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## MASONIC CENTENARY CELEBRATION IN LIVERPOOL.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 16th inst., the brethren connected with the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, met at their head-quarters in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for the purpose of celebrating with becoming pomp and joyousness the centenary of the lodge, which has long held the foremost rank for charity and good works in the long list of West Lancashire lodges. The occasion was made specially interesting by the presence of our much esteemed Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who is also R.W.P.G.M. of the Province of West Lancashire, in which he is held in the very highest esteem and admiration. The "Merchants" did an exceedingly graceful act on this occasion by electing our distinguished brother a member of the lodge, and in presenting him with the first centenary jewel given in connection with the ceremony. Such a gathering in point of numbers and influence has rarely been seen in this part of the province, and a most impressive ceremony was the result of the excellent arrangements of the Committee appointed to carry out the affair. In the early part of the year a petition to Grand Lodge was adopted asking for a centenary warrant and permission for the members to wear a centenary jewel. Great pains were taken by the Secretary, Bro. T. Whitehead, in verifying the records of the lodge, and the prayer of the members was granted. The R.W.P.G.M. consented to be present on the occasion, and on this occasion fulfilled the promise, notwithstanding that he was suffering from a severe cold.

The following is a copy of the petition to the Grand Lodge:—

"Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, February 28, 1880.

"To His Royal Highness Albert Victor Christian Edward, M.W. Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons, "The humble petition of Thomas Salter, W.M.; Thos. H. Sheen, S.W.; and John Latta, J.W., of the Merchants' Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, sheweth

"That the Merchants' Lodge was constituted by warrant from Grand Lodge bearing date A.D. 1780, on the fifth day of March in that year;

"That on the fifth day of March next your petitioners' lodge will have been in existence one hundred years.

"That the Merchants' Lodge, at a recent regular meeting, passed a resolution, by unanimous vote, requesting that steps be taken to lay before Grand Lodge a petition or memorial praying that your Royal Highness would be pleased to grant permission to this, the Merchants' Lodge, to wear the centenary jewel, and to celebrate its centenary by banquet or other suitable demonstration, accompanied by such special acts of charitable benevolence for Masonic purposes, upon which the lodge may determine, if granted such permission.

"Your petitioners beg to call the attention of your Royal Highness to the subjoined copy of the warrant; and to extracts from such books of the lodge as are now accessible.

"Your petitioners further beg to suggest that reference to the Grand Lodge books would supply any of the missing links to prove "the uninterrupted existence" of the Merchants' Lodge for 'one hundred years;' and

"Your petitioners humbly beg that your Royal Highness will see fit to grant their memorial, and your petitioners will humbly pray, &c.

"THOMAS SALTER, W.M.

"THOMAS H. SHEEN, S.W.

"JOAN LATTA, J.W.

"THOMAS WHITEHEAD, Secretary."

Subjoined are the terms of the centenary warrant which was granted:—

"ALBERT EDWARD, G.M.

"To the Master, Wardens, other officers and members of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, and all others whom it may concern. Greeting,

"Whereas, it appears by the record of the Grand Lodge,

that, on the 25th day of March, 1780, a warrant of Constitution was granted to certain brethren, therein named, authorising and empowering them, and their regular successors, to hold a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, and which lodge was then registered in the books of the Grand Lodge as No. 522. But, in consequence of the union of the two Grand Lodges, and the formation of the United Grand Lodge, on the 27th day of December, 1813, it became No. 442, and at the alteration of numbers in 1832, it became No. 294. Since which, owing to the general alteration of the numbers in 1863, it has become, and now stands on the registry, as No. 241, meeting at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the title or denomination of the Merchants' Lodge.

"And whereas the brethren composing the said lodge are desirous, when and after it has completed the centenary of its existence, to be permitted to wear a jewel commemorative of such event, and have prayed our sanction for that purpose,—now know ye that we, having taken the subject into our consideration, have acceded to their request, and, in virtue of our prerogative, do hereby give and grant to all and each of the actual subscribing members of the same lodge, being Master Masons, permission to wear, in all Masonic meetings, suspended to the left breast by a sky blue ribbon, not exceeding one inch-and-a-half in breadth, a jewel or medal, of the pattern or device that we have already approved of, as a centenary jewel. But such jewel is to be worn only by those brethren who are *bona fide* subscribing members of the said lodge, and for so long only as each shall pay his regular stipulated subscription to the funds thereof, and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

"Given at London this 12th March, A.L. 5880, A.D. 1880.

"By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S."

It may be interesting to know that this is the second ceremony of the kind which has taken place in the province, but there are several lodges which have nearly reached a century's existence.

The founders of the Merchants' Lodge in 1780 were Bros. Thomas Golightly, merchant, 14, Lord-street; Thomas Manley, merchant, 9, Duke-street; James Roberts, merchant, 75, Duke-street; Thomas Porter, painter, 37, Hurst-street; Michael Renwick, surgeon, 15, Paradise-street; John Christian, merchant; Hugh H. Garbers, merchant, 20, Cleveland-square; Ralph Wright, merchant; William Denison, merchant, 32, Chapel-street; and William Beale, merchant, 4, Temple-court. The first principal officers were Bros. Thomas Golightly, W.M.; Michael Renwick, S.W.; and James Roberts, J.W. The votes held by the lodge for Masonic Charities are as follow: West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, 487; The Hamer Benevolent Fund, 20; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 17; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 4; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 14; and special grants to Masonic Charities (in addition to above) have been made of seventy guineas to mark the event.

The imposing assembly of brethren having taken place, the lodge was duly opened by Bro. Thomas Salter, the esteemed W.M.

There were also present Bros. Richard Brown, P.M. (Hon. Sec. of the W.L.M.E.I.), J. Cobham, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. H. Younghusband, P.M.; J. H. Sheen, S.W., W.M. elect; John Latta, J.W.; S. J. McGeorge, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G.R.; Thomas Whitehead, Secretary; J. Pendleton, S.D.; J. R. Duggan, J.D.; George Broadbridge, P.M., M.C., P.P.G.D.C.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; J. Brotherton, I.G.; and P. Ball, Tyler.

The members whose names appeared on the book were Bros. R. White, J. Winsor, R. Jago, R. Pruddah, jun., James Procter, W. Gorst, B. Levy, R. Richards, J. Cantrell, R. J. Mann, T. Goode, R. Hughes, J. Garrett, G. Templeton, T. Raby, D. McGeorge, J. Harrell, T. M. Stanbury, G. W. Davis, W. Bartley, C. A. Luker, H. Bryant, A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treasurer 1609; W. Johnson, W. McLachlan; W. Hughes, S. Jude; N. Green, Samuel Broadbridge, T. Saxon, A. Low, H. Bramall, R. Scott, W. Savage, J. Winsor, I.P.M., G. Robson, W. Stedford, W. J. Watmough, T. Hatton, 203; D. Meek, 203 and 1276; H. Davies, P.M. 605; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724, P.G.P.; T. W. Blades; George Peet, P.M.; R. Johnson, W. Davies, J. T. Pugmire, W. Emery, R. W. Barnes, Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M., C. Durringer, and C. Warren.

Besides Bro. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M. Eng., R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, there were also present the following visitors: Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec. (E.L.); Capt. W. J. Newman, P.G. Reg.; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G.R.; Councillor S. E. Ibbis, P.P.G.S.B.; Joseph Bell, P.G.J.D.; T. Clark, P.G.S. of W.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. J. Bethell Jones, P.P.G.C.; Major Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hayes, P.G.S.B.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; T. H. Whitehead, P.G.S.; D. W. Finney, P.G.D.C.; D. Edwards, 219; J. Balmer, P.M. 580; S. J. Henochsberg, S.W. 1502; H. F. Wright, J.D. 1502; S. Haynes, P.M. 823; H. B. Brown, 1350; J. White, W.M. 1384; J. Foster, J.W. 1384; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.M. 786; F. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Fogg, P.M. 580; C. Whittle, J.W. 680; H. A. Tobias, W.M. 1502; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; R. Townsend, P.M. 1289; Richard Bennett, P.M. 1299; T. A. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Houlding, P.G.S.; J. R. Bottomley,

I.P.M. 1675; H. P. Squire, 1609; James Doyley, 216; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; W. Williams, 1609; J. B. Mackenzie, Worshipful Master 1609; S. Harvey, 203; A. C. Wylie, W.M. 1264; J. Roberts, P.M. 673; E. Paull, Treasurer, 1356; W. T. Smith, Sec. 786; John Ballard, 1609; R. H. Evans, P.G.S.D.; R. N. Hobart, 1505; Richard Roberts, P.M. 1473; J. T. Alston, P.M. 203; H. Longman, P.M. 1051, P.G.S.; W. Delaney, W.M. 242; J. Heaton, P.M. 242; S. Bushell, 1756; H. W. Collins, P.P.G.W.; E. S. Mason, 1276; G. G. Walmsley, 292; W. Harrison, P.M. 897; E. Friend, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; A. Child, 1505; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; T. J. Hughes, 216; J. P. Bryan, 1035; A. Strother, 823; and Joseph Wood, 1094 (*Freemason*).

The centenary portion of the programme (specially drawn up by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.D.C., who deserves great credit for his taste and tact) was then proceeded with. After the Organist, Bro. Ewart, had taken his place, the R.W.P.G.M. and his officers were admitted and received with the usual honours.

The Senior P.M., Bro. J. H. Younghusband, P. Prov. J. G.W., then addressed the lodge on the occasion, and requested the Prov. G. M. to entrust the centenary warrant to the custody of the W.M.

Bro. YOUNGHUSBAND said: R.W. Prov. G.M., W.M., and brethren, as senior Past Master of this lodge the duty has been confided to me of briefly addressing you on this important occasion. But first let me express the gratitude we all feel towards our R.W. Prov. G.M., who has, at great inconvenience to himself, honoured us this day with his presence, and beg him to believe that this visit will be referred to with pride and pleasure at many a future meeting. In a poem by Dr. Young one of his characters is represented as saying, on hearing a clock strike—

"'Tis wise in man to give a tongue to time,"

and if wise to record the flight of hours it cannot be otherwise to commemorate the lapse of days, of years, and of centuries. These may be compared to milestones on the great highway of time. They invite us to pause and reflect on how many we have passed in our journey of life, and how many remain before we reach its final stage. This lodge, of which we are now met to celebrate the centenary, though generally prosperous, has not escaped periods of depression. One of these occurred in 1844, when it was only saved from extinction by the devotion of three of its members. These were Bros. Thomas Caldecut, the W.M.; James Brindle, I.P.M.; and James Fairhurst, who had served the office of W.M. in 1842, and whom I had hoped to see at this meeting. All honour to these three brethren to whom we, the members of this lodge, owe so much. Had we no other record of its existence the chairs of this lodge proclaim its antiquity. They point to a time previous to the Union in 1813, when many lodges, by virtue of their Craft warrants, conferred the Mark, R.A., K.T., Rose Croix, and other Degrees. These, I need not say, are now under separate jurisdictions, the United Grand Lodge of England having then decided that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees only, viz., the E.A., F.C., and M.M., including the H.R.A. Now, as these chairs bear emblems and inscriptions of all the above-named so-called higher Degrees they carry us back to the time when they were conferred in Craft lodges, and are probably as old as the lodge itself. Permit me now, brethren, to place on record the names of those who have contributed so materially to the success of this meeting. They are Bro. Broadbridge, P.M., and P. Prov. D. of C., whose zeal and ability are beyond all praise, our indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Thomas Whitehead, our excellent Organist, Bro. Ewart, and the musical brethren (all members of this lodge), who have kindly placed their talents at our disposal—to each and all of these brethren our best thanks are due. Before I conclude I am anxious to pay a tribute of respect to departed merit. Six years ago, in the full vigour of his strength and intellect, our dear Bro. Mott was removed from us by death. The loss to Masonry in general and to this lodge in particular can hardly be estimated. His voice is no longer heard in our lodges, but his bright example remains, and his memory will never be effaced from our hearts. Filled with gratitude to the Great Disposer of Events, we rejoice at the present position of our lodge. Venerable with age, yet without a wrinkle on its brow, it was never more prosperous than it now is. We rejoice at its noble exertions in the cause of charity, especially its generous support of the W.L.M.E.I., the crown and glory of this province, to which this lodge has ever been the principal contributor. So much for the past and present. The future is hid from mortal eyes, and we can only fervently hope and pray that the principles and tenets of our Order, especially that without which we are but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, may be transmitted pure and unimpaired through this lodge from generation to generation. So mote it be.

