathedral. A window in the south front was being renewed and the Masons were at work on the stones. In the workshop (lodge) in which they were at work was a plan of the projected window, drawn to scale, and placed upon a board (Tracing Board), and on this plan the dimensions of each stone were carefully drawn, and the measurements in feet and inches laid down. On each stone in the drawing appeared a Mason's mark. In one case it was the square and compasses, in another the interlaced triangles, in another the lozenge and cross, and so on. The overseer informed us that this was the method adopted in all occasions amongst organised bodies of operative Masons. The plan of the work was prepared by the architect, and handed to the Clerk of the Works, whose province it was to see it properly completed. He delivered the general plans to the Overseer, who then selected the men to perform the various portions of the stone work, according to merit, and ability, and placed upon each stone, in the drawing or plan, the mark of the Mason who was to execute it. The plan remaining in the workshop or lodge for reference. I have thought it worth while relating these details because it seems to me that we have here the exact prototype of our own working—the Master, the Overseer, the Craftsman, the Tracing Board, and the Mark. In speculative Masonry there being no building to be constructed, our Tracing Board is filled with illustrated plans of moral lessons for the instruction of the brethren. We were told that the mark of each Mason was presented to him by the Overseer when he was apprenticed, and was retained for life, unless he went to work in a lodge with any Mason having a similar mark, in which case the junior Mason adopted another mark, temporarily. In old days the Masons placed their marks on the stone in such a manner that they were in view on the completion of the building. These operative Masons on the other hand put their marks on the side of the stone, which was destined to be concealed by its juncture with the next.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

#### GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

At a meeting of this Grand Council, held at No. 2, Red Lion-square, the M.W. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G. M.M.M., the Grand Master, presiding. The Constitutions of the Grand Council were approved, and ordered to be printed, and the following Grand Officers were appointed: Bro. C. F. Matier ... D.G.M. " Thos. Entwistle ... G.S.A.V. " Thos. B. Whytehead ... G.J.W. " Saml. Rawson ... G. Treas. " D. M. Dewar ... G. Sec. " H. Martin Green ... G.S.D. " Thos. Clark ... G.I.D. " R. Boggett ... G.I.G. " A. Scargill ... G.D. of C.

The rank of Past Grand Senior Warden was conferred on Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Fredk. Binckes, J. Holroyd, and T. Oakden, and the Grand Council was then closed in ample form.

#### BRITISH EQUITABLE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

At the twenty-fifth annual general meeting, held on May 27th, 1880, at the office of the Company, 4, Queen-street place, E.C., Fountain John Hartley, Esq., the Chairman of the Company (Honorary Secretary of the Sunday School Union), presiding.

The Managing Director, William Sutton Gover, Esq. (Representative of the City of London at the London School Board), read the following report:

Notwithstanding that the deplorable depression of trade has fallen with maximum force on the classes assuring with this Company, and as a consequence, has slightly decreased the new business of the Company, and increased the amount of surrenders and of loans on policies, yet the results of the working of the Company are in the highest degree satisfactory.

The Directors have to report that 2025 new policies have been issued, assuring £403,652, and producing a new annual premium income of £12,155.

The total amount assured by 24,525 policies in force is £4,491,837, the annual premium income thereon being £137,235.

The income of the twenty-fifth year from premiums was £132,955, and from interest £28,214, making the revenue of the year £161,169.

Of this sum, after deducting all outgoings, £61,237 was added to the accumulated fund, which now amounts to £685,703.

The amount paid for death and matured claims and bonuses was £56,477, and for surrenders £6,370.

In the cardinal points, therefore, of lowness of mortality, growth of interest, and magnitude of Accumulated Fund, the results are most satisfactory.

The Directors again acknowledge the valuable support rendered by the policyholders to the extension of the company's operations. As all have the power to introduce one new policyholder a year all should use that power for their own good and that of the Company.

The Directors regret the somewhat sudden loss of Mr. Carr-Jackson. They have elected Mr. Clapton, F.R.C.S., and Mr. A. P. Gould, M.D., to fill the vacancy.

**SUPREME COUNCIL 33°.**

We have received the following circular for publication.

Dear Sir and Ill. Brother,  
I have the honour to inform you that the following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council, Thirty-Third Degree.

1. The Most Puissant Sov. Gr. Commander has been created an Earl of the United Kingdom by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, under the title of Earl of Lathom.

2. Ill. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke having resigned his office as Grand Secretary-General in consequence of his being appointed Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of England, Ill. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman has been appointed in his stead.

3. Ill. Bro. the Hon. James Gibbs, C.S.I., has been created a supernumerary member, residing in the East Indies.

The Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:—

- GRAND PATRON.
- Ill. Bro. H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., 33°.
- HONORARY MEMBERS OF SUPREME COUNCIL.
- H.R.H. Arthur, Duke of Connaught, K.G., 33°.
- H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., 33°.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

Ill. Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.P.S.G. Commander.

- „ Captain Nathaniel George Philips, Pt. M.P.S.G.Cr. and M. Ill. Lt. G. Commander.
- „ Major-General Henry Clerk, G. Treasurer-General.
- „ John Montagu Pulteney Montagu, G. Chancellor.
- „ Hugh David Sandeman, G. Secretary-General.
- „ Sir Michael Costa, G. Captain of Guards.
- „ Colonel Alexander William Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.
- „ General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Sov. Grand Inspector-General.
- „ Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.
- „ the Hon. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Supernumerary Member, residing in the West Indies.
- „ the Hon. James Gibbs, C.S.I., Supernumerary Member, residing in the East Indies.

Official letters should be addressed to the Grand Secretary-General, No. 33, Golden-square, W., at which address all information concerning the Ancient and Accepted Rite can be obtained.

I remain, dear Sir and Ill. Brother, yours fraternally,  
HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°.  
Grand Secretary-General, H.E.  
33, Golden Square, London, W.  
May 14, 1880.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**JACHIN AND BOAZ.**

I was quite aware of the fact that there is a question about the original date of "Jachin and Boaz," whether it appeared in fact in 1750 or 1762. But, on the whole, I see no reason to distrust the distinct declaration of Oliver, that it appeared in 1750, and that a fifth edition by Nicoll appeared in 1764. And for this reason: He cannot have invented the latter statement, and he had means of ascertaining the facts far superior to those of Kloss. I have myself never yet seen, I admit, an edition of 1750 or 1762, or 1764, but I am making enquiries to test the matter, and will report progress, (D.V.), in an early *Freemason*. Oliver is careless and inaccurate, but not intentionally so, and I can see no reason why he should state so distinctly this fact of a fifth edition in 1764, unless he had seen it or known of it.  
EDITOR FREEMASON.

Since I wrote the above I have heard from Bro. Walter Spencer as follows, who has kindly answered my query:—

"It is so long since I gave up handling old Masonic books that I find, to my regret, I am unable to answer your query satisfactorily. I do not remember having ever seen an edition of J. and B. dated 1750; I have had one dated 1763, and believe that I have had one of 1760. I left off with the strong impression that Kloss was not only mistaken in that, but also in various other items of English Masonic literature, 1723-1780; in fact, I verified many of his errors, but, unfortunately, I kept no notes, and have quite abandoned the subject. I think that Dr. Oliver must have seen one of 1750—I never doubted it. I have had many editions of works, English and French, of earlier dates than the first editions mentioned by Dr. Kloss."

Thus it will be seen that, with all due deference to my good friends, Bros. Hughan and Carson, for once I feel fully sure that the Old Doctor is right. Until I am shown a first edition of 1762 I shall prefer to follow Dr. Oliver. Kloss, excellent as he is, is not infallible.

A. F. A. W.

**REPLIES BY BRO. HUGHAN, P.G.D., &c.**

1. I have had an interesting letter from Bro. Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, as to the special medal of No. 85, Harleston, and as he promises to continue his researches, my statement that the lodge members have no authority for wearing the

jewel in question is subject to revision, if any evidence is discovered to the contrary, which is not likely. The lodge petitioned for and obtained a centenary warrant last year, which of course was only for the ordinary medal. Brethren will do well to note the fact that "Founders' Medals," and all other such decorations, are illegal, unless specially permitted by the *M.W.G.M.*

2. There is a transcript (*portion only*) of an MS., in the possession of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, made about 1850, bearing the following endorsement: "Copy from an ancient parchment Roll, written in old Norman English, about the date of 1600, and said to be a true copy of this original, found amongst the papers of Sir Christopher Wren, who built St. Paul's Cathedral, London." I have failed so far to trace it. Those interested will find the copy entitled by me "*Browne's MS.*," in the "*Masonic Magazine*" for December, 1879.

3. I know nothing whatever of any distinctive medal being worn by the members of No. 349, Malta (warranted in 1815), alluded to by our esteemed Bro. Broadley, D.D.G.M. of Malta, &c. Shall be glad of information thereon, and also as to other points of interest from our learned brother of Tunis.

4. In answer to "Masonic Student," I have to state that the valuable and very scarce engraved List of Lodges by Cole of 1770, is given entire in Bro. Gould's *Four Old Lodges and their Descendants*, as well as the several numbers of previous and subsequent lists down to 1792-1812. All such lists are of great importance, especially those of 1731-2 and 3 (if they could be found).