The Secretary then presented the Centenary warrant to the W.M., after which was sung the following anthem (taken from the 90th Psalm—composed specially for this occasion by Bro. C. W. Smith, J.W. 680):

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O, satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad in all our days.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands. Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

"So mote it be."

The W.M. replied, and announced to the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M. and Prov. G.M. W.L., that he had been elected a member of the lodge, and requested him to accept the first centenary jewel.

Bro. **SALTER**, W.M., in performing this portion of the ceremony, said: R.W.P.G.M., it has afforded us great pleasure to receive our centenary warrant at your hands, and we feel thankful to you for honouring us with your company on this interesting occasion. Knowing the many demands made on your time, we feel sure it must have caused you considerable inconvenience to be here to-day. This we feel is another proof of the deep practical interest you take in the progress of Freemasonry in West Lancashire—an interest that has done so much to stimulate the prosperity we have enjoyed in this province since you became our leader. At a centenary celebration it is impossible to avoid letting our thoughts wander back to the earlier stages of the lodge's existence, and making a comparison between our present happy and comfortable position and the circumstances of its founders. When struggling into life they had almost insurmountable difficulties to contend with; the force of circumstances drove them from place to place, and they had to seek a fresh lodge-room as many as eight times in the year. But these zealous men were not to be discouraged; they fought with, and overcome, the difficulties, and success rewarded their labours, for they placed the lodge on such a foundation that those who came after had the easy task of copying the example so nobly set them. As the lodge grew in years it increased in strength, and became a power for good, and built up a reputation of which we feel proud. The height of our ambition is to see that this reputation does not suffer in our keeping. In the future, as in the past, there will be plenty of work to do—lonely widows will require our assistance; orphans, deprived of their natural protectors, will look to us for a helping hand to enable them to enter upon the battle of life with some chance of success; and it will be our privilege to assist in causing a ray of sunshine to brighten the declining years of our old men and women. In all this truly Masonic work we hope to take a part and do our fair share, so that the honour, reputation, and usefulness of this lodge may be maintained, and the warrant we have this day received, and the one we have held for so many years, may be transmitted from generation to generation pure and unadulterated as we have received them. It is now my pleasure to inform your lordship that you have been elected a member of this lodge, and the brethren ask your acceptance of the first centenary jewel, on which is inscribed: "Presented by the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, to the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, June, 1880."

The P.G.M. thanked the brethren most heartily for the kindness which had been shown him that day, and assured them that it had given him great pleasure to be present that day. He congratulated the lodge on attaining its centenary, and he had not the slightest doubt that its reputation at the close of another 100 years would be quite as great as it was now.

Bro. the Rev. H. **BETHELL JONES**, M.A., P.P.G.C., vicar of Brooklands, Cheshire, then delivered an oration.

Gold centenary jewels were then presented to Bros. **SALTER**, W.M.; **JAMES WINSOR**, I.P.M.; **GEORGE BROADBRIDGE**, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., M.C.; **DR. MCGEORGE**, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; and **THOMAS WHITEHEAD**, Sec. Silver-gilt jewels were also presented to the W.M., S.W., and J.W., for the use of the several occupants of these chairs.

The centenary celebration closed with the following anthem:

"To Heaven's High Architect."—J. Molyneux.

"To Heaven's High Architect all praise, all gratitude be given, Who designed the human soul to raise by mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.

"Sound aloud the great Jehovah's praise; to Him the dome, the temple raise."

"So mote it be."

The W.M. elect, Bro. **THOS. H. SHEEN**, was then presented for installation by Bros. **YOUNGHUSBAND** and **GEORGE BROADBRIDGE**, Past Masters, and the ancient rite was most efficiently performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. **T. SALTER**. The following officers were afterwards appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. **THOS. SALTER**, I.P.M.; **JOHN LATTA**, S.W.; **THOMAS WHITEHEAD**, J.W.; **J. PENDLETON**, Hon. Sec.; **A. B. EWART**, Org.; **DR. MCGEORGE**, P.P.G.R., Treas. (re-elected); **J. R. DUGGAN**, S.D.; **JOHN BROTHERTON**, J.D.; **ROGER WHIT**, I.G.; **GEORGE BROADBRIDGE**, P.P.G.D.C., M. of C.; **P. BALL** was re-elected Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the Adelphi Hotel, where they dined. Bro. **T. H. SHEEN**, W.M., who presided, was supported by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., and other distinguished brethren.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, "The Health of the Earl of Lathom" was proposed by the W.M., and received most cordially, and in response the P.G.M. again expressed the pleasure which it had given him to be present that day. On the previous night he had gone to bed so ill that he did not think he would be able to come down to Liverpool, but his journey seemed to have done him a large amount of good. Although that was the second centenary celebration in the province (the other being the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, Prescott), that was the first he had ever attended; and he was, therefore, all the more determined that he would come down to be present. He was only sorry that he had given his brother, the Secretary, so much trouble in connection with the matter. He (the Earl of Lathom) had also to thank the members of the Merchants' Lodge for having enrolled him amongst their number; and he could assure them that he would wear the centenary jewel with the greatest pride and pleasure. (Applause.) He wished also to say how much struck and pleased he was with the most admirable manner in which the work of the lodge was done by Bro. **SALTER**, the Installing Master—in fact, he (the Earl) considered it was done as well as he had ever seen it in any lodge. (Hear, hear.) He had no doubt whatever that under the new Master (Bro. **SHEEN**) the work of the lodge would be equally well carried on. Referring to the Grand Master's recent visit to Truro, the Earl said he thought it one of the finest Masonic ceremonies he had ever seen. Although the town was small, and in a distant part of the country, no fewer than 1200 Freemasons turned out; and he thought

it exceedingly creditable to the brethren in that province that there was so much cordiality and admirable arrangements in connection with such a large and important gathering. (Hear, hear.) It was also most satisfactory to find that every brother gave something towards the erection of another Cathedral Church in England, and they thereby read a lesson to every Mason throughout the length and breadth of England. He mentioned these circumstances because he strongly desired to see something of the same ceremony at no distant date in the city of Liverpool. (Great applause.) He had not mentioned this to any of the authorities; but he thought the Truro example was such a good one that it ought to be followed. In the event of the funds being forthcoming for the erection of a cathedral in Liverpool, he thought they should call upon H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to come down and lay the foundation stone with Masonic honours. (Loud applause.) If he (the P.G.M.) should hold the same position in Freemasonry in West Lancashire when this took place, he could assure the brethren that whatever little influence he had with the Prince he would use it to secure his attendance at the ceremony. The P.G.M., in conclusion, asked for the generous help of the brethren of his province at the coming festival in aid of the Boys' School in London.

The toast of "The D.P.G.M. and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. **H. S. ALPASS**, who spoke at some length on the desirability of having, through the generosity of the brethren, the Province of West Lancashire properly represented at the coming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"The Masonic Charitable Institutions" was responded to by Bro. **R. WILSON**, Hon. Treasurer of the W.L. Masonic Educational Institution, who, in a speech of much power, showed the primary claim which this Charity and the Hamer Benevolent Fund had upon the support and sympathy of the various members of the lodges in the province.

Other toasts followed, including those of "The Worshipful Master" (received most heartily), "The Visitors," and "The Centenary and Installing Master, Bro. **SALTER**," to whom a very valuable Past Master's jewel was presented as a recognition of the almost perfect manner in which he had fulfilled the onerous duties of the chair during the year.

The splendid musical programme at the ceremony as well as at the banquet was furnished by Bros. **J. P. BRYAN**, **A. CHILD**, **W. WILLIAMS**, **J. T. PUGMIRE**, **T. J. HUGHES**, and **HOBART**; **Bro. Ewart** presiding at the piano on both occasions, and Bro. **C. SMITH** at the harmonium in the lodge.

The whole gathering was voted a genuine success, and the company was honoured with the presence of the Earl of Lathom until the close of the banquet proceedings.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

The second annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Suffolk was held at Woodbridge on Friday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. This occasion may be written down as another of those well carried out events for which the Woodbridge people are characterised as nearly unapproachable. The greatest hospitality was shown the visitors by the companions of the Royal York Chapter, and the day will be well remembered by those who were present.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened at three o'clock, the presence book being signed as follows: Comps. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Prov. G. Supt. Suffolk; **W. P. T. PHILLIPS**, Prov. G.H., Z. St.; **J. N. YORK**, Prov. G.J., P.Z. 88, 1008, P.G.H. Cambs.; **W. H. LUCIA**, Prov. G.S.E., St.; **T. GRIMWOOD**, P.Z.; **C. F. BROWNE**, J.; **W. WILMHURST**, P.G.S.; **F. WHISTOCK**, S.E.; **J. CANA FISK**, R. Allen, P.S.; **E. ST. G. COBBOLD**, B. D. Gall, and **W. MINTER**, 225; **W. DAKING**, Z.; **W. BOBY**, H.; **T. J. WENTWORTH**, J.; **W. G. CUNNOLD**, N.; **A. BARBER**, P.Z.; **T. NOBLE**, P.Z.; and **R. SENTON**, 376; **J. H. STADDON**, Z.; **H. C. CASLEY**, J.; **S. R. ANNESS**, N.; **J. M. HARVEY**, P.S.; **J. B. FRASER**, P.Z.; **N. TRACY**, P.Z.; **W. CLARKE**, P.Z.; **W. P. MILLS**, P.Z.; **W. T. WESTGATE**, P.Z.; **S. H. WRIGHT**, P.Z.; **B. P. GRIMSEY**, T. R. Elkington, H. J. Wright, and **A. COWTAN**, 1008; **G. THOMPSON**, Z.; **T. F. LUCIA**, N.; **B. CHENNELL**, H.; and **W. ARMSTRONG**, P.G. Reg.

The Prov. GRAND SCRIBE E. having read the minutes of the last Prov. G. Chapter and the accounts, stated that Grand Chapter had issued a warrant for the constitution of a chapter at Gorleston. The number of companions in the Prov. Grand Chapter at present was 143, against 137 last year.

The Prov. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT said he desired most heartily to thank those officers who had held office since the constitution of the Prov. Grand Chapter, and having referred to the difficulties experienced in the selection of officers, proceeded to the investiture of the following:

Comp. <b>W. BOBY</b> ... ..	Prov. G.H.
" <b>J. H. STADDON</b> ... ..	Prov. G.J.
" <b>WILMHURST</b> ... ..	Prov. G.N.
" <b>W. H. LUCIA</b> ... ..	Prov. G.S.E.
" <b>DR. MILLS</b> ... ..	Prov. G. Treas.
" <b>F. LONG</b> ... ..	Prov. G.P.S.
" <b>GRIMWOOD</b> ... ..	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" <b>W. DAKING</b> ... ..	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" <b>CHENNELL</b> ... ..	Prov. G. Reg.
" <b>THOMPSON</b> ... ..	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" <b>CLARKE</b> ... ..	Prov. G.D. of C.
" <b>GALL</b> ... ..	Prov. G.S.B.
Comps. <b>T. F. LUCIA</b> and <b>A. BENNETT</b> ...	Prov. G. Stwds.

The M.E.Z. referred to the good position already obtained by the Prov. Grand Chapter, and hoped he should be well supported on the occasion of the opening of the Gorleston Chapter. Their best thanks were due to the members of the Royal York Chapter for the pains and trouble they had taken in entertaining them on this occasion, and he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them.

Comp. **YORK**, P.G.J., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Comp. **PHILLIPS**, P.G.H., acknowledged the vote.

A discussion ensued as to the best time of year to hold the Prov. Grand Chapter, but the selection of the date was left in the hands of the M.E.Z., who stated that the next meeting would be held at Bury St. Edmund's.