**THE MASONIC POEM.**

As it may interest some Masonic students, like myself, I wish to point out that the "*Lay Folks' Mass Book*," published for the English Text Society, and edited by Canon Simmons, indirectly increases the antiquity of our "*Masonic Poem*." The "*Lay Folks' Book*" was written, most probably, by Jeremy, Archdeacon of Cleveland, and Canon of Rouen, in the 12th century, and it is, pretty certain in Norman-French. The "*Masonic Poem*," which is in parts identical with "*Myrc's Instructions*," was, as I have always contended, also written in Norman-French, and if ever we come on *Pars Oculi* we shall probably find out the truth.

*Pars Oculi*, which has so far eluded discovery, is a MS. mentioned in William of Wykeham's will, as given to Winchester College. Is there any brother at Winchester who could obtain leave to search for it among the carefully preserved MS. of Winchester College and Library.

A. F. A. W.

**AMES AND AUBREY.**

I, for one, quite agree with Bro. Gould, that Ames must have deliberately rejected the statement of Aubrey, as regards Sir Christopher Wren, and preferred to adopt that of Anderson and "*Multa Paucis*." Why he did so has yet to be ascertained. He places himself in accord with the Masonic tradition, *quantum valet*.

**MASONIC STUDENT.**

**THE ROSICRUCIAN.**

Honest old Izaak Walton talks in his "*Compleat Angler*" (1st edition, 1653) Mr. Stock's reprint, page 227, of the "*Rosikrutions*," as if he looked on them as a veritable existent body of men. I have looked very carefully into the history of this "*Hermetic Fraternity*" for various reasons, and I have come to the clear conclusion that they existed, and probably admitted Royal personages and great men among them as affiliate members. But I have never yet seen any solution of the "*crux*" as regards their position in respect of the "*Rose Croix*," or modern Rosicrucianism.  
MASONIC STUDENT.

**Royal Arch.**

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.**—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Terminus Hotel, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The chapter having been duly opened, and the ordinary business transacted, E. Comps. Jas. Terry, P.Z. 228, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, proceeded to install the Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. Rev. H. J. Hatch, M.E.Z.; W. Pissey, H.; and E. Judd, J. The following officers were also invested, viz.: Comps J. A. Wardell, Scribe E.; G. E. Jones, Scribe N.; Rev. A. F. Heaton, Prin. Soj.; F. Wood, 1st Asst., and J. Girling, and Asst. Soj.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas.; and A. Martin, Janitor. There were also present Comps. E. E. Phillips, P.Z.; W. Belcham, and H. Beecher.

A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to E. Comp. Terry for his kindness in installing the Principals, and for his very able rendering of the ceremony. A candidate for exaltation having been proposed, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed, and heartily responded to. Comp. Terry in an eloquent speech returned thanks for "*The Masonic Charities*." The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings, and the companions separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A very successful convocation in connection with this chapter was held on the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Among those in attendance were Comps. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Treasurer, acting M.E.Z., in the absence through illness of Comp. F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., &c.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., J.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., S.E.; Faulkner, S.N.; T. W. Ockenden, P.S.; Haslett 1st Asst.; J. Mason, P.Z.; Gilbert, P.G.J. Middx., Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. C. H. Glover, 1423; E. G. Wingate, 1423; J. Goodchild, J.D. 1793; and G. M. Malin, 1423; and it proving to be unanimous, those brethren were duly and impressively exalted to the Degree of R.A. by Comp. Baldwin. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. W. Hammond, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, H.; J. W. Baldwin, J.; E. Thiellay, Treas.; Faulkner, S.E.; Ockenden, S.N.; Haslett, P.Z.; Gilbert, Janitor. The following notice of motion by Comp. Walls was then fully discussed, and unanimously agreed to. "That in future the regular convocations of the chapter be increased to four instead of three, as heretofore, the meet-

ings to be the second Saturday in the months of March, May, July, and September." The Auditors having been appointed to audit the accounts one hour before the regular meeting in July next, Comp. Faulkner gave notice of motion, "That on and after March next the annual subscriptions to the chapter should be increased to thirty shillings."

The companions then partook of refreshment. The toasts, which were curtailed in consequence of the lateness of the hour, were given from the chair briefly, but to the point. Comp. Walls responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Baldwin, and acknowledged by Comp. Thiellay, the acting First Principal, in an efficient speech. "The Exaltees" followed, and was replied to by Comps. Glover, Wingate, Goodchild, and Malin. The latter companion gave some very interesting details in connection with Freemasonry abroad. The remaining toasts were duly honoured, and the companions departed highly pleased with the success that had attended the first convocation of the season.

**Cryptic Masonry.**

**GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).**

One of the if not the most successful gathering in connection with the Cryptic Rites was held on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion Square. Among the numerous brethren present we noticed Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, T.I.M.; T. C. Walls, I.G.C. of W., P.I. D.M.; T. Poore, acting P.C. of W.; H. C. Levander, P.G.L., acting C. of G.; F. Davison, I.G.T., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, I.G.R., Recorder; the Rev. E. Brette, D.D., I.G.C., Chaplain; the Rev. W. S. Moses, I.G. A.C., Chaplain; the Rev. A. W. Hall, the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Thomas Cubitt, T. Meggy, S. Rosenthal, R. L. Loveland, G. Graveley, F. Hedges, E. Passawer, R. Berridge, A. Williams, E. Letchworth, J. E. Anderson, R. Roy, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of some dozen brethren for reception and admission, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. The following brethren being in attendance, viz., Bros. S. Rawson, J. T. Griffith, E. C. Mather, and J. E. Le Feuvre, were then duly admitted and received the Degrees of M.E., R., S., and S.E.M., the four ceremonies being carried out, and the attendant lectures delivered by the R.I.D.M., ably assisted by Bros. Poore, Levander, and Dewar. The election of T.I.M. and Treasurer respectively resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. the Rev. R. Portal and F. Davison. The T.I.M. having taken the chair appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. C. Walls, Deputy Master; Poore, C. of W.; Davison, Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; Cooper-Smith, C. of G. (by deputy); H. C. Levander, C. of C.; the Rev. E. Brette, Chaplain; W. S. Moses, Assistant Chaplain; Meggy, Williams, and Roy, Marshals; Cubitt and Anderson, Stewards; Graveley, Warden; and Loveland, Sentinel. A committee having been appointed to revise the bye laws, the council was duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, where the annual festival in connection with the Order was held. The brethren were here joined by Bro. Frederick Binckes and other members of the Grand Masters' Council. At the conclusion of the banquet "*The Health of the Queen*" was duly honoured. The toast of "*The I.G.M. of the Order*" was proposed by the Deputy Master, and it having been most cordially received, Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal briefly replied. In the course of his speech, after having thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which his health had been received, he stated that he was exceedingly pleased with the progress the Order had made in London. They had had the honour of admitting some of the most distinguished members of the Craft into their No. 1 Council, and he believed that the Order had a very bright and prosperous career in store for it. In conclusion he said that it had afforded him a very great amount of pleasure in coming to town in order to be present at the annual festival. He then proposed, in very complimentary terms, "*The Health of the Newly-received Brethren*." This pledge having been heartily drunk, Bros. S. Rawson and J. E. Le Feuvre duly acknowledged the toast upon behalf of themselves and colleagues. "*The Health of the Officers*" came next. In giving this toast the T.I.G.M. expressed his personal obligations to the members of that body generally for the manner in which they had discharged their duties, and he hoped that the officers appointed that day for the first time would give the requirements of their respective positions their best attention, as he particularly desired that the "*working*" of his council should be in every way satisfactory. In concluding his remarks he coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Walls, who duly expressed his acknowledgment for the honour conferred. The proceedings, which were throughout exceedingly successful, then terminated.

For the better and more costly kind of Masonic Jewels a great saving can be made by getting them direct from the manufactory. Messrs. J. R. Williams and Son made the most costly badge in the kingdom for the Mayor of Liverpool, and many others, and many of the sheriffs' badges and chains. The firm are now supplying the nobility and gentry (direct) at the same prices as they have for forty years served the best houses in London and the country, and co-operative stores. Messrs. J. R. Williams and Son have always been celebrated for specially fine diamond work and choice gem rings. The two advantages thus offered to the public are far superior quality and an immense saving in price. Manufactory and warehouse, 108, Hatton-garden, E.C. The usual saving is 20 to 30 per cent. Bridesmaids' lockets and all kinds of jewellery for wedding presents. Dealers in diamonds, pearls, and coloured gems, loose or mounted. Elegant designs furnished (gratis) for re-mounting diamond work. Caltaogues sent post free on application.—[ADVT.]

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—In general debility, mental depression, and nervous irritability there is no medicine which operates so like a charm as these famous Pills. They purify the blood, soothe and strengthen the nerves and system, give tone to the stomach, elevate the spirits, and, in fact, make the patient sensible of a total and most delightful revolution in his whole system. They may be commended most unreservedly as the very best family medicine in existence. Though so powerfully efficacious, they are singularly mild in their operation, and might be given with perfect confidence to delicate women and young children. They contain not a grain of mercury, or any other substance, and cannot do harm. Delicate females and all persons of sedentary habits will find these Pills a blessing.—[ADVT.]