About thirty members afterwards sat down to a *recherché* banquet at the Bull Hotel.—*East Anglian Daily Times*.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Tuesday last, to receive the Report of the Sub-Committee on the office, duties, and emoluments of the Collector, which is now vacant. Colonel **CREATON**, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. **JAMES BRETT**, **W. HALE**, **R. H. GIRAUD**, **C. A. COTTEBRUNE**, **J. M. CASE**, **C. J. PERCEVAL**, **JOHN HENRY LEGGOTT**, **H. COX**, **THOMAS CUBITT**, **F. ADLARD**, **G. BOLTON**, **HENRY G. WARREN**, **JOHN BULMER**, **JOHN G. STEVENS**, **J. NEWTON**, **CHARLES ATKINS**, **A. H. TATTERSHALL**, **CHARLES LACEY**, **JOHN L. MATHER**, **JOHN CONSTABLE**, **CHARLES DANIEL**, **WILLIAM CLARKE**, **J. A. FARNFIELD**, **JULIUS QUITMANN**, **JAMES KENCH**, **COL. H. S. SOMERVILLE BURNBY**, **LOUIS STEAN**, **W. HILTON**, **E. J. BARRON**, **W. F. C. MOUTRIE**, **CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD**, **EDGAR BOWYER**, **CAPT. N. G. PHILIPS**, the Rev. **A. F. A. WOODFORD**, **C. G. DILLEY**, **JAMES TERRY**, Secretary, and **H. MASSEY** (*Freemason*).

Bro. **TERRY** having read the report, the following resolutions were adopted, which, with some modifications and alterations, were the recommendations of the Committee: "That a Collector be appointed; that he be a Master Mason; that the age of candidates shall be not less than twenty-five or above forty-five; that his duties be to collect all annual subscriptions as well as donations unpaid on the Stewards' lists after the settling day, and report himself at the office every morning at ten o'clock and sign his name, and attend at the office Wednesdays and Friday from eleven o'clock a.m. to two o'clock p.m.; that he keep the alphabetical register of subscribers and donors, whether of lodges or individuals; that he attend the office on all other occasions to render assistance when required by the Secretary; that he give security for £500 in some approved guarantee society, the premium to be paid by the Institution; that he be paid a commission of 5 per cent. upon all sums actually received by him, but not any upon amounts paid into the office, and for which receipts are given by the Secretary; that the address of the Collector be at the office of the Institution; that the Secretary be empowered to advertise in the daily papers inviting candidates for the office, whose qualifications must be in accordance with the foregoing recommendation; that he be not permitted to hold any other office for which he receives remuneration; that his accounts be made up once a week, and the monies received by him paid into the bankers every Friday."

The main alterations were these—that the age be from twenty-five to forty-five instead of from twenty-one to forty-five. An amendment to increase the age to fifty was lost by a small majority.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The last meeting of the Board of Stewards previous to the Festival was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. **J. A. RUCKER**, P.G.D., in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for seats at the dinner table. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. **CREATON**, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. **COL. JAMES PETERS**, **S. G. FOXALL**, **GRIFFITHS SMITH**, **H. A. DUBOIS**, **C. A. COTTEBRUNE**, **CAPT. JOHN WORDSWORTH**, **ARTHUR E. GLADWELL**, **F. WALTERS**, **T. F. PEACOCK**, **ANDREW MIDDLEMASS**, **JOHN MASON**, **E. LETCHWORTH**, **F. R. HEDGES** (Secretary), and **H. MASSEY** (*Freemason*).

Bro. **GRIFFITHS SMITH** gave notice of motion for increasing the drawing mistress's salary from £30 to £40 a year.

On the motion of Bro. **C. A. COTTEBRUNE**, seconded by Col. **PETERS**, a "John Boyd Prize," of the annual value of three guineas, was agreed upon, to be competed for by the pupils of the Institution, in memory of the late John Boyd. For this purpose the sum of 100 guineas was subscribed by the members of the Prudent Brethren Lodge and Chapter, and presented to the Institution at last meeting of the General Committee.

The petitions of ten candidates were admitted and the candidates placed on the list for the October election. One petition was deferred.

The **CHAIRMAN** announced that there were fifty-four candidates for next election, and seventeen vacancies. The Chairman also informed the brethren that the purchase of Lyncombe House would be completed next Monday, and that it would be necessary to hand over a cheque for £6000 on that occasion.

The Chairman was then authorised to sign a cheque for the amount.

Authority was given to insure Lyncombe House for £4000.

The **CHAIRMAN** stated that Lyncombe House would probably be ready to receive twenty-five extra children in October next.

Bro. **LETCHEWORTH** read the draft of his circular soliciting subscriptions for a portrait of the matron, Miss Jarwood, and solicited the names of brethren to form the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned.

#### ST. ALBAN'S RESTORATION FUND.

A general meeting of subscribers took place on Monday last, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, to consider what to do with the subscriptions received, which did not permit the Committee to carry out its larger undertaking. After a long discussion, the motion and amendment given notice of were both withdrawn, and a resolution was carried to appoint a sub-Committee to report to an adjourned meeting, July 12, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.30, as to the course to be pursued.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will, by command of the Queen, hold a levee at St. James's Palace on behalf of her Majesty, on Wednesday, the 30th inst.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Wednesday week the Stewards who had assisted at the late festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last, when the sum of £14,000 was realised for the benefit of the annuitants, were invited to inspect the pretty building in Freemason's-road. The party numbering over 100, accompanied, in many cases, by their ladies, were met by the House Committee, by whom they were conducted over the establishment. Luncheon was provided in the hall, which, though a spacious apartment, was not sufficiently commodious to accommodate all the guests, who sat down in batches, presided over by Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.G.D. of England. The usual loyal toasts were proposed and enthusiastically received, followed by a few of a personal and complimentary nature, including the House Committee and Stewards. The party having been divided into three sections, the ceremony of proposing the toasts was three times repeated, but Bro. Stewart was equal to the occasion, and admirably discharged the threefold duty imposed upon him.

After luncheon the guests visited the various rooms, and some time was pleasantly occupied in conversation with their old friends, the occupants.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The President's chair was occupied by Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President; the chair of Senior Vice-President was held by Bro. S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master for China; and the chair of Junior Vice-President by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., and for the latter half of the evening by Bro. W. H. Perryman. The other brethren present were Bros. R. F. Gould, S.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; H. Garrod, P.M. 749; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; W. Clarke, A.G.P.; W. Stephens, P.M. Marquis of Ripon Lodge, &c.; C. Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205; John Constable, P.M. 185; William Ough, P.G.P.; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; George Powell, W.M. 142; F. R. Spaul, W.M. 1768; Charles W. Oliver, P.M. 53; F. Adlard, P.M. 7; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; J. Brunker, W.M. 1360; C. H. Webb, W.M. 174; C. J. Edwards, W.M. 1457; Lewis Bryett, W.M. 1828; George J. Earney, W.M. 1658; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; W. Watson, P.M. 834; Thomas Hutson, W.M. 13; H. S. Allpass, P.M. 155; P.G. Sec. West Lanc.; Henry Hymans, W.M. 188; J. B. Shackleton, W.M. 1326; W. Meadway, P.M. 704; Dick Radelyffe, W.M. 742; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; Charles J. Benson, W.M. 1613; J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M. 176; G. S. Wehlens, W.M. 511; H. Shawe, W.M. 834; John Mason, P.M. 1567; G. E. Cook, W.M. 382; J. Mowlen Burt, W.M. 1146; J. S. Harrington, W.M. 879; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and H. Sadler, G.T., also attended.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the amount of £435. There were thirty-three cases on the new list, out of which five were deferred for further particulars. The remaining twenty-eight were relieved with a total of £870, which was composed of one grant of £150, one £100, two of £50 each, two of £40 each, six of £30 each, two of £25 each, six of £20 each, three of £15 each, four of £10 each, and one of £5. The lodge was not closed till ten o'clock.

MASONIC PICNIC AT HOO GREEN, CHESHIRE.

The members of Lodge of Affability, No. 317, with their friends, wives, and daughters, assembled in Albert-square, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at 11.30 a.m., in order to proceed via Didsbury, Cheadle, Gatley, Baguley, and Altrincham to Hoo Green, for the purpose of enjoying a day's recreation in "harmless mirth and glee."

Two well appointed omnibuses, each drawn respectively by four greys and bays, were engaged to carry the goodly company, who numbered sixty-two.

At 11.45 the omnibuses started for their destination, and reached Didsbury at 12.30. Here a halt was made for something like half-an-hour for the purpose of giving an opportunity to six of the number (who did not arrive at Albert-square in time to proceed with the omnibuses) of joining them.

The absentees, however, not putting in an appearance by one o'clock, a fresh start was made, and Cheadle reached at 1.20. Proceeding onward the company arrived at Altrincham at 2.15, and the hitherto absent delinquents (who had come on by train) were now espied in the distance, and, much to the satisfaction of all concerned, duly taken "on board." At Dunham the company alighted and entered the woods, when on a spot being selected they seated themselves on grassy mounds, logs of trees, &c., and several brethren, who acted as Stewards, busied themselves in handing sandwiches, wine, ale, and spirits, which had been brought in hamper, bottles, and jars, to the company, who forthwith regaled themselves in "rustician" style. This arrangement proved very satisfactory to all, as not only was the quality of the liquors better than those usually obtained at an hotel, but there was more than sufficient for every one. Time being called at 3.5, the omnibuses wended their way to the Kilton Arms, Hoo Green, arriving there at 3.40.

This old-fashioned and picturesque hostelry proved most accommodating to the wants and convenience of the ladies and gentlemen. On one side of it there is a beautiful bowling-green, which proved very attractive to the gentlemen. In a room overlooking the bowling-green, and capable of comfortably seating eighty persons, a substantial tea, à la fourchette, had been provided, and some choice salmon proved to be not the least taking article of consumption.

The attendance proved as good as the quality of the viands, and gave every satisfaction to the company who sat down, amongst whom were Bro. Mark Vickers, W.M. 317; Bro. William Nicholl, S.W. 317, and Mrs. Nicholl; Bro. John Smethurst, P.M., Treasurer, and Mrs. Smethurst; Bro. Robt. Tomlins, Secretary, and Mrs. Tomlins; Bro. John Church, S.D., and Mrs. Church; Bro. J. Wilson, J.D., and Mrs. and Miss Wilson; Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; Bro. John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; Bro. John Roger Lever, I.P.M.; Bro. Daniel Donbavand,

P.M., and Mrs. Donbavand; Bro. Samuel Titmas, P.M., and Mrs. and Miss Titmas; Bro. S. Percival, and Mrs. and Miss Percival; Bro. R. R. Lisenden (Freemason), and Mrs. Lisenden; Bro. Ellis Jones, Bro. Francis Hilton, Bro. R. Bradshaw, Bro. James Gooden, and Mrs. Gooden; Bro. J. G. Elderton, and Mrs. Elderton; Bro. R. B. Harper, and Mrs. Harper; Bro. G. D. Wenham; Mrs. Pye, and daughter; Bro. J. E. Middlehurst, and Miss Middlehurst; Bro. Joseph Halliday, and Mrs. Halliday; Bro. James Cummins, and Mrs. Cummins; Bro. Matthew Owen, 163, and Mrs. Owen; Bro. Sowter, S.W. 815; Bro. McGrath, 1495, and Miss McGrath; Bro. McAllister, and Mrs. and Miss McAllister; Bro. N. Edwards, 1495, and Mrs. Edwards; Bro. R. Westbury, Mrs. Westbury, and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Edwards, Mrs. and Master Edwards; Miss Robertson, and Lizzie Robertson.

As soon as "grace after meat" had been said the W.M. of 317, Bro. Mark Vickers, in his usual eloquent manner, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which was responded to with much enthusiasm, and replied to by Bro. Ellis Jones, one of the only two unmarried gentlemen in the company. Bro. Vickers then proposed "The Health of the Committee of Management," viz., Bros. John Church, R. R. Lisenden, and J. G. Elderton, who, he said, had no doubt a great deal of trouble and inconvenience in carrying out the arrangements for the picnic. At the same time he felt sure that they would be amply repaid by the satisfaction their efforts had given to all present. Bro. J. G. Elderton suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. John Roger Lever proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Affability Lodge" in glowing terms, which was enthusiastically received and responded to, and, after Bro. Vickers had replied, the company adjourned to the bowling green while the room was being cleared for dancing. At six o'clock the following programme was gone through: Polka, "Bric à Brac;" quadrille, "Sultan of Mochoa;" recitation, "Billy's Rose," Bro. Donbavand; schottische, "Twilight;" song, "Sarah's Young Man," Bro. Wilson; Lancers (original); song, "The Low Backed Car," Bro. J. R. Lever; schottische, "Little Dorrit;" quadrille, "The Times;" song, "The Muddle Puddle Porter," Bro. R. R. Lisenden; waltz, "Blush Rose." Miss Lizzie Robertson and Miss Titmas alternately presided at the piano, and Bro. R. R. Lisenden performed on the English concertina. Bro. Bradshaw made an efficient M.C. The dancing was carried on for two hours with much spirit, and some disappointment was evinced when the omnibuses were announced to be ready at 8.15, as many would have liked to have stayed until nine o'clock, but, as all things must have an end, so did this pleasant day's enjoyment, and, after the majority of the company had been set down in the neighbourhood of their respective homes the remainder reached Albert-square again shortly before eleven, thus ending, according to the statement of the W.M. of the Affability Lodge, one of the most pleasant outings in connection with this lodge. We had nearly forgotten to state that during the homeward journey a vote of thanks was deservedly accorded to Miss Robertson for her untiring services at the piano, which were given voluntarily.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

EVENING STAR LODGE (No. 1719).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, P.M., as W.M.; W. Sugg, S.W.; James Glaisher, P.M., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., A.G.D.C., Secretary; J. W. Sugg, D.C.; G. C. Trewby, Stwd.; Edward Hide, Stwd.; F. Kirkham, I.P.M.; Ferdinand Davies, W. H. Westwood, P. W. Hartley, Walter King, H. E. Bailey, Alfred Williams, M. Mildred, George Mainwaring, William A. Paton, Hyde Pullen, Arthur Meade, Charles E. Botley, 780; Joseph Hammond, S.D. 564; Andrew Stephenson, 1567; C. M. Ohren, J.D. 452; Charles Pawley, P.M. 452; John Bell, S.W. 1178; W. A. Hubbard, 1209; Arthur J. Dickinson, P.M. 452; Charles Burt, 18 and 1146, P.A.D.C. Wilts; J. H. Pearson, 1567; A. J. Jeffrey, P.M. 452; George Buckland, P.M. 1319; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason), and some other brethren.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Herbert T. Bailey was raised to the Third Degree. The following resolution, moved by Bro. W. Sugg, S.W., and seconded by Bro. T. A. Green, J.W., was adopted: "That to mark the occasion of the Secretary of the lodge being appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England, that it be referred to the 'Standing Committee' to consider the question of a suitable presentation to the W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, for his exertions as Secretary at the foundation and the consecration of the lodge, and for the efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of that office during the time the lodge has been in existence." This having been carried at the former meeting, the brethren resolved to present Bro. Ohren with a set of G. Lodge clothing, and Bro. Filer having expressed the thanks of the lodge to that brother for the services he had rendered, Bro. Ohren was invested with the clothing of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Ohren, in thanking the brethren for the gift, informed them that when he took the duties of Secretary of the lodge he did so only for a short time, till another brother who was P.M. of the lodge could accept the appointment. He added that a lodge was only the freehold of the W.M. and Past Masters and brethren, and that a brother who was only a P.M. in a lodge was in a different position to a P.M. of a lodge. It was, therefore, his desire to become a P.M. of the lodge, and for that purpose he had been appointed to another office than that of Secretary, and he hoped to go up to the chair and become one of the Past Masters of the lodge. For the brethren's recognition of his services to the lodge he heartily thanked them, and he looked upon the present they had made him as one of the most valuable he had ever received, and as such he should always view it. On the motion of Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, P.M., P.G.S.B., a magnificent Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was voted to Bro. John Aird, P.G.S., on his leaving the chair, as a mark of respect from the members. Bro. Aird, however, was unfortunately not present, but the beautiful jewel, which is of a design peculiar to the Evening Star Lodge, was handed round to the brethren, and obtained from them the highest ap-

proval. The installation of W.M. then took place, and, on the presentation of Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, who had up to this point occupied the W.M. chair, and done all the work, Bro. J. Walter Sugg, P.M., who took his place, installed Bro. William Sugg as W.M. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Aird, I.P.M.; T. A. Greene, S.W.; James Glaisher, J.W.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.M., Secretary; Magnus Ohren, S.D.; John Walter Sugg, J.D.; T. N. Kirkham, D.C.; G. C. Trewby, I.G.; Arthur Mead and Jos. Mainwaring, Stewards; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. The delivery of the addresses closed the proceedings, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast, which was sumptuously provided, the W.M. proposed the toasts which fell to his share, and in delivering that of "The Queen and the Craft," gave an excellent discourse on loyalty, claiming for Freemasonry a large share of the originating cause of allegiance to the Crown and obedience to national government. Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt, P.A.G.D.C., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers" said he was sorry the W.M. had not called upon Bro. Ohren to respond, because he was the reigning monarch that day of the Grand Lodge in that assembly. However, in Masonry brethren were taught to obey, and, of course, he (Bro. Burt) must therefore submit. He believed that every member of the Grand Lodge, from the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, to every other officer, was animated by those kind feelings that were engendered by Masonry. Masonry certainly taught brethren to be kind-hearted to one another. They found it in the outside world, and certainly they found it in Grand Lodge. His experience of that body was that every one would do what he could in any manner to assist or advise a brother. Long might that feeling continue. He was sure all the brethren would join with him in hoping that the feelings which the W.M. had so well enunciated that evening might remain in Masonry. He was almost ashamed to stand up there among so many old members of Grand Lodge to reply to this toast. However, he knew the kind feelings of the W.M., who was an old friend of his, and from a long experience of him he was able to say that he was one of those men whom one was proud to know, and on whose shoulder one was able to put his hand, and say he at least was a genuine Mason. He was glad the lodge had found such a Master, and he was sure all the brethren would join with him in wishing that he might have many, many years of life and happiness. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Kirkham, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he need not occupy the brethren's time by saying much about the W.M., for they, one and all, knew him, perhaps not quite so well as he (Bro. Kirkham), but still nearly as well. Speaking for himself, he had known the W.M. for very many years—at any rate twelve or fourteen—and his father before him. He had always found Bro. Sugg, who was really the father of this lodge, act up to what he had undertaken; and he had certainly acted as father of this lodge by kindly giving advice whenever it was required. He had also given excellent advice in Masonry to the effect that if the brethren acted up to the tenets of Masonry they could not help but be good men and loyal subjects. That the W.M. had stated that evening, and when a W.M. began his year of office in that style they might be sure he would have a happy year of office. It devolved on all the brethren to give him every assistance in their power to render him happy, and in rendering him happy in his lodge they would be rendering themselves happy and comfortable. The W.M., in reply, said the brethren were aware, no doubt, that he was the promoter of the lodge, and in putting him in the chair the brethren had fulfilled for him the greatest hope he could possibly have entertained. He felt it a great honour to be put in the chair of that Evening Star Lodge, because it was a lodge connected with the vocation which he had laboured in for a good many years. All the brethren were connected together in the same vocation. The members of his profession were spread about through the whole world, and, in forming this lodge, he had the idea of bringing them together in the only manner they were ever likely to meet. They were not like men in other professions who had the opportunity of meeting together frequently; but they were scattered about in every town. Two could not live in the same town, and unless a means could be devised by which they could meet like the present they were not likely ever to make each other's acquaintance. A good feeling existed among them independently of Masonry. They were a power throughout the world for working great good to themselves and to mankind in general. As an instance, he would mention that a short time ago a case occurred which showed that in matters not connected with Masonry they could be of great assistance to each other, and with that knowledge it was very gratifying to belong to such a profession. There was at Frankfort a young German lady, desirous to go out to teach German and other languages in an English family. She applied for a situation at Bolton, in Lancashire, and her difficulty was to know whether she was going into a family where she could be comfortable. There was no possibility of getting the required information until the gas engineer of Frankfort was applied to. That gentleman addressed himself to him (Bro. Sugg), who in turn addressed himself to the gas engineer at Bolton, from whom he obtained the information that everything was correct. The young lady was then transferred from the gas engineer at Frankfort to the gas engineers of the other towns through which she passed to Calais, from whom she was handed to the gas engineer at Dover, where she was taken charge of by another gas engineer for London, and so she passed on to Bolton. Thus by the language of the Fraternity, whether they could speak the language of other countries or not, they could effect great good. In the Evening Star Lodge they had the germs of a lodge which would be capable of doing a great deal of good through men of their profession to the world in general, and this was his idea in originating the lodge. Now that the brethren had placed him in the chair they had conferred upon him the highest honour he could have received at the hands of members of the gas profession, and he hoped he should be able to do them credit during his year of office. (Cheers.) The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Past Masters." Of Bro. Filer he might say he was always ready and willing to do any work in the lodge, whether it was an initiation, a passing, or a raising. If any one was not ready, he was ready, and Bro. Filer was an excellent Mason in every respect. He had lately showed the brethren what he could do in the cause of charity by devoting himself unremittingly to it. The brethren knew what he had done, and they all felt he was an excellent

Mason, and they were proud to possess him in this lodge. They had also Bro. Kirkham as a P.M., who was not behind Bro. Filer in the duties of hospitality or charity. He also was a Mason who had done great work in the world, and whose work was also nobly and largely to be seen. Their I.P.M., Bro. John Aird, was not yet present, in consequence of some great work he was engaged in the New Victoria Dock, the opening of which would take place to-morrow. There was an enormous amount of work there, and a great deal of personal work devolved upon Bro. Aird to get ready. At the opening there would be some thirteen steamers to take the visitors. It was said that the good deeds of some men were written in water. The good deeds of Bro. Aird and Bro. Kirkham were written in gas. Bro. Aird had also written his good deeds in water at Beckton. Having said this much, to say more would be superfluous, and he begged the brethren to drink the health of those Past Masters. Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, replying, said his task was easy, and perhaps the task of obedience was the easiest. The W.M. had given them a sufficient specimen that he at all events was able to govern the Evening Star Lodge, and by the encouragement the brethren had given him he was the better enabled to govern the lodge for the ensuing year. He (Bro. Filer) and Bro. Kirkham were the only Past Masters of the lodge present, and he had great pleasure in feeling that he was a Past Master of that lodge. From the very first moment he was connected with the lodge he had felt he had met there a great number of men of mark in the gas world. Not one among them but stood in some position in the gas world, and whose name would be handed down to posterity. The experience brought to the Evening Star Lodge taught them so well how to obey that on all occasions he found that at the sound of the gavel immediate attention followed. There was a good deal of care and anxiety attached to the office of W.M., but in the hands of the present W.M. the conduct of the business of the Star Lodge would be carried out to perfection. Bro. R. P. Spice replied for "The Visitors," and said that on no occasion did he remember to have been placed in such a difficulty as to be selected as the mouth-piece of visitors to a body of men who were men of science. He, however, took courage by reflecting upon the one fact that among all the numerous qualities that had been touched upon that evening there was one that had been missed, and which as a peg he desired to hang a very few remarks. Much had been said about this lodge, whose members were conspicuous in science, and in one particular branch of science. He felt himself a very feeble member among the visitors present, and the fact he referred to was the illuminating power of this lodge. The W.M. had distinguished himself par excellence as an authority in determining illuminating power. He believed that Bro. Sugg was capable of telling the illuminating power of every planet; that he would tell them to the fraction of the hundredth part of a candle the difference between Mars and Venus. The W.M. had said something that evening about a Venus from foreign parts, but he did not tell the brethren how much illuminating power he had been instrumental in producing in these realms in bringing her across the water to the neighbourhood of some brethren. His modesty prevented his telling the brethren how much he had contributed to the illuminating power of England by the importation of foreign talent in female form; but the brethren all knew the W.M. was always ready to render suit and service whenever he was called upon, and even without being called upon when he felt inspired to render those happy touches of nature which made the whole world kin. He (Bro. Spice) had been talking about the planetary system merely, and had been endeavouring to remind them that the W.M. was capable of telling them the difference in the illuminating power of each planet connected with the solar system; but bear in mind that they could not inhabit one small system merely; they were all part and parcel of the system of the world, and while they were talking as Masons such a gathering as they then had afforded them an opportunity of improving their mental faculties, by referring to regions almost interminably and indefinitely beyond our own and beyond the planetary system to the Great Architect of the Universe. Thus humbly and feebly he endeavoured to impress upon the brethren those thoughts which revolved in his own mind, and they would readily believe when he had been called upon to respond for the visitors the sublime sentiments and thoughts which occupied the minds of all true Masons floated in his own mind, and when the visitors came and met the brethren again and again he hoped they might all refresh their mental faculties at the festive board in that national, soul-inspiring, and soul-pro-iting strain which should make the Evening Star Lodge a polar star in the constellation of Masonry. At this period Bro. John Aird, I.P.M., arrived, and the W.M. proposed his health and presented him with the beautiful P.M. jewel referred to above. Bro. Aird, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was a matter of extreme regret that he found that morning that business engagements came to the front to such an extent as to put it out of his power to be present at the lodge meeting. He had, however, made a great effort to come at that late period to offer the cordial hand of welcome and congratulation to the W.M., and to thank the brethren for their kindness. He was unable to express himself as deeply as he felt. If he might be allowed to pass for a moment from speaking of himself he was sure the Evening Star Lodge would have reason to be proud of the W.M. they had placed in the chair. He (Bro. Aird) was deeply sensible of the compliment paid him, and grateful for the present they had made. He also felt grateful for the kind and ready assistance and the cordial co-operation that was always accorded to him during the time he held the position so admirably filled by Bro. Sugg. Bro. James Glaiser, J.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers," who, he said, would all endeavour to perform their duties properly and with credit to the lodge. Bros. Massey and King replied to the toast of "The Press," and the Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, the brethren separated. During the evening a charming selection of music was performed by Miss Clara Perry (by kind permission of Carl Rosa, Esq.), Miss Kate Baxter, Bro. Stedman's Choir Boys, Bros. George Buckland, Stedman, and Egbert Roberts, under the direction of Bro. Stedman.