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS, CROYDON.**

OFFICE, 4, FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

Patron and President:  
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 21st May, 1880,  
W. Bro. HENRY SMITH, V.P., Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorkshire, in the Chair,

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election of Twenty-six Female Annuitants from an approved list of Forty-eight Candidates; and Twenty-two Male Annuitants from an approved list of Thirty-one Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.		Votes.
Bro. Samuel Genese	...	2163
" John Bennett	...	1968
" John Wm. Claisen	...	1786
" William Jones	...	1523
" William Penotiere	...	1514
" Henry Douglas	...	1505
" William John Helps	...	1467
" Thomas S. Morris	...	1467
" Jonathan Leaver	...	1373
" William Woods	...	1199
" James Highland	...	1196
" Henry Herbert	...	1166
" John Hardman Lyon	...	1078
" Edwin Booth	...	1062
" Thomas Kendall	...	1041
" Richard Broadbent	...	969
" James Portlock	...	965
" George V. Hague	...	930
" *Robert Cox Walker	...	779
" *John Flinn	...	772
" *James Wauldby	...	415
" *George Elliott	...	320

WIDOWS.		Votes.
Mrs. Elizabeth Bull	...	1259
" Sarah Pattison	...	1105
" Martha Crispin	...	1091
" Frances Blake	...	1073
" Mary Ann West	...	1039
" Jane Stafford	...	1029
" Sarah W. Grace	...	1011
" Elizabeth T. Maynard	...	973
" Hannah B. Bamber	...	965
" Ann Hawkins	...	955
" Sarah White	...	938
" Susannah C. Andrews	...	923
" Elizabeth Dawson	...	919
" Louisa E. Candler	...	846
" Marianne Rigby	...	838
" Harriet Palmer	...	796
" Sarah Ellen Hodgson	...	771
" Catherine Peters	...	759
" Elizabeth Child	...	721
" Mary Ann Spencer	...	695
" Ann Dumper	...	686
" Ann Dicker	...	642
" Ann May Prebble	...	632
" *Sarah Woods	...	597
" *Jane Willis	...	597
" *Martha Weeks	...	545

The Votes of the Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to the next Election. Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the Voting Papers were issued.

JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

21st May, 1880.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**—Mrs. BAMBER, 9, Cookson-street, Blackpool, is anxious to express her heartfelt thanks to the many friends of her late husband, who have so kindly given their assistance in Electing her an Annuitant to the *Masonic Fund of Benevolence*.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**—Bro. JAMES HIGHLAND (Lodge Waveney, 929) returns his sincere thanks to those Brethren who kindly assisted him by 1196 Votes to the position of an Annuitant of the Benevolent Fund.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**—MRS. BLAKE, Widow of the late Bro. CHARLES BLAKE, begs to return her grateful thanks to all those Brethren and Ladies who so kindly supported her in her Election, May 21, 1880.  
14, Royal Masonic Institution, Croydon.

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**To Correspondents.**

P.M. AND SUBSCRIBER.—Has not sent his name—we must ask for this in accordance with our rule before inserting his letter.

Bro. TISLEY and T. F. in our next.  
The following stand over:—  
Natalia Lodge, and Nos. 1393, 1147, 1496, 1777, and 1814. P.G.L. of Royal Arch, York.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Sunday Times," "Keystone," "Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Hull Packet," "Der Long Islaender," "Montreal Herald and Daily Commercial Gazette," "Yorkshire Gazette," "The Croydon Guardian," "The Empire," "Weather Wisdom," "Notes on the History of the Mark Degree," "The Canadian Craftsman," "Greenhouse Favourites," "The Shilling House of Commons for 1880 (New Parliament)," "The Times of Natal," "The Egyptian Gazette," "The Warden."

**THE FREEMASON.**

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1880.

THE result of the voting for the House Committee of the Girls' School on Thursday was, as we anticipated, an entire triumph for the House Committee. Both the House Committee and the Audit Committee were re-elected by overwhelming majorities. A very large number of Life Governors and ladies attended to vote, and we rejoice very much at the satisfactory announcement which we are permitted to make. It is needless to add that Bro. Col. CREATON presided with his usual fairness and urbanity combined.

THE account of the ceremony at Truro in itself is most interesting, and the day will long be remembered as an *Alba Dies* in Cornish Masonic annals. We trust that the good work inaugurated under such gracious and goodly auspices may be completed in due time, to the honour of God, and the welfare and salvation of man.

WE regret, however, to learn that much dissatisfaction exists as to the "attention and hospitality" shewn to the Grand Officers. We have received more than one complaint on the subject, and on one or two other "tender points" which we think it better to be silent upon. Our readers will note a Grand Officer's letter elsewhere.

IN the absence of Bro. Sir Albert W. WOODS (2302), Bro. THOMAS FENN performed the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies according to the instructions of his respected Chief. We understand that the exertions of Bro. THOMAS FENN were both marked and most successful in educing order from "chaos," and rendering the ceremonial complete and Masonic. We are all aware of his good work for Masonry, and his many claims on the regard of his brethren.

THE House Committee of the Girls' School is composed of well-known and worthy Masons, who have given great attention to the Institution in every respect, and who by their Masonic services and social qualities deserve the support of us all. To remove them in a body must have some motive or reason, and what that motive or reason may be, we feel it better not to attempt to discover. If it be the one openly alleged it is a most contemptible one.

WE are much concerned to note that Bro. JAMES STEVENS, though so lately defeated by such an overwhelming majority, is again to the fore with a fresh motion for a Committee on ritual. Such a proposal seems so disrespectful to Grand Lodge,

and so inconsiderate to its members, that we cannot doubt of its rejection by an even still greater majority than on the last occasion. We must openly protest against so rash, and ill timed, and so unwarranted a procedure. We speak freely and forcibly, because we think we know what many others feel on the subject, alike in the metropolis and the provinces. But we venture to believe that his motion will be rejected on a point of law and order.

THE effect of Bro. STEVENS' motion, could it be carried, would be so prejudicial to the "lodges of instruction," that we recommend all who value these valuable characteristics of English Masonry to support once more by their presence and vote that wise toleration and judicious liberty which have been granted to the English Craft since 1813 by the laudable moderation of the Grand Lodge of England.

THERE can be little doubt but that the great majority of the brethren will reject such a peculiarly inopportune and unwise departure from common precedent, as is Bro. STEVENS' most ridiculous motion. It is ridiculous, because only three months ago Grand Lodge refused to entertain it, and it has the appearance now of an attempt, to use a common expression, "to bully Grand Lodge" into to-day what it has refused to do by persistent motions. We have ourselves no doubt as to the result, trifling alike with the dignity of Grand Lodge and the feelings of the brethren. Whatever Bro. JAMES STEVENS' own opinion may be as to the abstract importance of his motion, it is not shared in at all by the majority of his brethren, and we regret that in the same year Grand Lodge should be exposed to the annoyance and agitation of a fresh contest on such an ill-digested and uncalled-for proposal.

WE notice that at the last Board of Benevolence £784 were voted. Thirty-four cases were considered until 10.15, and of these one was dismissed and four deferred. The twenty-nine cases were divided as follows: two £100, two £50, one £40, one £35, one £30, three £25, nine £20, five £15, and five £10. This statement shows the care and consideration with which the grants are now made.

A PROPOSAL will be made at next Grand Lodge by the Board of General Purposes, to purchase some property adjoining Freemasons' Hall. It is obvious how important it is for us to have the property on both sides of the hall. If ever the exigencies of the Craft require a move our property will be very valuable. But as the "Headquarters" of English Masonry will remain where they are, let us hope, for some time to come, our duty is to strengthen our position by every means in our power.

THE Grand Lodge balance sheet, which we print elsewhere, is very interesting and satisfactory. As it will be seen, there has been received for the Fund of Benevolence £11,571 15s., and expended £12,273 10s., so that £710 15s. was required to make the account balance. But then there has also been paid for £4000 Consols, £384 7s. 10d. for the Fund of Benevolence. Something has been said about overdrawing £700 on this Fund and carrying it from the Fund of General Purposes, but then the overdraught arose from the investment of £3847 10s. Practically the Fund of Benevolence was £3000 to the good. Another year the Quarterly Committee must invest less and allow a larger margin. For the Fund of General Purposes £14,796 11s. 10d., were received and £12,626 5s. 10d. expended, leaving a balance of £2170 6s., and of which £700 has been advanced to the Fund of Benevolence. £6000 Consols have been also purchased at a cost of £5781 5s., and £975 paid for deposit of purchase of property. Thus it will be seen, that for the two Funds £27,070 1s. 10d. have been received, and 24,939 5s. 10d. expended, leaving a balance

of £2170 6s. £9648 15s. have been invested in £10,000 Consols, &c., and £975 paid for new land. This is surely a prosperous total, and quite justifies the purchases proposed by the Board of General Purposes.

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THE great success of the Girls' School Festival, like all great successes, has attracted the admiration of many friends, and the depreciation of a few opponents. We have heard of "remarks" made respecting the recent great gathering, alike ungenerous and unworthy, and for the life of us we cannot see why, if the worthy Secretary, for his health, or any other good reason, prefers to appeal from the office, he has to be blamed by any, openly or privately, because he incurs "no expenses" for the Charity in visiting lodges. One Secretary to the Girls' School shortened a valuable life by constant exposure to weather and fatigue, and we feel sure that, both now and subsequently, the course pursued in the Girls' School office, which has worked so well for the Charity in 1880, will receive the warm approval, sympathy, and support of the Craft.

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IN the *Monde Maconnique* for May, which we alluded to last week, there is an interesting article on our Charities. One of the writers finds fault with an able brother who lately sent an account of Spanish Masonry, as giving too high an antiquity to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite there. But the truth is our able brother does not say so, or mean to say so. His remarks really apply to the historical fact of the establishment of Craft Masonry in the warranting in 1728 of the lodge at the "French Arms," St. Bernard-street, Madrid. We admit, that the parenthetical introduction of the statement as to the founder of the Rite Ecossais in Spain from England may have led to the very excusable mistake.

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WE notice with much pleasure the mention by the Board of General Purposes of our "valuable library" at Freemasons' Hall, and the proposal to spend the modest sum of £25 in binding. To say the truth, the epithet "valuable" comes upon us with surprise, as we were not aware that, numerically and bibliographically, any such description of it could be given. And yet, though there are, as we all know who interest ourselves in such things, "libraries and libraries," it is just possible, that our Grand Lodge collection may fully justify that appellation, as it contains, we know, some of Taylor the Platonist's, works, copies of the "Constitutions," and "List of Lodges." We were not aware that there was a "catalogue" of it printed, and perhaps Bro. GOULD, who is interesting himself in such matters, can give us an idea of what it really does consist. Who can tell but some most important MS., like the discovery of the "Codex Sinaiticus" by Tischendorf on Mount Athos, may reward the studies of a HUGHAN, a GOULD, or a Masonic Student?

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WE hope and trust that as our esteemed President of the Board of General Purposes has turned his attention to the "books," he will now also think of the "readers." The example of the noble library at the Guildhall, so familiar to him, proves this one fact incontestably, that readers, like books, want air and light, a comfortable room to sit in to read, to think, to collate. The old argument was, "brethren would not read, brethren did not read, there was nothing to peruse." But we are inclined to believe, that if we had a good room, a good library, a good catalogue, and a good librarian, students would be found, and would multiply. So we are now hopeful for the best.

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OUR readers will have seen probably a characteristic effusion of Bro. JACOB NORTON's, from Boston, marked by all his earnestness of thought and incisiveness of writing. We always think it better, if possible, to allow a great freedom of discussion in our pages, as it is a most difficult matter to inter-

ferre with the opinions of a writer, or excise special sentences. As Freemasons, we object equally to a "censorship of the Press" and an "index expurgatorius," and, therefore, if any discussions are to go on in our columns they must, to some extent, be free and unfettered, except by the necessary consideration of the laws of Masonry on the one hand, and the requirements of common sense and self-preservation on the other. Of course, in all discussions on archaeological matters perfect freedom of expression is allowable; but we think we have all, without any exception, to learn this true and valuable lesson—that, without weakening our own position or surrendering our own judgment, we can treat respectfully and considerately the theories and arguments of others.

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IN the best interests of Masonic good feeling we, therefore, deprecate the use of terms which hurt the feelings, and affect the position of those who practise and accept the Chivalric Grades. "There is so much doubt on so many matters, that we must all be forbearing in our language and views, and we all perhaps are to blame in ignoring the fact that whatever our own views may be, others may have as strong per contra. So in future in the *Freemason* we shall permit no remarks which may serve to hurt or antagonize the conscientious views of others.

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WE think it right, therefore, to add specially today that, though favourable as ever to the claims of Masonic criticism and historical accuracy, and opposed to all pure "myths," as most hurtful to Freemasonry, and hailing all discussion and Masonic investigation, we cannot concur in the "epithets" given so freely to the High Grades. Whether their claims to antiquity are incontestable or not, clear or dubious, real or unreal, they have a right to expect of us Craft Masons, when we discuss such subjects, the common courtesy of man to man, and, above all, of brother to brother. Considering the many eminent men and Masons who now form the "High Grades," popularly so-called, we have no right, it seems to us, to carry on any "animus" as against High Grades qua High Grades.

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WE quite agree with what we understand, however, to be the main purport of Bro. JACOB NORTON's letter, the development of a library by our English Grand Lodge, and, therefore, it is a pity that he has somewhat weakened a good cause by remarks which may indispose some worthy brethren to look at the matter favourably. We all of us who know Bro. JACOB NORTON, while we respect his honesty, are aware that he sometimes likes to make an onslaught, like Don Quixote, on Masonic windmills, and that clear as is his judgment and able his pen, he sometimes "comes it rather strong." Like a good many other worthy folk, "his bark is worse than his bite," as we know.

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WE congratulate the London Masonic Charity Association on the great success which has attended their recent laudable exertions. We shall publish with pleasure their annual report when ready. The single fact that it has aided to elect two men and five widows, London cases at the last election, is a very notable one, and deserves to be recorded with thankfulness and consideration.

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WE printed last week a forcible letter from our esteemed Bro. J. H. SOUTHWOOD, but which, with all deference to him, was a confirmation, in one sense, in the "concrete," of all we had said in the abstract. We stated that a "cabal" existed to upset the House Committee,—we repeat the statement to-day. That it had been openly announced we know, which Bro. SOUTHWOOD did not; that letters had been written asking brethren to allow themselves to be nominated. Why? To "turn out the House Committee?" Does it not strike Bro. SOUTHWOOD as a little odd that any one brother, be he who he may, shall, without apparent rhyme or reason, put

forward twelve names to run against the whole House Committee? Had the proposal been confined to one or two members for a "little change" or a "little new blood," we should naturally have said nothing. Who is this remarkable brother, we ask Bro. SOUTHWOOD, who ventures to propose to remove twelve distinguished brethren and fill their places with nominees of his own? What can he have done? Who can he be to claim to have a moral or Masonic right thus to attempt to dictate to the enlightened constituency of Life Governors of the Girls' School? We pause for a reply.

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THE report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is most interesting. But we are expressing the feeling of many when we add that we regret in their Masonic reports so much "butter," to use a common but cant expression, is used. This system of "butter" is becoming a great trial and a greater bore.

### 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.]

#### THE ROYAL VISIT TO TRURO. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The great event of the M.W. the Grand Master laying the two foundation stones of the proposed cathedral for the diocese of Truro, with full Masonic ceremony, took place on the 20th inst., and was attended with magnificent weather, no less than by hundreds of Freemasons and thousands of the general public, drawn not only from the two Provinces of Cornwall and Devon, but from very many distant parts of the United Kingdom.

The full report of the proceedings, which appear to-day in your columns, will be read with interest throughout the length and breadth of the British empire, both on account of the event itself—being the first of its kind and character that has ever taken place in England, or elsewhere, with the exception of Cologne, for upwards of four centuries—but also from the manner, in which the event itself was inaugurated.

To the outward world there seemed to have been no hitch whatever in the day's proceedings. Not one in a thousand, either within or without the Masonic centre, suspected that any other feeling than universal satisfaction prevailed. The truth, however, must be told. There were "worms in the gourd," and how these little pernicious insects did their utmost, and intended secretly, to eat out the very heart and life of the event, was, happily, unknown—except by a few. In their naturally commendable desire to give eclat to an unprecedented occurrence, and also to add as much as possible to the fund already raised for the foundation of a mother church in the newly-constituted diocese of Truro, the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was earnestly solicited by the Bishop (Dr. Benson), the majority of the Cornish clergy, whether dignitaries or otherwise, and the laity, who form the Building Committee. H.R.H. was, naturally, requested to lay the foundation stone. Contrary to time-honoured custom, it was, however, determined not only to place one at the north-east corner of the intended stately edifice, but a second at the west-end, from which the future nave should take its rise and beginning.

I believe I am not misinformed that when the request was preferred to His Royal Highness there was no idea whatever in the minds of the Committee concerning Masonic rites and ceremonies. H.R.H., with his usual condescension and courtesy, assented, and stated, that the Princess would accompany him; but he made it a *sine qua non* that he should lay both stones as the M.W.G.M. of the time-honoured guild of Freemasons. This decision fell like a bombshell amongst the Committee, more especially as regarded the Bishop and those of the Cornish Ritualistic clergy, now, unhappily, in a majority in the diocese, for their antipathy to Freemasonry is said to be not less intense than that of Pope, Cardinals, conclaves, and priesthood of the Church of Rome through the length and breadth of the world. *Par nobile fratrum!* The Bishop and his clergy had, however, gone too far to recede. They had asked the Prince of Wales to lay the foundation stone, and he had chosen to lay both, and they dared not, openly, express their disapprobation at the manner, in which he intended so to do. From their prevalent conduct both before and during the ceremony, it is, however, quite conclusive that they would, if they could, have declined H.R.H.'s presence altogether—except in his own private and personal character! Foiled in this respect the next thing to be done, as indicative of their hostility to the Craft, was to thwart the proceedings at every step. It was therefore, given out that the first corner-stone would be laid *Masonically*, but that the second would be laid *Ecclesiastically!* What was meant by this was not explained, although to the eye of the initiated it was seen to "mean mischief." It was soon made apparent to the Bishop and clergy that if each stone were not laid *Masonically* by H.R.H. he would not go to Truro at all; and they were, therefore, compelled to give way, although up to the very last moment they gave out that the second stone would be laid *Ecclesiastically*, and so strong was the impression abroad that it would be so, that it was reported, after the ceremony, actually to have been so—a mistake into which the *Freemason* inadvertently fell in its last number.