**BRIGHTON.**—Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 271).—The regular meeting of this lodge, on Friday evening, the 18th inst., was one of unusual interest, for advantage was taken of the only opportunity remaining before the lodge

reassembles in October, to welcome and congratulate the Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. John H. Scott, upon his recent appointment to the honours of Grand Lodge. The lodge having been opened, two new members were initiated. Following these ceremonies was that of raising to the Third Degree Bro. the Rev. Gerard J. Ford, for which purpose the W.M. vacated the chair, in order that Bro. Gerard J. Ford might be raised by his relative, Bro. Gerard Ford, P.M., who performed the ceremony in a highly impressive manner. Before the lodge was closed the Secretary, in the course of his duty, read the resolution passed at the last regular meeting, in which the congratulations of the members to the D.P.G.M., upon his becoming a Grand Deacon of England, and whereby the lodge recognised not only the appreciation thus expressed by Grand Lodge for the distinguished merits of Bro. Scott, who so worthily represents successive generations of Freemasons in his family, but welcomes the compliment paid to the Province of Sussex generally in the selection of one of its popular Masonic representatives to fill that distinguished position. The reply of Bro. Scott to the copy of this resolution, which had been forwarded to him, was placed before the lodge. He acknowledged in graceful terms the expression conveyed to him as being one of paramount worth, considering that it emanated from his mother lodge, the quarter of all others whence approbation was most gratifying to him.

All business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the large banqueting-room, where they sat down to an excellent repast, after which they listened to some excellent part singing and other musical performances, over which Bro. Alfred King, Prov. Grand Organist, ably presided. Amongst the speeches following the usual and Masonic toasts were some of particular interest. The resolution which had been read in the lodge was necessarily referred to by the D.P.G.M., when he rose to reply to the toasts which were drunk in honour of the Grand and Provincial Officers. Bro. John H. Scott, who was warmly greeted, said he regretted that none of his colleagues were present to reply to the toast. When, in company with the W.M., he made that pleasant trip to Truro, many of the Grand Officers promised to attend this present meeting should nothing unforeseen prevent them, but the unforeseen had happened. A Masonic celebration was going on in London, at which most of the Grand Officers must wish to attend. The speaker himself had been invited, but felt he could not forsake his mother lodge on such an occasion as the present. When he was initiated, nearly twenty-eight years ago, it never entered into his anticipation that he would reach the position in Freemasonry which he now held. Indeed, there was then no scope for such ambition. At that time the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was, and had been for many years, in a state of abeyance. To become a Prov. Grand Officer was therefore not thought of; office in Grand Lodge then was scarcely, if ever, conferred upon provincial brethren. To become a Grand Officer was also out of the question. His highest aim was to become W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, and to keep up the good reputation of a name which had been honoured in that lodge for more than three-quarters of a century. Through the good will of his brethren that desire had been fulfilled. He had been three times their W.M., and he had the satisfaction of knowing that the name of Scott was still honoured in the lodge, for he observed that in the vote of congratulation already mentioned he was described as one of the most valued of their members. Moreover, he appeared before them as an officer of the Grand Lodge of England as well as Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex. (Loud cheers.) He did not allude to these facts in any spirit of vanity or egotism. He was fully sensible that the distinctions he had won were more owing to the force of circumstances than to any merits of his own. He had been carried along by that tide in Masonic affairs which, having been taken at the flood, had borne him on to honour and preferment. The truth was that he had had opportunities of distinguishing himself which fell to the lot of few. His grandfather, his father, and his uncles all having been energetic and eminent members of the lodge, it was not surprising that when he joined it he was patted on the back and quickly put into office. Twenty-eight years ago the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex had virtually no existence, but soon after he was initiated it was resuscitated, and in 1859, when he was W.M. for the first time, he was appointed one of the Deacons, soon afterwards J.W., then S.W., which office he held for three consecutive years. Now those were advantages which could not possibly happen again to any brother in the province, for promotion in Provincial Grand Lodge was now at an end. Formerly it was a necessity, for there were not sufficient brethren qualified to fill the various offices. But now there were more than enough, so that in future there could be no more promotion excepting from the office of Steward, which in this province was the stepping stone to provincial rank, and every now and then when a Warden was wanted the Prov. G.M. would look over his list of Past Prov. Grand Officers and select such as he thought fit for that position. His opportunities had not yet ended. In 1873—when illness incapacitated Bro. Gavin Pocock, whose name was never heard or thought of by those who knew him without a pang of regret that he was no longer amongst them—when illness obliged him to give up the duties of Provincial G. Secretary, which he had held for twenty years, he (Bro. Scott) was appointed to succeed him, and remained Prov. G. Secretary until three years ago, when the Prov. G.M. called upon him to assume the position of D.P.G.M. Now it was to all these advantages that he attributed his present position in the Craft. The opportunities had presented themselves, and he had availed himself of them, for to complete the quotation which he had somewhat paraphrased just now, "We must take the current when it serves or lose our venture." Bro. Scott concluded by saying that having reached these positions he enjoyed them very much. He had no idea how welcome were the privileges of office until he had experienced them. There was an old saying that grapes were sour, but he believed they were so only to those who attempted to pluck them before they were ripe. Let every one bide his time, and the luscious fruit would some day come within reach and be all the more grateful in the possession. It was observed during the ceremonies, and afterwards at the banquet, that the donation-box, technically termed the broken column, and which has been introduced into this lodge for some time, but not until now in an ornamental form, was placed in a prominent position. It may be mentioned that this is a handsome work of art produced by Messrs. Benham, and may be described as a partial reproduction of the Nelson Column, the plinth being of ebony, the enrichments of

which, as well as the emblematical and presentation plates and the broken shaft, being of silver. The shaft, by a simple arrangement, can be lifted so as to remove the contributions. This presentation is expressed to be in connection with the "The Royal Clarence Lodge Fund of Benevolence," and is intended to aid that movement, which consists of a permanently invested fund, the income being applicable by the Worshipful Master and a Committee, who act under special regulations, very carefully framed for its regulation. It was principally due to the exertions of Bro. Gerard Ford, P.M., who occupied the chair of the lodge in 1876, that the plan of this charitable movement has been started, it being intended to be associated with his name and year of Mastership. Owing to delays which could not be avoided, including the long and careful consideration of the rules whilst these were under the consideration of the Committee, this presentation has been unavoidably postponed, although the benefits of contributions to the "Broken Column" have not been withheld for want of a repository in which to place them, and it is hoped that the well-intentioned movement may prove of lasting benefit and advantage to numbers of poor and distressed Masons, in whose aid it may, in many future years, be made available. This work of art is also the gift to the lodge of Bro. Gerard Ford, who, in some remarks concerning it, expressed the hope and confidence that the spirit which had prompted his effort would be taken up and carried on by numbers of true and worthy Masons in generations to come. The establishment of the fund had long been an attractive dream to him, and the mode of application of its resources had been fixed upon after many anxious deliberations with others besides those brethren of the lodge who had so kindly and so heartily seconded his idea by their advice and assistance. They had all simply one object in view—to endeavour, in the short span of life allotted to them, to do something, however small, to signify their thankfulness for the blessings accorded to them. He was quite aware that it was not necessary to do this otherwise than in the simplest and most retiring manner. But he had an object in rendering this ornament to their table in some degree attractive for its own sake. He trusted that thereby those few who listened to him (and he heartily wished that at that period of the proceedings they could have been more numerous) as well as future members of the Royal Clarence Lodge would, on their attention being drawn to this presentation, call to mind the objects with which it is especially identified, viz., the extension of "the Royal Clarence Lodge Brighton Benevolence Fund." He ventured to hope that the spirit of the movement which established a permanently invested fund (the income of which would be applicable by the W.M. in conjunction with a strong committee) would long be cherished and furthered. He would remind the brethren, and surely a reminder was all that should be necessary, of that cardinal point of their system which so impressively inculcated the principle of brotherly love, the origin and stimulus of that virtue which has so well been described as the "most excellent gift of charity." They had listened to a charming duet just now, the refrain of which said that "true love hath banished sorrow." Might they all be able, when approaching that solemn moment so especially the subject of that evening's ceremony, to reflect that by the exercise of this elevating principle they had contributed by the truest of all love to banish sorrow. The "Broken Column" was passed round, and a very handsome sum announced as to its contents upon opening it. The remainder of the proceedings were of an interesting character, and the brethren separated after a very enjoyable reunion until the re-assembling of the lodge in the month of October next. But for the occurrence of the circumstances alluded to by the D.P.G.M., the numbers attending would, according to the acceptances, have been much more numerous than they were. It may be mentioned, however, that amongst the members and visitors were the following:—Bros. J. P. M. Smith, W.M.; F. Sundius Smith, S.W.; T. C. Woodman, J.W.; J. C. Corder, Sec.; Alfred King, S.D.; Dennant, J.D.; G. W. Campbell, D. of C.; Cecil Parsons, I.G.; L. Lelurette, Org.; H. Langton, Stwd.; T. Hughes, Tyler; P.M.'s J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M.; J. Dixon, G. W. King, Gerard Ford, P.P.G.S.D. Lincolnshire; also Bros. H. E. Charrington, P.M. 386, 777, 1146; General B. Ford, P.G.D. Bengal; G. J. Ford, 271; R. J. Rogers, 271; H. Balean, 271, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. O. Seth, 563, 1118; J. H. Cross, Yarborough Lodge; C. P. Henty, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. McWhinnie, 1466; J. Echlin Ward, P.M., 6 Dublin; O. Hansard, Jerusalem, 197, P.G. Stwd.; C. J. Smith, Prov. G. St.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Large, W.M., 771; W. R. Wood, P.G. St., P.P.G.S.D.; G. De Paris, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 811; M. Tanner, P.P.G.D.; and others.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. Timothy Webster, W.M.; H. Ashmore, I.P.M.; Thos. Shaw, P.M.; W. Cotterell, P.M., M.C.; Jos. Boyle, S.W.; T. H. Carefull, J.W.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; John Beesley, Sec.; W. Brasseley, S.D.; J. M. King, J.D.; R. H. Webster, I.G.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; E. H. Benedict, J. G. Hassell, T. Collinson, C. S. Sterry, B. Brasseley, H. J. Simms, T. Brown, A. J. Fishlock, Edward Kelly, Daniel Callow, E. Morgan, J. Griffiths, Robt. Campion, J. Gage, W. Maddox, R. S. Milne, R. Gow, J. Hughes, J. Corson, J. Fairbrother, and others. Visitors: S. Butterworth, 1547; S. Harvey, 203; W. C. Cowell, 1675; N. J. Nosted, 249; J. W. Davis, 1675; P. H. Lyons, 594; C. Wood, 667; J. Holden, 1183; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. by the W.M., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. R. Webster, who was declared duly elected. Bro. R. T. Britton, 1756, was also unanimously elected a joining member. Mr. Webster being in attendance was prepared and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. Sterry and McNaught, having given proof of their proficiency in this Degree, were entrusted and retired, when the lodge was opened up, and the above named brethren were re-admitted, and passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. and his officers fully sustained the reputation of the lodge by their good working. The lodge was then closed down, and the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Upon the ballot being taken Bro. Boyle, S.W., was declared unanimously elected. Bro. W. J. Lunt, P.M.,

having consented, was again re-elected Treasurer. The sum of twelve guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to purchase a Past Master's jewel for Bro. Webster, W.M. It was also proposed and resolved that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The brethren also subscribed ten guineas to this noble Charity, which is receiving such generous support from this province.