So far, therefore, as episcopal and clerical doings before the event. By and bye we will deal with their conduct during the proceedings.

I have now to refer to the Cornish Prov. Grand Lodge, and most heartily do I wish that I could assert that what they did palliated, even in the slightest degree, the annoyances set up by the clerical element.

No sooner was the M.W. the G.M.'s decision made

known to the brethren throughout the Province than it was accepted and applauded with universal enthusiasm. The Prov. G.M. and his officers in common with the action of the various lodges, issued invitations to the Province of Devon, and congratulated themselves most heartily upon having so great an honour "thrust upon them," in which they took it for granted they would rule supreme. Never, for an instant, did it enter into their calculation that the M.W. the G.M. would go all the way to Cornwall, accompanied by Past and Present Grand Officers of the United Grand Lodge, and that portions of the ceremonies would have to be conducted by those officers—and by those alone! A spirit of jealousy immediately flamed out, and as there was no possibility of ignoring those, who were to be the chief agents in the ceremonies, the Cornish Masonic authorities entered into a quasi secret compact to treat them with little else than scant courtesy. The result of this unworthy conduct was that each of the Present and Past Grand Officers were called upon to pay five shillings each for their admission into the Town Hall, where the Grand Lodge was to be held, and "to the procession and Masonic stand," but were left uninvited to the public luncheon, except in the case of ten "more highly favoured than the rest," and even these were not permitted to sit together.\*

To return, however, to the proceedings of the day. On reaching the eastern enclosure, after the opening ecclesiastical ceremony, quite out of place, it was with difficulty that the M.W. the G.M. could make his way to the dais, nor could he have done so, with anything like comfort to himself, had it not been for the firmness and decision of Bro. Fenn, the acting G. D. of C., for Sir A. Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, in that brother's unavoidable absence. Even before, however, the M.W. the G.M. had taken his place the clergy rushed towards the pavillion, and so surrounded it that the G.W. and other Grand Officers who had to assist the G.M. in his work had to struggle through the closely-packed clerical phalanx in order to occupy their proper places. No sooner was the ceremony over than the ecclesiastical part of the arrangements was continued—they had begun before the processions proceeded from west to east, episcopal and clerical—to a length that was not only needlessly tedious, but positively exhausting. When this at length was brought to a close the processions were reformed and proceeded to the western enclosure, where the second stone was to be laid. Here a similar line of action to that in the eastern enclosure was taken by the clergy, even with still more marked manifestation of antipathy. They positively swarmed over the dais, and indicated by their manner that the second stone should, after all, be laid *Ecclesiastically*, and *not* Masonically! Again, Bro. Fenn, nothing daunted, came to the rescue, and by insisting that if the Prince of Wales did not lay the second stone as M.W.G.M., he (the Prince) with his Grand Officers, would there and then remove their clothing and leave the place. This "did not suit their book," and common sense was thus permitted to prevail over bigoted hostility.

Hospitality was not indeed to have been expected either from Bishop or clergy, but Masonic good feeling and fraternity might have been looked for from some of the Truro brethren towards those, at least, who had come from great distances. *Nothing of the kind was witnessed!* One instance there was alone—and because it ought not to be left unrecorded do we mention it—wherein the heartiest of welcomes was given, but that was by a *non-Mason*, W. Dolitho, Esq., of Polwithen, Penzance. Of those, who were able to accept this kindly invitation, Bros. Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C.; Col. Burney, G.D.; F. Richardson, G.D.; Fenn, P.G.D.; and Gibson, G. Supt. of Works, were the only brethren who were able to remain for so warm and hearty a manifestation of welcome.

#### A PAST GRAND OFFICER.

##### UNITY OF RITUAL.

"Here we are again!"

*Old Pantomimic.*

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see, by the agenda paper, that our irrepressible Bro. James Stevens is going to have another "Field Day" in Grand Lodge, a net that worn out and perverse Ritual crocheted of his. After his late crushing defeat one would have thought that, yielding to the innate sense of his own unobtrusive and retired disposition, he might have spared the members of Grand Lodge the infliction of another "yarn" and another agitation. Without noticing today the inherent absurdity of his resolution, confounding a "Law" and a "Resolution," two things essentially distinct; without stopping to animadvert on the real disrespect his resolution evinces towards Grand Lodge, and his extreme inconsiderateness in respect of the convenience or feelings of his brethren, I beg to protest against any one, be he who he may, after a three months' interval re-introducing a resolution which has been rejected by such an overwhelming majority as refused to confirm, most properly, that portion of the minutes relative to this matter at the last Grand Lodge.

Is Grand Lodge to be turned into a debating club? Are we, its independent members, to be made the patient victims of "wire pullers," to be at the mercy of a petty perverse "caucus?" I, for one, trust that Grand Lodge will again assert its own dignity, vindicate its own proceedings, and put a stop, if possible, to this senseless repetition of a worn out, a vain, an unprofitable question. It has been pointed out in your paper over and over again—indeed, till we are all sick of the very word "ritual"—that the majority which supported Bro. James Stevens in December, 1879, did so in forgetfulness of the Grand Lodge proceedings in 1870. Had it been clearly known then that the resolution of 1860 had been carried after no discussion worthy of the name, and that in March and June, 1870, the Grand Lodge refused deliberately to appoint any such committee, Bro. Stevens' motion would have been rejected.

\* Amongst "the excluded" were Bros. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. for Hants; Sir M. Costa, P.J.G. Warden; the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C.; T. Fenn, P.G.D., the acting G.D. of C. of the day; ex-Sheriff Hutton, and many others. In the case of Bro. Sir M. Costa Lord Mount Edgcumbe has since written him a letter of apology for the scant courtesy he received, but we have not heard of his lordship having had the good taste to make the *amende honorable* to any one of the other brethren, who were shut out.

The action of Grand Lodge in March, 1870, was, therefore, only a necessary consequence of a due appreciation of the true facts of the case, and a resuscitation of this silly, hurtful agitation is alike, I repeat, *indecorous* and *un-Masonic*, disrespectful to Grand Lodge, and most inconsiderate towards its members. I have myself no fear that the result will be undignified.

Surely such a motion is not only "bad form," but out of order?

I am, yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF GRAND LODGE.

#### ADMISSION INTO ENGLISH LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I may be dull, but I confess I do not follow Bro. "P.G. Sec.'s" reasoning. The qualification for entrance by a visiting brother into a lodge is clearly, according to the Book of Constitutions, as he correctly cites it, either (1) personal knowledge by a member present, (2) recommendation by a member present, (3) a voucher, after due examination, by a member present. These conditions are *disjunctive*, not *conjunctive*, as the use of the disjunction "or" evinces. I express no opinion upon the propriety or impropriety of indiscriminate admission, but I humbly submit that the proposition in the last sentence of the letter upon which I presume to comment is not logically borne out by the premises set forth in the preceding paragraph.

I am, dear Sir, faithfully and fraternally yours,

SAMUEL POYNTER,

P.M. and Treasurer Burgoyne, 902,  
P.M. Athenæum, 1491.

Temple, 20th May, 1880.

#### BRO. S. BARTON WILSON'S COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much surprised some weeks since that Mr. S. Barton Wilson ventilated his views in your columns in regard to a difference between him and the House Committee of the Boys' School, as to his account for work done in respect of recent alterations to that Institution to the amount of which the Committee took exception. This matter had, I supposed, been settled, as at a recent Quarterly Court, a vote approving of the conduct of the House Committee was unanimously passed. I presume, however, this cannot be so, as I am given to understand Mr. Wilson has nominated several brethren for the House Committee at the next election, in opposition to the existing members.

Surely this is at variance with good taste. The House Committee, I feel sure, can have no desire to do otherwise than that which is right as Trustees of the Institution, and if Bro. Wilson takes exception to their proceedings it is not for him to propose the removal of any of the members of that Committee whom he may consider objectionable.

Yours fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

#### LODGE AT GRANTHAM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to Bro. T. B. Whythead's query under heading of "Bro. Francis Drake" as to the existence of a lodge at Grantham prior to 1820, I am in a position to say, from information supplied by the late Bro. Dr. Chas. Ferneley, P.P.G.J.W. of Linc., and a P.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 362, at Grantham, "That the *present* lodge received its warrant from Lord Rawdon, acting Grand Master for H.R.H. George, Frederick Augustus, Prince of Wales, G.M., dated Oct. 1st, 1791; the number on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England being at that time 710. After meeting regularly for some years (the minutes of which meetings having been continuously kept) the charter became in abeyance, though of this there is no minute nor entry of proceedings for some years. On the 22nd January, 1820, a dispensation was granted by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, G.M., and the warrant of constitution restored under its original number, 710, which soon after became 522. In 1832 it became 366, and, again, in 1862, was altered to 362," which number it still retains. At the time I speak of, a search was made by Bro. Ferneley among the records at Grantham, in order to obtain materials for a "History of the Private Lodges of Lincolnshire," edited by the late P.G. Sec., Bro. C. E. Lucas, but he was unable to find any mention of a lodge at Grantham prior to 1791.