After the usual routine business had been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment in the old lodge room, presided over by the W.M. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M. elect," spoke highly of his services in the lodge, he having risen step by step from the position of Steward. Bro. Boyle, in responding, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and hoped that his year of office would be as happy and prosperous as Bro. Webster's had been. Bro. Houlding, P.M., P.G.S., in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," made an eloquent and forcible appeal on behalf of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and intimated that he intended to act as Steward for the latter at the forthcoming festival in July. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by Bro. King giving the final toast.

**WORKINGTON.**—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—This lodge celebrated its seventeenth anniversary in the Masonic Rooms, Portland-square, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Lodge was opened at one o'clock, Bro. H. Irving, W.M., in the chair, when, after confirming the minutes, three candidates were balloted for, viz., Messrs. H. Hodgson, C.E., F. W. Paul, and W. Brown. The two first-named being in attendance, they were duly initiated into Masonry. Bro. Hodgson, it may be mentioned, is a Lewis, and son of a deceased member of Sun and Sector Lodge, whilst he is shortly leaving England for Port Natal, in company with Bro. Rowland Hill, of the same lodge. After a short adjournment the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when a considerable number of brethren entered, the following being the members present: Bros. H. Irving, W.M.; J. J. Coverdale, J.W. and W.M. elect; G. Brooker, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G. Purs.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Secretary, and Senior P.M. of this lodge; J. Hunter, P.M., P.G. Steward; J. Wood, P.M.; W. Carlyle, P.M.; J. A. Salkeld, P.M.; D. B. Winstone, Secretary; W. Jackson, S.D.; W. Whitehead, J.D.; J. Evening, D.C.; J. J. Little, Organist; A. Osbaldestone, Steward; J. Troughear, Tyler; E. Burrows, James Thompson, A. Holliday, J. Stafford, G. B. Roxby, J. Lewthwaite, G. B. M'Mullin, J. B. Burnett, W. Wagg, H. Hodgson, and B. W. Paul. The following were the visitors: Bros. J. W. Miles, J.W. 119; G. W. Thompson, W.M.; J. H. Banks, S.W.; L. Brough and J. Kirk, Lodge 371; C. J. Dalton, S72; T. Bird, W.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist, P.P.G. Organist; T. C. Robinson, R. Harrison, and W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Lodge 1002 (Freemason); E. Clarke, P.M. 1267 and 1660, P.P.G. J.D.; M. M'Intosh, Lodge 1225; J. Hartley, W.M.; J. Lancaster, Jos. Hodgson, James Scott, F. E. Wood, and T. Bradbury, Lodge 1400; E. E. Williams, 327; Haile, Pennsylvania, U.S. Bro. Gibson, the Senior P.M., having taken the chair, Bro. J. J. Coverdale was presented and installed W.M. for the ensuing year, with the customary formalities. The following officers were invested: Bros. H. Irving, I.P.M.; D. B. Winstone, S.W.; W. Jackson, J.W.; G. Brooker, P.M., Treasurer; Jas. Thompson, Secretary; W. Whitehead, S.D.; J. J. Little, J.D.; E. Burrows, Organist; J. Lewthwaite, D.C.; Capt. Burnett and A. Holliday, Stewards; and J. Troughear, Tyler. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, where an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Smith, of the Lowther Arms Hotel. Bro. Coverdale, W.M., presided, and the usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with some capital music, under the direction of Bro. Lewthwaite, P.P.G. Organist, who was awarded a cordial vote of thanks. During the proceedings also Bro. Irving, I.P.M., was presented with a gold P.M.'s jewel.

**SALFORD.**—Richmond Lodge (No. 1011).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, on Thursday, the 17th inst. The lodge was opened at 4.20 by the W.M., Bro. Herbert C. Miller, in the presence of a large assemblage of P.M.'s, officers, members, and visitors; amongst the latter were Bros. Ellis Jones, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; John W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. After reading and confirming the minutes of the preceding meeting Bro. Hudson Lister, P.M., assumed the chair of K.S., and Bro. George H. Ormerod, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented for installation, which ceremony Bro. Lister performed in a masterly manner. The following officers were invested by Bros. Robt. Caldwell, P.M., P.P.G. Sword Bearer, and W. Dumville, P.M.: Bros. James Nettleton, S.W.; Richard Vickers, J.W.; Thomas Sykes, Treasurer (re-elected); Thos. Mottershead, Secretary (re-appointed); Ambrose J. Howarth, J.D.; Robert Caldwell, P.M., P.G.S.B., Dir. of Cers.; S. W. Hester, Organist; H. Schofield, I.G.; E. H. Swire, John Brooke, and J. B. Mercer, Stewards; and J. Hyde, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were ably rendered by Bro. Mark Fentem, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. W. Dumville, P.M. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors, and the lodge was solemnly closed.

In consequence of other engagements mine hostess of the Crown was unable to accommodate the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to a neighbouring hotel, the Blackfriars, where a sumptuous banquet was served, and under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. proved in every respect an immense success. The popularity of Bro. Ormerod, especially in the musical and dramatic world, attracted a galaxy of talent rarely equalled. Amongst them were as vocalists Bros. H. Miller, C. Turner, A. Prestwich, W. Dumville, J. Peers, N. Dumville, and Hudson Lister, also the well-known Bro. Harry Liston, with another local celebrity, R. Dottie, the instrumental portion of the entertainment being entrusted to Bros. J. Batchelder, P.M., and J. Dickson, P.M. With the aid of such eminent artists it is needless to say that an excellent programme was most efficiently performed, and the usual loyal and Masonic, as well as the congratulatory toasts, were ably proposed and responded to.

The utmost satisfaction was expressed with the manner in which the hostess, Mrs. Porter (widow of a highly-esteemed brother), attended to the wants and comforts of her guests.

**WEST MALLING.**—Malling Abbey Lodge (No. 1063).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was held at the Bear Hotel, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. There was a good attendance of the brethren and visitors present, including the following: Bros. E. T. Luck, F. J. C. May, E. B. Smith, W. Page, A. Spencer, B. S. Wilmot, G. Langridge, R. Clout, H. Garrod, J. A. Thornhill, J. Hodgson, W. Monckton, F. Spencer, J. S. Anson, G. Friend, F. Cheal, A. E. Anderson, B. Norton, N. Paddon, T. Crowe, J. E. Meredith, W. Jude, D. W. Langton, W. S. Monckton, W. B. Langridge, A. M. Dorman, R. B. Stedman, J. Shrubsole, J. Tillyer, and R. Pointer.

The lodge was opened in the usual form by Bro. E. T. Luck, W.M., who afterwards vacated the chair, which was then occupied by the Installing Master, Bro. B. Sidney Wilmot, P.M., P.G.R. Bro. Francis J. C. May, the W.M. elect, who had been unanimously elected to fill that office at the previous meeting of the lodge, was then presented by Bro. A. Spencer, P.M., P.G.S., and was duly installed by Bro. Wilmot, who rendered the ceremony in his usual effective and impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then invested the I.P.M., and subsequently his officers, as follows: Bros. Rev. J. H. Timins, Chaplain; Hon. R. Neville, Treasurer; W. Page, Secretary; T. Crowe, S.W.; J. E. Meredith, J.W.; G. Friend, S.D.; W. Jude, J.D.; W. B. Langridge, I.G.; D. W. Langton, D.C.; W. S. Monckton, S.; and R. Pointer, Tyler. The several officers were duly installed by Bro. Wilmot, who also gave the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. A vote of thanks to Bro. Luck, I.P.M., for the able manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year, was proposed by Bro. A. Spencer, seconded by Bro. F. Spencer, and carried unanimously. The W.M. (Bro. May) thereupon addressed a few words to Bro. Luck, and, on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a Past Master's jewel, which had been previously unanimously voted to him by the brethren of the lodge in recognition of his services.

After transacting business of the usual formal nature, the lodge was closed. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet of a *recherché* character, presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Francis J. C. May, the duties of Vice-Chairman being ably discharged by Bro. T. Crowe, S.W., who was supported by the junior officers of the lodge. Dinner being concluded, and dessert placed on the table, the Chairman gave in succession the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, all of which were received with the customary honours. Bro. Page then gave "The Health of the W.M.," as a brother who is highly-esteemed among the brethren of the lodge, and who, having worked his way through the various offices step by step to the top, is in every way worthy of the honour the lodge has conferred on him—the highest honour the lodge has it in its power to bestow—as a brother under whose guidance and command Malling Abbey Lodge must necessarily prosper. The Chairman, on rising to respond, met with an enthusiastic reception. He heartily thanked Bro. Page for the kind way in which he had submitted his name to the brethren, and as heartily thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. He felt that he really did not deserve half the kind words Bro. Page had been pleased to say in respect to him, yet he was assured the brethren would believe him when he said it was his full determination to endeavour to perform the duties of the office to the best of his ability. He quite understood the responsibility of the duties he had undertaken, and, were it not that he knew he might rely on receiving from the brethren of the lodge the same expression of good feeling and indulgence during his year of office as he had always experienced from them hitherto, he would have hesitated before accepting the high honour conferred upon him, feeling himself quite inadequate to succeed the many and more illustrious brethren who had preceded him, brethren who, from their social position and attainments, had added so much lustre and prestige to Malling Abbey Lodge. He assured the brethren he would do his best to carry out the Masonic duties pertaining to the office in such a manner that at the end of the year none would regret the proceedings of that day. The W.M. then craved the attention of the brethren for a few moments, that he might, before he sat down, perform the very pleasing duty thrust upon him by the brethren and the high office to which they had elected him. It was to him, personally, a very pleasurable duty, and his only regret was that he felt he was not able to make the presentation on their behalf with that eloquence which the occasion required. Then, addressing Bro. Page, the W.M. said: It has long been felt by the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge that the time has arrived when the many and valuable services you have, in many ways, rendered to the lodge, and the high esteem in which you are so justly held by the brethren, should be marked in a substantial manner. I have, therefore, very great pleasure, Bro. Page, in offering for your acceptance the silver salver which I now present to you in the name of the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge. Allow me to supplement what I have already said by stating that owing to the short length of time which we who were deputed to make all the necessary arrangements for this presentation to-day had at our disposal, it was necessary to some extent to anticipate the amount of the subscriptions. It will be very gratifying to you to learn that our anticipations were far exceeded, and we are, therefore, able to present to you this silver sugar basin and sifter, and beg you will accept it as a present of the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge to Mrs. Page. We trust you will regard these gifts, not for their intrinsic value, but as a mark of the brotherly love and high esteem of the brethren of Malling Abbey Lodge. Brethren, I therefore now ask you to drink "The Health of Bro. Page," wishing him many years of health and happiness.