With regard to the number of the Doric Lodge, it is somewhat curious, but I have in my possession an old Masonic work, entitled "The Principles and Practice of Masonry," in which is given "a correct list of the 'country lodges' under the Constitution of England to 1793," wherein the *Doric* Lodge, Grantham, is numbered 491; whereas Bro. Ferneley gives it as 710, as late as 1820. Perhaps some brother could explain this.

Yours fraternally,

FREDK. D. MARSDEN,  
P.G. Sec. Linc.

#### VISITING ENGLISH LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read in your issue of the 14th inst. the letter of W.M. No. 23, Colorado, U.S., also the letter he has enclosed you, copied from the *Masonic Review*, and as I at the time that letter refers to was Master of the Grosvenor Lodge (presuming, of course, he means October, 1879), I consider it my duty to take up the matter, and say most positively that nothing of the kind occurred. During my year of office we had one or two applications for admittance from strangers, and in each case they were able (though some rather imperfectly) to prove their proficiency and admitted. I myself am a very great advocate for visiting other lodges, as I think it conduces very much to good fellowship and good working, as it is only by imitating what we see praiseworthy in others we can improve, and without comparing our work with others emulation would cease.

I am quite certain any foreign brother, if able to prove himself worthy visiting the Grosvenor Lodge, will always be received with the right hand of fellowship, and feel sure the Bro. J. M. Fisher has made a mistake somewhere, which for the sake of my self I hope he will rectify.

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,

J. J. CANTLE,  
I.P.M. 1237; P.M. 144, &c. &c.

#### NEW CATHEDRAL AT TRURO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is proposed that all Masonic subscriptions for the Truro Cathedral should be kept separate from others, and applied to some special portion of the building.

A collection was made after the ceremony on Thursday last, but I have reason to believe that many brethren present had no opportunity of contributing, I therefore, trouble you with this letter to say that any contributions which brethren may like to send either to myself at No. 23, Belgrave-square, London, or to E. T. Carlyon, Esq., Truro, will be placed to the Masonic fund, and that due information will be given to all contributors before the special object to which it is proposed to apply the money is decided upon. Its nature must necessarily depend in some measure upon the amount collected.

Yours obediently,

MOUNT EDGCUMBE,  
P.G.M. of Cornwall.

#### THE LATE BRO. DR. GEORGE HARRIS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In December last year there joined the majority amongst others Bro. Dr. George Harris, last of Beadesert Lodge, who for many years in an unpretentious manner fought nobly and fought hard for the greatest principle of our Craft, charity, leaving on earth a widow and seven children still unprovided for.

Our brother's widow is trying hard to give those children above all an education worthy of their sire, and one of the little girls, Amy May Harris, is one of the candidates to be balloted for at the next election for St. Anne's Society.

I beg to earnestly appeal to all my brethren, who are members of that excellent institution, to vote on the 11th June, and to give their votes to Amy May Harris, the orphan daughter of a true and good Mason.

Yours fraternally, EDWARD ASCHER, M.D.,

Of Sandridge Marine and Beadesert Lodges,  
Leighton-Buzzard,

May, 25th.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).**—This ancient and distinguished lodge met on Wednesday last, the 26th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, despite the attractions of the Derby Day, in fair numbers. Mr. Ship, Secretary to the London and Westminster Bank, was after a favourable ballot, duly initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Parker Deacon, the D.M. Bro. Rivington was appointed Steward for the Boys' School festival, and five guineas was ordered to be placed on his list. The lodge, as usually, year by year, has done a good deal for the Charities this special year of grace and light.

After some routine business the lodge adjourned to a very agreeable banquet. I wish that something could be done for the "ventilation" of the dining rooms. On Wednesday, the heat was intense, and what it will be during the threatened hot summer one hardly wishes to anticipate. Some of our stouter brethren must suffer severely. Is there no public spirited official who will devote himself to that much needed reform at Freemasons' Hall—ventilation? But if I go on, I shall become "windy" myself, so here I pause perspiringly.

Among the brethren present we noticed Past Masters Bros. Col. Creton, the excellent Treasurer (G.T.); Wharton Hood, Rae, and Hope, I.P.M. Among the officers present were Bros. Parker Deacon, D.M.; Captain Twynam, J.W.; Sharon Turner, S.D.; Woodford, P.G.C., Chaplain; Rivington, J.D.; Jekyll, G. Org., Organist; B. Gibus Barron, P.M. (the indefatigable Secretary); and Sampson Pierce, the as zealous M. of Ceremonies and Steward. Bros. Batley and Ames were also present. Bro. Wood, an old friend, returned thanks for "The Visitors." The brethren separated at an early hour.

**WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. There were present Bros. R. H. Crowder, W.M.; Gardner, J.W.; H. D. Stead, Treas.; J. C. Woodrow, Sec.; Thos. Perren, S.D.; M. Vizetelly, J.D.; B. Fullwood, D.C.; J. B. Crump, acting I.G.; James Crowden, Steward; J. Beckett, Tyler; C. K. Crouch, P.M.; J. Allen, P.M.; A. J. Druce, P. G. Phelps, W. Lomas, T. Archer, J. Orange, Rosenthal, Jenkins, and Hicks. Visitors: Bros. Le Quesne, P.M.; A. Beasley, P.M.; A. Allworth, P.M.; and A. R. Rogers, P.M.

The lodge was opened punctually at half-past three o'clock, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Mr. Stephen Johnson was duly initiated by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Jenkins and Hicks were examined, and, having proved themselves worthy, were in due course raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The brethren subsequently adjourned to an elegant and sumptuous banquet at half-past six o'clock.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair by the W.M., and, in responding to the toast of his health, he said: "As usual, brethren, on these happy occasions, you have been good enough to remind me of those great duties I have undertaken to perform, and to thank our Bro. Crouch, P.M., for proposing my health in such flattering terms, and you all, brethren, for the very hearty manner it always pleases you to receive the toast, is one of the most pleasant of those duties. Our barque, which you may consider was thoroughly overhauled and put in order two years since, is now in the course of her second voyage, and, so far, she has enjoyed safety and prosperity, and her qualities have been well tested. I think we may now look back with pleasure on the happy time we have spent in her, and it will be no small satisfaction to me to see the happy termination of her voyage. I consider the lodge is now firmly established and on a sure foundation, and I leave it in your hands to make up a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder. Let it be a structure where we may study the well-known and beautiful principles of the Craft, and, by a constant interchange of our various ideas and thoughts, we may improve our minds, and by our con-

stantly meeting and enjoying each other's society, seek to promote the social virtues. "The Initiate" was then toasted, who replied in felicitous terms, and thanked the brethren for so cordially receiving him as a member of the West Kent Lodge. He had wished many years to become a Freemason, and at last the happy moment had arrived, and he was quite sure, he would never regret the step he had that day taken. In responding to "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Allworth had occasion to remark that he had been a member of the lodge some years since, when the "quality" of the lodge was not such as it was now—thanks to the energy and interest taken in it by the present W.M.; and he only regretted he had not had patience and still continued a member, for he had been so much pleased with the manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted, and the unanimity of the present members, that he almost wished he might be persuaded to re-join the lodge. He was Past Master of two other lodges, and was well able to express the opinion that he never saw the ceremonies better worked than he had done that day, and he congratulated the members of the lodge on the acquisition of a W.M. who they would find a difficulty in replacing. Bros. Beasley, Le Quesne, and Rogers also returned thanks, and assured the brethren of the pleasant evening they had enjoyed. "The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "Officers" were then proposed, and, after being duly responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded the most happy and enjoyable evening that ever has been recorded in the annals of the West Kent Lodge.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at their lodge house, the New Market Hotel, the brethren being summoned to meet at five p.m. Present: Bros. J. Howes, W.M.; W. Pennefather, S.W.; W. Malt-house, J.W.; Mc. Butt, S.D.; J. H. Lardner, J.D.; G. H. Stephens, I.G.; W. Snow, W.S.; W. Butt, C.S.; Adams, P.M.; Mallett, Sec.; the lay brethren were C. Smith, R. B. Greenwood, S. Renaut, J. King, A. Silver, C. Corke, M. Kelly, T. Butt, W. H. Milton, M. H. Milton, Roberts, Organist.

The lodge was opened with solemn prayer by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting and lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. The W.M. called the brethren to order, and opened the lodge in the Degree of F.C. Bros. M. Kelly, W. H. and M. H. Milton, having studied, and found proficient to be advanced to the Degree of M.M., were entrusted and retired. The lodge was prepared for their reception on their return, and the W.M. ordered their admission, and in solemn prayer invoked a blessing on them and the brethren assembled, and the candidates were conducted to the W.M. and received from him their equality among Masons, the ceremony being duly rendered. The W.M. then resumed the lodge, and the ballot was taken for the following gentlemen, viz., Mr. R. Parr and Mr. J. Wilkinson, which proved unanimous, and those gentlemen being present, were duly admitted amongst Freemasons.

Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, presided over by Bro. T. W. Adams, P.M., in the absence of the W.M., who was compelled to leave the brethren, and to attend the bedside of his son, the D.C. of the lodge, who has recently met with a severe accident. The brethren expressed their sympathy, and wished a speedy recovery to their injured brother. The banquet was served in Bro. Butt's usual excellent style, superintended by himself, and assisted by Bros. W. and T. Mc. Butt, his sons, both officers of the lodge. The cloth being cleared, the P.M. presiding rose and proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and speaking of the excellences of Her Gracious Majesty, summoned the brethren to the toast, they responding heartily to the same. "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next to be observed, and after a shower of deserved compliments, the Chairman called on the brethren to "fire" H.R.H. well, which, it is needless to say was thoroughly accomplished. "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," was duly proposed and responded to by the brethren, also that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Dep. G.M., and the Past and Present G.L. Officers," the toast receiving full acknowledgment. The next toast, that of "The Initiates," without which, as the worthy P.M. observed, Freemasonry would be very dull, was joyfully drunk by the brethren. Bros. Parr and Wilkinson, in reply, expressed their pleasure at being admitted into the Craft, and trusted what they had heard and seen would be a lasting impression for the remainder of their lives. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 73, was inducted to the chair, and presided for the remainder of the evening, and on rising to propose the toast of "The Visitors," took the opportunity of stating the pleasure and honour he felt, as father and one of the founders of the lodge, to occupy so proud a position as their W.M., *pro tem.* He went on to say that the West Smithfield Lodge had grown successfully from infancy to maturity, and had all the prospects of a prosperous career. He assured the brethren of the deep interest he always had and ever would have for the welfare of the lodge, and he would not detain them longer, but ask them to rise and drink "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. J. F. Van Raalte, S.W. 917, rose to respond to the toast, and said it was true, as the W.M. for the time being observed, he felt himself almost a member of the lodge, for he had been to the lodge a number of times, and always felt pleasure in doing so, as he always met the same happy faces and smiling welcome. There was also another feature of attraction, the working was always good, and, being a candidate for the chair in his own lodge, he felt to neglect an invitation from them was to lose that which he himself was so much in search of, for he must say that no lodge he visited had better working. For himself he thanked the W.M. for associating his name with the visitors' toast, and the brethren for so ably responding to the same, and remarked that he should always be glad for any of them to visit him at his own lodge. Bro. Forss, of the Yarborough Lodge, next responded, and, in the course of some well-selected remarks, said this was his first visit to the lodge, for which gratification he had to thank Bro. Greenwood. There were two things he liked in connection with the lodge, that was to say, good working and good feeding—very essential companions. He might say also that he felt very jolly amongst them, and hoped this would not be the last invite he should have. He thanked the W.M. for the toast to those visiting the lodge and for the hearty response of the brethren. Bro. T. Wildast, Crystal Palace Lodge, also replied, and com-

menced his observations by stating he hardly knew to whom he had to thank for his invite, but whoever that brother might be he certainly owed him many thanks, and although he could hardly say he was a stranger amongst them, for there were several brethren of the lodge who were very old friends of his, nevertheless, this was his first visit, and should any of them invite him again, he was afraid he should come to their call. So far as the cordiality of reception was concerned, and the able working of the lodge, he could certainly with pleasure endorse all that had been said by his brother visitors, and, although little had been left for him to say, he might not be thought to be out of place if he remarked that the whole of the members of the lodge, so far as he could judge, were perfect pieces of Masonic machinery, able and willing to undertake any duties assigned to them, and no doubt the W.M. was very proud of his officers. He himself being a Master of Craft Masonry doubtless found his labours curtailed by having good working members at his call. He trusted that Bro. Wilkinson, whom he had been instrumental in bringing amongst them that evening, would prove worthy of the introduction; for himself he had no doubt of it, and, in conclusion, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the cordial manner in which the visitors had been received amongst them. P.M. Walters next proposed "The P.M.'s," which was acknowledged by the brethren, but there were none present to reply to the toast. He next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and in doing so found pleasure in complimenting them, more especially those who had become Life Governors of the Charities, Bro. Malthouse for the Girls' School, he having also represented the lodge as Steward for the same. Then came Bro. G. H. Stephens, the I.G., he having also stood Steward for the lodge at the last festival of the Aged Freemasons, and he congratulated that brother on the handsome sum of money he carried with him—upwards of £130, and, although but a young Mason, he had been informed that he had more than once worked the Fifteen Sections. He had certainly laid open for himself a bright future in Freemasonry. There was also Bro. T. W. Adams, P.M. of the lodge, Life Governor of all the Charities, who had served Steward to two of them. Then there was their Bro. Pennefather, S.W., an old P.M., whom he had known for a great number of years as a most able worker in Freemasonry. He was Preceptor of their lodge of instruction, and he strongly recommended him to the support of all the brethren, for it was only through such as himself that younger Masons were made perfect for duties connected with lodge working. He trusted that Bro. J.D. would be found next year Steward for one of the Charities, for he was well known as a painstaking Mason; and he mentioned these instances as a guide to all those young Masons who wished to excel in the Craft and bring on themselves renown. He would not occupy their time any longer, but ask them to join with him in drinking to the officers of the West Smithfield Lodge, which was done, and he then proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," the brethren receiving the same approvingly, and which was also responded to by Bro. E. Mallett, Secretary. The toast of "The Lay Members" also followed, to which those brethren individually replied, stating that they were all ready for office when it pleased the W.M. to appoint them to duty. The Tyler's toast then followed, which brought a pleasurable evening to a conclusion. Songs and sentiments were interspersed between each toast. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Egbert Roberts, the Organist of the lodge.

**HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Prince George Tavern, Parkholme-road, Dalston, when Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., installed Bro. James Lorkin W.M. for the ensuing year, who appointed Bros. Henry John, S.W.; Jas. H. Wilkin, J.W.; William F. Darnell, S.D.; Alfred Sack, J.D.; Edwin Dyer, I.G.; Henry Leah, Sec.; C. F. Brown, D.C. Bro. J. B. Scriven, the Treasurer, was unavoidably absent. The lodge being closed the brethren, numbering between thirty and forty, adjourned to the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, City, and partook of a most excellent banquet, after which the gold jewel of the lodge was presented to Bro. Edward F. Storr, the I.P.M., who during his year of office had served as Steward to the three Masonic Charities for the second time.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).**—The May regular meeting of this lodge was held at No. 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 24th inst. The lodge was opened shortly after seven p.m. by the W.M., Bro. John Wood, assisted by the following officers: Bros. R. Whitfield, I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, S.W.; E. Liddell, J.W.; E. W. Middlestun, Secretary; R. W. Sisson, as S.D.; J. McIntyre, J.D.; R. T. Swallow, I.G.; A. Rhagg, S.S.; and W. M. Pybus, J.S.

There was a numerous muster of members and visitors, amongst whom were noticed Bros. M. Corbett, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; John Mackay, W.M. 424; A. C. Coning, W. Brown, W. Potts, W. Dalrymple, J. C. S. Liddell, E. Mitchinson, Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; T. Dinning, 481; E. J. Gibbon, I.P.M. 541; H. Usher, Secretary 541; M. E. Catetideside, S.W. and W.M. elect, 1676; J. T. Taylor, I.P.M. 1676; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; W. Smith, J.W. 1342; J. Duckett, S.W. 481; J. A. Dixon, 1626; A. Munro, S.D. 1342; A. M. Loades, P.M. 24; E. A. Gibbon, 424; and W. Colquhoun, 424.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed and signed, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. T. Corking and J. Allen as subscribing members. Both were duly elected. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. E. Mitchinson and W. Brown were examined and received the test of merit. The candidates then retired, and the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when Bros. Mitchinson and Brown were re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the Tracing Board and the working tools. The lodge was closed to the First Degree in due form, when a letter from Bro. John Fawcett, the retiring P.G.M., was read, in response to the vote of the members at last regular meeting. After some usual routine work had been completed, the lodge was closed at nine p.m.

The brethren retired to the refreshment room and spent a happy and harmonious evening together. This being the sixty-first anniversary of H.M. the Queen's birthday; the brethren sang the "National Anthem" after the toast of "The Queen."

**BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).**—An emergency meeting was held on Monday, the 24th inst., at eight o'clock p.m. There were present Bros. T. Johnston, W.M.; H. Gore, I.P.M.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M., &c.; H. C. Hopkins, P.M. and Sec.; J. J. Dutton, P.M., as S.W.; Radway, as J.W.; Gill, as S.D.; Loder, P.M., as J.D.; Timmins, as I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; and many other brethren.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, a favourable ballot was taken for a joining member. The Secretary read letters from the other two lodges in Bath, soliciting help in the purchase of new furniture, and a deputation of four brethren was appointed to confer with a like number from each of those lodges on the subject. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then took the chair, opened the lodge in the F.C. Degree, examined Bro. Hamilton, a candidate to be raised, and, his replies being most satisfactory, dismissed him for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Hamilton was re-admitted, and qualified as a M.M. by the acting W.M., who also gave the traditional history and the charge. The working tools were explained by Bro. J. J. Dutton. The lodge was then brought down to the First Degree, a vote of thanks was passed to the visitors for their presence and help, and the lodge was closed by the W.M. at ten o'clock p.m.

**LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. Thomas Webster, W.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge at six o'clock, and amongst those who gave him support were Bros. H. Ashmore, I.P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; John Houlden, P.M., P.G.S.; H. M. Molyneux, P.M.; J. Boyle, S.W.; T. H. Careful, J.W.; J. Beesley, Sec.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; W. Brassey, S.D.; J. M. King, J.D.; R. H. Webster, I.G.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members who were present included Bros. S. Outram, J. G. Hassell, Samuel Whalley, Robt. Cariss, J. Roxburgh, E. Kelley, C. K. King, E. Morgan, W. S. Sterrey, A. Alley, J. Gage, J. Corson, and others. The visitors were Bros. T. Boswell, W.M. 594; P. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. Evans, W.M. 1675; J. W. Bottomley, I.P.M. 1675; R. Fairclough, J.W. 1675; J. Hughes, 1575; Thos. Cowell, 1740; R. Britton, 1756; S. Butterworth, 1547; C. James, 597 (S.C.); S. C. Harvey, 203; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 249. Bros. Corney and C. K. King were raised to the Third Degree, and afterwards the sum of four guineas was voted in charity. The W.M. in the name of the brethren, then presented Bro. Councillor W. J. Lunt, I.P.M., Treasurer, with a very handsome album, containing the portraits of a great number of the brethren of the lodge, as a token of the good feeling in connection with his recent marriage. The album bore the following illuminated inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. J. Lunt on his marriage, by the members of the Everton Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons, No. 823, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of his lodge. (Signed) T. Webster, W.M.; H. Ashmore, I.P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; and John Houlden, P.M., P.G.S." The presentation was most suitably acknowledged by Bro. Lunt, who assured the brethren that the gift would always be cherished by him as an evidence of their goodwill and esteem. Bro. R. Britton, 1756, was proposed as a joining member, and another gentleman for initiation. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. F. Hodgson, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and Past Masters: Bros. W. Cowman, P.M.; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. S. Braithwaite, S.W.; G. Dalrymple, J.W.; R. Twentyman, Sec.; G. W. Smith, S.D.; J. McGill, J.D.; J. Angus, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler, P.P.G.T.; J. McGowan and S. Blenkhorne, Stewards, J. T. Ray, and T. Ellwood. The following visitors were also present: Bros. W. B. Gibson, Provincial Grand Secretary Cumberland and Westmorland, W. H. Rayson, 119; W. J. Jackson, S.D. 119; and E. Smith, 310, Union Lodge, Carlisle. The business before the lodge was to pass Bro. H. Burns to the Second Degree, but he was unavoidably absent. When the W.M. intimated to the brethren that Bro. Gibson had kindly consented to deliver a Lecture on the first Tracing Board, this announcement met with a warm reception, as the lodge has a full complement of boards, but from past evidence more for ornament than use. It is a fact, and sometimes to be admitted, that P.M.'s, after having performed certain services in the Oriental chair, are rather neglectful of the requirements of the junior members of the "Mystic Knot," and from the very able manner this lecture was given we do trust that it may be an incentive for those more closely allied to the lodge to try and do likewise. A vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Gibson, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed in good harmony at nine o'clock.

**LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).**—Bro. H. Tobias, W.M., presided at the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where he most efficiently gave the Third Degree. There were also present at the meeting Bros. R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Schonstadt, I.P.M.; A. Jones, P.M.; S. J. Henochsberg, S.W.; M. Aronsberg, J.W.; M. Hart, P.M., Treas.; M. P. Tieski, Sec.; M. Baum, S.; W. G. Veale, O.; J. Frank, B. Woolf, S. Simmons, S. Cohen, A. Lyons, P. Levy, A. Hart, B. Levy, A. Cohen, A. Rabow, J. Lazarus, and others. The visitors included Bros. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M. 1380; S. H. Harvey, 203; H. Jones, Sec. 1675; J. Latta, J.W. 241; P. Ball, 249; R. Caruthers, 1350; S. Peacock, 1035; J. Croxton, 1756; H. Pim, 36 (Belfast), and others.

The work was well done, and the banquet which followed, thanks largely to the generosity of the W.M. (Bro. Tobias), was as enjoyable as could have been desired. It should be stated that the W.M. some time ago presented the lodge with sets of collars and gauntlets for the principal officers.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1739).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, May the 21st, at the Masonic Rooms, Church Gresley. There were present the following brethren:—Bros. R. Howe, W.M.; Thomas Halliday, S.W.; Walter S. Allen,

J.W.; R. Tongue, Chap.; T. A. Cochin, Treas., John Hassall, Sec.; John Hamilton, J.D.; Alfred Eley, I.G.; W. A. Musson, Stewd.; Frederick Whitmore, Tyler; William Carrick Crofts, P.P.C.W. Leicester and Rutland, P.M.; Edwin Faulkner, P.M.; W. F. Cooper, Thomas Knight, and John D. Wragg. The following visitors were also present:—Bros. W. Walters, S.W. 353; W. M. Booth, W. M. 353; J. Martin, P.M. 624; W. H. Bailey, W.M. 624; George Douglas, S.W. 624; James Cooper, P.M. 473; W. G. Line, J.W. 624; W. Gethard, P.M. 624; W. Johnson, S.W. 353; George Dewes, W.M. 779; W. S. Ellis, P.M. 432; and Alfred Lewin, J.W. 779.

This was the third anniversary of this prosperous lodge, when Bro. Thomas Halliday, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. R. Howe, the retiring Master. The working was all that could be desired, and a W.M.'s chair, presented to the lodge by Bro. P.M. W. Carrick Crofts, was duly appreciated and much admired. The brethren adjourned to the Boot Inn for the banquet, after which the W.M. proved himself an expert in managing the Fourth Degree business, making capital speeches, and calling to his aid history, geography, and poetry, who were subservient to his will, and evidently handmaids of long service. It was, altogether, a most successful and prosperous gathering, and augurs well for the future prospect of the lodge.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Burrows of Camborne, Cornwall, has succeeded in photographing, by the instantaneous process, a series of views of the Masonic ceremony at Truro. They are very successful, and include a number of portraits. We refer our readers to an advertisement in another column.

A Conversazione took place on Wednesday at the Royal Horticultural Society's Conservatory, South Kensington. A concert was given, and the gardens and fountains were illuminated by coloured fires, and the western quadrant arcade by the electric light.

The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Wakefield on Wednesday last.

Mr. John Curwen, the originator of the Tonic-Sol Fa system in England, died on Wednesday night last at Heaton House, near Manchester, after an illness of only five days' duration. He was on a visit to some friends at Heaton House.

The Princess of Wales, the Grand Duke of Hesse, and Prince Louis of Battenburg honoured the Gaiety Theatre with their presence on Wednesday last.

Princess Christian and the Duchess of Connaught were at the Prince of Wales's Theatre on Wednesday last.

Bro. U. Knell, of 11, Jewin-crescent, has patented a useful invention, in which he claims to have solved the difficulty connected with the cleaning of windows and ventilation. The press speaks highly of its value.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 157, was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Mr. Charles Reade's successful version of "L'Assommoir," with the Princess's Company, who have made it famous, has been transferred to the boards of the great National Standard Theatre in Shoreditch.

A state Ball took place at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday night last.

The Prince of Wales will shortly open the extensive docks, station, and hotel, which are in course of construction at Holyhead by the London and North Western Railway.

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Naval School, held at New-cross on Tuesday, it was decided to ascertain the number of children of officers of ward-room rank left fatherless by the loss of the Atalanta, with a view to receiving the sons on such terms as the circumstances in each case might render necessary.

The 82nd anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, July 1st, 1880, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, in the chair. The second meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, May 31st, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

The Haberdasher's Company, at their last court, made a special grant of five guineas to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester-square.

A meeting of the Committee of St. Alban's Cathedral Restoration Fund, will be held at the Board Room of the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 31st inst., to decide whether or not to go on with the undertaking.

A meeting of the original or Premier Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 31st inst., at six o'clock, for the purpose of admitting members, the enthronement of the Sovereign, and investment of officers.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1352, at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Poplar, on Tuesday, the 8th June, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Bro. J. S. Brown, J.W. 862, in the chair; Bro. R. P. Tate, S.W. 862, S.W.; Bro. W. H. Marston, W.M. 55, J.W.; and Bro. H. G. Gush, I.G. 1541, P.M.

Table with columns for Section number and Lecturer name. Includes 'FIRST LECTURE' and 'SECOND LECTURE' sections.

The Weald of Kent Lodge, No. 1854, will be consecrated, and the W.M. designate installed at the National Schools, Tenterden, on Thursday, the 3rd day of June next, at one o'clock p.m. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by W. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.M. 88 and 709, P.P.S.G.W. Kent, and P.P.G. Chap. Cambridge, deputed thereto by the R.W. Prov. G.M., assisted by W. Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent. The installation banquet will take place at the Town Hall, Tenterden, at 5.30. Bro. Wm. Dawes, P.M. and Sec. 341, acting I.P.M. 1842, P.P.G.R. Sussex, is the W.M. designate.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, June 4, 1880.

SATURDAY, MAY 29. Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham. 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H. Chap. 1044, Mid Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

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

MONDAY, MAY 31. House Com. R.M. Benevolent Institution, at 3. Lodge 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W. 1745, Farringdon (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hot. Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. Red Cross Constantine, Premier, Freemasons' Tav.

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, Milford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30. Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7. Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8. Treadgar, 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., Amers-td., Hackney, S. 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 Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8. Kilburn, South Molton-st., W., at 7.30. Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, S.

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