The salver bore the following inscription:—"Malling Abbey Lodge, 1063. Presented to Bro. W. Page, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., in grateful recognition of his many years valued services as honorary Secretary. June 16, 1880." The toast was given and received with the customary honours. Bro. Page, who on rising to respond was greeted most enthusiastically, thanked the brethren in his usual eloquent style for the handsome present just made to him, stating that he could not thank them [as he could wish, the

gift having come before him so unexpectedly that he was quite taken aback by this kind expression of good fellowship by the brethren. Bro. A. Spencer then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Luck," in an effective speech, which was snitably acknowledged by Bro. E. B. Smith, in the absence of Bro. Luck. The W.M. explained to the brethren the peculiar circumstances which compelled Bro. Luck to retire, and offered an apology for his absence, in accordance with his promise to Bro. Luck. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Wilmot," in a brief speech, personally thanking him for his kindness in coming so far to perform those duties, and referred to the impressive way in which he had given the ritual of the ceremony, and the effect it had on him (the W.M.), which must have been evident to the brethren generally. The toast was drunk as a bumper with the usual honours. Bro. Wilmot suitably acknowledged the compliment, and stated that it was a great pleasure to him to come to Malling Abbey Lodge as Installing Master, and that he would always readily respond to their calls for a like purpose in the future. The W.M. then gave in succession "The Visiting Brethren," "The Past Masters of Malling Abbey Lodge," "The Wardens," and "The Junior Officers," all of which were duly honoured and responded to. The Tyler's toast was then given, and this concluded one of the happiest and most successful of the meetings of Malling Abbey Lodge. We have been desired to express the deep thanks of the brethren to Bro. R. Clout, P.M. 72, 537, 1063, the acting member of the Dinner Committee, for the admirable way in which he had evidently understood and provided for the comfort and happiness of the brethren on this occasion. The banquet was served in splendid style by Mr. H. de Carteret, the manager of the Mitre Hotel, Maidstone.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—There was a brave gathering of the members of the mystic tie assembled in the Great Hall of Battle Abbey over twelve years ago, when the Masonic banner was unfurled in the presence of Lord Pelham, the then Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and a brilliant assemblage of brethren clothed in all the varied insignia of the ancient fraternity. The warrant for the Abbey Lodge, which is signed by Earl de Grey and Ripon (since raised to the Marquisate under the style of Marquis of Ripon, and who has recently been appointed Viceroy of India), as Deputy Grand Master of English Freemasons—the late Earl Zetland being at that time Grand Master—is dated July 10th, 1867, and directs that Benjamin Thorpe (uncle of the present B. H. Thorpe) shall be the first W.M.; John Albion Norman Thorpe (usually known as Albion Thorpe) the first S.W.; and William Lamborn, the first J.W. The other brethren named on the warrant as founders of the lodge are Walter Hore, F. W. Ticehurst, Edwd. Kenward, and George Till. There were, of course, several other brethren, mostly members of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40 (Hastings), who joined, and gave the new lodge material assistance during the earlier years of its existence. More genial members of the ancient brotherhood could not possibly be found between John o' Groat's house and the Lizard than the knights of the Mallet and Chisel, who were wont to assemble at the Swan, in the old town of Hastings, when Host Carswell conducted that famous hostelry; and the older brethren now look back with much pleasure to the pleasant meetings held there under the Carswell regime.

Among those present at the opening of the Abbey Lodge, in addition to the names given above, we may mention the present respected D. Prov. G.M., Bro. John Henderson Scott, who was at that time Prov. S.G.W.; Bros. John Howell, Prov. G.S. of W.; Geo. Weller, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; J. Dorman, C. W. Duke, Dr. Trollope, G. Richards, Bourner, Mills, Pierce Egan, G. Wood, Greenway, and others, making some 150 in all. Of the founders of the lodge, and of those present at the consecration ceremony, many have gone to that bourne from whence no traveller returns; some are scattered in distant lands, while, after a lapse of only twelve years, not many remain amongst us. B. H. Thorpe, or "Brother Ben," as he is familiarly spoken of, is hale and hearty, and takes as great an interest in the affairs of the lodge as ever; and Bro. Lamborn is still as energetic and hard-working a Mason as he always was; while Bro. C. W. Duke undertakes the arduous task of Secretary. The Liberal Member for Hastings, Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P., became a joining member of the lodge in 1868, and has kept his name on the roll ever since. Bro. Walter Hore, who was the first Treasurer, held that post for some time, till compelled to resign on account of ill-health, and was succeeded in that office by Bro. Wells, who still holds that responsible position. The place of meeting named in the warrant is given as 62, High-street, Battle. The lodge, however, never met there, as prior to the first regular meeting, No. 6, High-street, was sanctioned by the authorities instead, at which place the lodge continued to hold its meetings till it was removed to the Masonic Rooms, which form part of the block of buildings known as the Drill Hall. Difficulty having been experienced by the Hastings brethren in attending the meetings of the Abbey Lodge, application was made in 1876 to the directors of the South-Eastern Railway to allow the 8.55 p.m. down train to call at Battle on lodge nights. This request was readily complied with by the railway authorities, and at a later date the company decided that the last down train should stop at Battle every evening. On the roll of Past Masters who still are active members of the lodge are the names of Bro. W. Lamborn, B. H. Thorpe, C. W. Duke, H. G. F. Wells, C. R. Chandler, and C. D. Jones, the former of whom has twice occupied the chair of the lodge with great credit, and among these brethren will be found some of the best working Masons in Sussex. Twelve months ago the Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., and the Provincial Officers honoured the lodge with their presence on the occasion of the installation of Bro. William Lamborn as W.M. for the second time. Bro. E. R. Clarke, who was on Thursday installed as W.M., first saw light in the Abbey Lodge on September 17th, 1875, was passed October 21st, 1875, and raised to the Master Masons' Degree on November 18th, 1877; J.W. on January 17th, 1878; and S.W. on June 19th, 1879. At the meeting of the lodge on April 19th, 1877, Bro. Womersley, in the name of Bro. Clarke, who was absent through ill-health, presented a handsomely bound volume of the Sacred Law to the lodge. Ill-health has too often deprived the lodge of Bro. Clarke's presence. Whenever able to do so, that brother has always put an

appearance, and in or out of the lodge has always been found active in the interests of his brethren.

The proceedings on Thursday afternoon commenced with the usual routine of business at Masonic meetings, which having been duly transacted, Bro. W. Lamborn, the outgoing W.M., installed his successor, Bro. E. R. Clarke, and placed that brother in the chair of K.S., with all the imposing ceremonies prescribed on such occasions. We must *en passant* pay a high compliment to Bro. Lamborn for the very efficient manner in which he renders every ceremony he takes in hand. Speaking Masonically, he is, we believe, the oldest member of the fraternity on the lodge roll, and took a prominent part in the formation of the Abbey Lodge, since which time he has ever been ready to perform any Masonic duty, and to instruct his younger brethren in Freemasonry. The manner in which the proceedings of Thursday afternoon were conducted was fully up to the mark. The following are officers for the next twelve months, viz., Bros. E. R. Clarke, W.M.; Wm. Lamborn, P. Prov. G.P., I.P.M.; B. Sargent, S.W.; A. D. Womersley, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Treasurer; C. W. Duke, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D., Secretary; C. R. Chandler, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, D. of C.; J. Fisher, S.D.; B. Tree, J.D.; W. H. Hewitt, I.G.; J. Fielding, O.; and F. Jesson, Tyler.

Among those present at the lodge meeting and at the banquet we noticed, in addition to the above, the W.M. and the I.P.M. of the Derwent Lodge, 40; the W.M. of the Sackville Lodge, 1619 (Bro. J. G. Horsey); Bros. F. Sladden, P.M. of the Prince Edward Lodge; Jas. H. Coates, P.M. of the Williamson Lodge, 949, and P.P. G.P. (Durham); Capt. Hennah, J.W. 40; and the following members of the Derwent Lodge, viz.: Bros. T. Harwood, F. G. Phillips, F. Forss, Dr. Ashenden, P.M.; F. J. Parsons, C. J. Lewns, R. E. Wilson, H. J. Emmer-son, Joseph, R. J. Reed, W. H. Russell, Crossthwaite, and others; F. J. Mann, 1842; C. D. Jones, P.M.; E. H. Langley, J. A. Middlemass, B. H. Thorpe, P.M.; J. B. D'Ardenne, W. Freeman, Armstrong, Till, and others.

The banquet was served at the George Hotel, Battle, and great credit is due to the host, Mr. Riley, for the efficient manner in which he catered for the wants of the brethren. Full justice having been done to the dinner, the W.M. proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that as a mother Her Majesty had three sons who held a high position in the Craft. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England," referring to the readiness the Prince always showed in attending to Masonic and public business, and hoped that His Royal Highness would live to decorate the discoverer of the North Pole with a medal, and that that gentleman would be an Englishman. Full honour having also been done to the other Masonic chiefs, Bro. C. D. Jones proposed "The Health of the W.M. who had been installed that day, Bro. Clarke." No brother was more worthy of that honour, and he had been pleased to notice Bro. Clarke's progress in Masonry, and the great zeal he had displayed for the Craft. Bro. Clarke returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and assured the brethren that he would endeavour to give every satisfaction. He hoped that during his year of office they would inaugurate a system, by which every member of the Abbey Lodge would in time become a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities. He was pleased the other day to see that, although an average of one in three only passed the University examinations, that out of eleven candidates sent up from the Masonic Boys' School, ten passed, and most of them took high honours. Bro. Clarke hoped he would be able to attend, not only the meetings of his own lodge, but of others, and gain experience in Masonic working. The toast of "The Visitors" was entrusted to Bro. Wells, who spoke highly of the good feeling that existed between the Abbey and its mother lodge, the Derwent. The W.M. of the Derwent Lodge had always great pleasure in visiting the Abbey Lodge, and paid a high compliment to the Past Masters of the lodge. He had never seen better working than Bro. Lamborn's that day. Bro. Reed, of the Derwent Lodge, was also called upon to respond, and in the course of his remarks recommended the brethren of the Abbey Lodge to join the Provincial Charities Association. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," referred to the great interest taken by these brethren in the lodge after they had passed the chair, and said they had been as willing when necessary to take the minor offices in the lodge as readily after they had passed the chair as before. Bro. Thorpe, whose name was coupled with the toast, regretted the absence, from unavoidable circumstances, of Bro. Lamborn, the I.P.M. He (Bro. Thorpe), as a humble member and one of the founders, was pleased to note the prosperity of the Abbey Lodge. They had been mainly instigated to open it by an uncle of his, who was at the time a Mason of forty years' standing, and Provincial Grand Treasurer of Kent. In the opinion of his uncle Past Masters should not stand idly by, but should be at all times ready to assist in any position. There was not now the same necessity for the Past Masters to act, but they were still there when wanted. He congratulated Bro. Clarke on attaining his present high position in the lodge in which he had been initiated. Bro. C. W. Duke, in response to loud calls, also replied. "The Health of the worthy Treasurer," was also duly honoured, as were also the other toasts on the list, viz., "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Stewards." The Tyler's toast wound up one of the most pleasant Masonic gatherings it has been the privilege of the writer to assist at.—*Hastings and St. Leonard's Observer.*

**NEWTON ABBOT.—Morning Star Lodge** (No. 1396).—The installation meeting of this South Devon lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at their Masonic Rooms, Market-terrace. The I.P.M., Bro. F. G. Pratt, P.P.G.S. of Wks., presided, having Bro. James Chapple, W.M. elect, in S.W.'s chair, and Bro. G. L. Pollard, in J.W.'s chair. Bro. M. Rice, Organist 328, and many other brethren were present. After the minutes were read and confirmed, three brethren were passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. elect was then presented to Bro. T. Gearle, P.M. 1091, the Installing Master, who formally installed him in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was very impressively rendered. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. F. G. Pratt, P.P.G.S. of Works, I.P.M.; J. Murrin, S.W.; F. Snelling, J.W.; W. Lambie, P.M., Treasurer; J. A. Bearne, Secretary; H. Parker, S.D.; W. Richards, J.D.; W. Venning, Chap.; Lee and Cum-

mins, Stewards; C. Memleing, I.G.; and J. Weeks, Tyler. After the installation the W.M. initiated a candidate into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry.

The brethren then adjourned to the Bradley Hotel, where an admirable banquet was well served by Bro. Quick. After the cloth was removed the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," alluding to Her Majesty's gracious patronage always extending to our Institutions. "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who noted the recent visit of H.R.H. to the West to lay the foundation-stones of the cathedral at Truro, and the great progress Masonry had made under his rule. The "R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge" next followed, was well received, and responded to by Bro. Pratt, I.P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works. Bro. Pratt, I.P.M., then proposed, in very eulogistic terms, "The Health of the W.M.," praising the superior way in which the initiation work had been done that day by the W.M. immediately after his installation. The health was drunk with enthusiasm, amid great cheering. The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed, and the hearty and genuine way in which it had been received by the brethren. He trusted he should prove worthy of the great honour they had that day conferred on him, and that under his rule the lodge would prove a bright "Morning Star," assuring the brethren that his rule would aim to secure "in things essential unity, in things doubtful liberty, and in all things charity." In closing his reply he appealed to the P.M.'s for their fostering care and attendance at lodge, referring them to Goldsmith's lines:

"To try each art, reprove each dull delay;

"A lure to brighten worlds, and show the way."

to the officers for punctual and regular attendance, and asked the brethren all for united assistance to render the ritual in a truly Masonic spirit. Other toasts followed, including "Our Poor Brethren," in giving which the W.M. appealed to the brethren present to give practical proof of their sympathy, which was liberally responded to, and which sum will be devoted to a local Masonic Charity. The Tyler's toast ended a very pleasant meeting.

**TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge** (No. 1503).—A meeting of this provincial lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; Ashley, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; Richnell, Treas. and S.D.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., acting I.P.M.; Dr. Clark, P.M. (non. member); Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. C. Levander, P.G.S., &c., Middx.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.W. Middx. &c.; Laurance, W.M. 255; Strawson, 39; and Sudlow, 1818. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. A. N. Diaper, P.G.S., P.M. 5, &c., as a joining member, which proved to be unanimous. The ceremony of raising Bro. A. E. Williams was then proceeded with, and it was most ably carried out by the W.M. Bro. J. L. G. Powell was also passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Some minor business having been disposed of, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent cold collation. The after proceedings were but of a formal nature. "The Provincial Grand Officers" was acknowledged by W. Bro. H. C. Levander, who also proposed in very complimentary terms "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been warmly received "The Visitors" followed. This pledge was acknowledged at length by W. Bro. H. A. Dubois, and Bros. Laurence, Strawson, and Sudlow. "The Officers," acknowledged by Bros. Ashley and Richnell, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**WELLINGTON LODGE** (No. 548).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at a meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday last, the 21st inst. Bro. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. and Sec. 1158, presided, assisted by Bro. Chas. Wise, P.M. 1158, as S.W.; Bro. Dussee, P.M. and P.Z. 79, as J.W.; Bros. Martin, D.C. 870, as S.D.; Hutchings, S.W. 147, J.W. 1531, as J.D.; Gibson, 1531, Hon. Sec. of the lodge, as U.G.; and Griffin, P.M. and P.Z. 933, P.Z. 79, S.W. and W.M. elect 1531, Preceptor and Treasurer of the lodge, as I.P.M. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the business of the evening commenced forthwith, the Sections being worked as follows:—

#### FIRST DEGREE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Griffin.
2nd	"	" Gibson.
3rd	"	" Wise.
4th	"	" Hutchings.
5th	"	" Martin.
6th	"	" Martin.
7th	"	" Wise.

#### SECOND DEGREE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Gloster, W.M. 1531, S.D. 1326.
2nd	"	" Hutchings.
3rd	"	" Church, 147.
4th	"	" Jenkins, 1475.
5th	"	" The W.M.

#### THIRD DEGREE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Tuck, 834 and 1531.
2nd	"	" Gibson.
3rd	"	" Church.

The working was in all respects creditable both to the W.M. and to the brethren who assisted. Prior to the closing of the lodge a vote of thanks to Bro. Pulsford for his valuable services was proposed by Bro. Griffin, seconded by Bro. Dussee, and carried unanimously. Bro. Pulsford expressed his acknowledgment of the compliment, and the proceedings terminated.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS, AND OINTMENT.—Limb and Life.**—Not many years ago some ulcerations and diseases of the joints placed in peril the affected limb whose loss was recommended to spare the risk of life—*note the discovery of these noble remedies has made the cure of the worst maladies no longer a matter of doubt.* Holloway's treatment preserves the condemned limb, and in its course of cure improves the general health and vigour of the frame. Holloway's Ointment and Pills heal all sores and ulcerations, and extirpate scrofulous sores. Ulcers, bad legs, scrofulous discharges, swollen or gathered glands, contracted sinews, enlarged joints, rheumatic and gouty contractions are readily remediable by the proper and persevering application of these cooling, healing, and purifying preparations which are as powerful as they are harmless.—[Adv't.]

## Royal Arch.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER** (No. 1589).—A meeting of this chapter took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. There were present M.E. Comps. Dalwood, Z.; J. Dodson, H.; T. C. Walls, J.; A. Tisley, Scribe E.; W. Lake, Scribe N.; Turner, P.S.; Bristoe, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Farrington, jun., Org.; Comps. Low, Farrington, Col. Ratcliffe, P.Z.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the chapter proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. J. Dodson, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, H.; W. Lake, J.; Praed, Treas.; Turner, Scribe N.; A. Tisley, Scribe E.; G. Manners, P.S.; and Farrington, jun., Org. On the motion of Comp. Wellsman, the I.P.Z., seconded by Comp. Dodson, H., the M.E.Z. was voted the P.Z. jewel of the chapter. The I.P.Z., in a few well-chosen words, referred to the services the M.E.Z. had rendered to the chapter, to the well-known goodness of heart and other sterling qualities he possessed; and expressed, what he felt to be the unanimous wish of the chapter, that he would be long spared to meet them in chapter and lodge, and continue the benefits of his advice and assistance. Notices of motions were given; one relative to the deposit of a portion of the exaltation fee by the proposer of a candidate, and another as to alteration of days of meeting.

At the close of the meeting the companions adjourned to a dinner, where the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

**TYWARDREATH.—Chapter of Unity** (No. 1151).—The usual quarterly communication of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Present: Comps. Emma Holmes, P.G.B.B. Cornwall, Z.; J. Polkinghorne, H.; W. P. Smith, J.; W. Tonkin, P.Z.; T. C. Stephens, P.Z.; Dr. De Legh, P.Z.; J. T. Baker, Scribe E.; Silvanus Trevel, Treas.; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, and chapter of emergency, having been read and confirmed, Comp. Holmes resigned his chair to Comp. Tonkin, who proceeded to install the Three Principals in their respective chairs with the customary ceremonial, and in his usual able manner, Comps. J. Polkinghorne, as Z.; W. P. Smith, as H.; and Dr. De Legh, as J. Comp. Trevel then presented his annual statement as Treasurer, when he was proposed and re-elected to that useful and important office. Comp. Holmes proposed that the sum of five guineas should be voted to the Truro Cathedral Fund, and said that that amount had already been voted by the Fowey Lodge. Comp. J. C. Stephens interposing, asked why ten guineas should not be voted, whereupon that amount was substituted, and the motion being seconded by Comp. Smith, and warmly supported by Comps. Trevel and Tonkin, it was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously, and the Treasurer was directed to forward the amount without delay to the Prov. Grand Superintendent, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, who had kindly undertaken to take charge of all sums sent for the Masonic memorial in the new edifice. The other business being disposed of, the companions adjourned to the New Inn, where Mrs. Cook provided an excellent and substantial repast, to which ample justice was done, the brethren spending a very agreeable evening, and separating at an early hour. We hope the example set by the Tywardreath Lodge and Chapter, and by the Fowey Lodge, may be followed by all the other Masonic bodies in Cornwall, so that a sum worthy of the Masons may be raised towards the proposed Masonic Memorial in the new Cathedral, especially now that the popular and beloved Prov. Grand Master has adopted the scheme, and taken so warm an interest in the Cathedral.

**CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Chapter** (No. 1387).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 16th inst. There were present Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, M.E.Z.; Joseph Potts, H.; J. G. Batty, J.; Robert Davies, S.E.; J. J. Lambert, S.N.; John Dewhurst, P.S.; D. Williams, 1st Asst. Soj.; Alfred Love, Treas.; C. McBride, W. H. Milner, C. Heywood, H. Marshall, and others. Visitors: Comps. Jno. West, P.Z. 1055, and W. P. Groves, 317.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Squirrel, of the Chorlton Lodge, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. On the completion of the ceremony, Comp. Sillitoe installed in their respective chairs Comps. Joseph Potts, M.E.Z.; J. G. Batty, H.; and Robt. Davies, J.; he also invested the following officers: Comps. John Dewhurst, S.E.; H. Marshall, S.N.; D. Williams, P.S.; W. H. Milner, 1st Asst. Soj.; C. Heywood, 2nd Asst. Soj.; A. Love, Treas.; and W. Chesshyre, Janitor.

The working of the chapter throughout reflected the highest credit upon all concerned, and at the close of the business the newly-installed Principals, their officers, and the companions formed their usual "little family party," and passed a very enjoyable evening.

## Ancient and Primitive Rite.

### CONSECRATION OF A MYSTIC TEMPLE.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., Bro. John Yarker, of Manchester, the I.M. Sov. Grand Master General of the Order, with the assistance of several of the Grand Officers, performed the ceremony of consecration of a Mystic Temple, at No. 77½, Bishopsgate-street, where a suite of private rooms have been leased by the brethren for the exclusive use of the members of the Ancient and Primitive Rite.

After the consecration, Ill. Bro. James Hill, 32°, proceeded to install the W.M. elect, and invest the officers of the Rose of Sharon, Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Crosby Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared. By a reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that the chapter meets every week as a chapter of instruction, and Royal Arch Masons are admitted to the working of the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Degrees.

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**Mark Masonry.**

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).**—The installation meeting of this lodge of Mark Masters was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Friday, the 18th inst., and there were present Bros. G. Ward Verry, G.S.B., W.M.; W. P. Collins, P. Prov. Steward, S.W.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Organist, J.W.; N. J. Bassett, P.P.G. Steward, M.O.; G. Yaxley, P. Prov. M.O., S.O.; W. Johnson, S.D.; T. de Leliva, S.S. and Prov. G.J.D.; J.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., P.M. and Treasurer; W. Worrell, P.G. Org., P.M. and Secretary; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M., D.C.; T. W. Simons, I.G.; Alfred Williams, P.G.S.D., P.M.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C., P.M.; R. P. Spice, J. B. Humphreys, J. Mainwaring, T. Nettleship, M. Mildred, A. Meade, and others. Visitors: W. Bros. F. Davison, Deputy Prov. G.M. Middx. and Surrey; D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O. and G. Asst. Sec.; Bros. Capt. Berridge, C. E. Soppet, T. Distin, A. Hubbard, and W. Lake, P.P.G.R. (*Freemason*). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the candidates in attendance—Bros. W. H. Bale, of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87; Henry Parker King, of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426; and Auguste Leon, of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780—were duly advanced. The ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. G. Ward Verry, and the opinion unanimously expressed by those present was that the beautiful ceremony of the Mark Degree had never been more effectively rendered, even in the Macdonald Lodge, than by the W.M. The musical service is, we believe, peculiar to the lodge, and conducted as it was by Bro. Worrell, it added greatly to the impressiveness and beauty of the ceremony. Owing to ill-health, the S.W., Bro. Collins, had urgently requested that his election to the chair should be postponed for another year, and that the J.W., Bro. F. H. Cozens, should be chosen in his place. This desire had been complied with, and the installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. Verry performed the ceremony in the same able manner as had characterised the whole of his work. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. P. Collins, S.W.; N. J. F. Bassett, J.W.; G. Yaxley, M.O.; W. C. Hale, S.O.; W. Johnson, J.O.; W. Bros. Meggy, P.G.M.O., Treasurer; W. Worrell, P.G. Organist, Secretary; and James Stevens, P.G.J.O., D.C.; Bros. T. de Leliva, S.D.; J. K. Pitt, J.O.; T. W. Simms, R.M.; T. B. Humphreys, I.G.; F. E. W. Collard and R. P. Spice, Stewards; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler. The usual addresses to Master, officers, and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Verry, and the W.M., Bro. Cozens, then presented him with the P.M. jewel of the lodge, evidently to the complete satisfaction and with the best wishes of the lodge. After the usual business, including propositions for advancement, the brethren adjourned to a most enjoyable banquet, where, as may be readily surmised when it is remembered that Bro. Cozens occupied the chair, additional pleasure was afforded by the admirable musical arrangements. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and suitably responded to, but while there was no lack of ability and harmony in the direction of speechmaking, it could not be wondered at that, with the musical talent at command, the harmony of sweet sounds was preferred, and the post-prandial speeches were wisely curtailed to give time for the more enjoyable strains of the vocalists. The W.M. did duty in the double capacity, and in the musical department was assisted by Bros. Theodore Distin, A. Hubbard, H. Ashton, H. Taylor, and T. W. Simons, who carried out a well-selected musical programme with their well-known skill and taste. Altogether we must pronounce this the twelfth anniversary a most successful and enjoyable one, bespeaking a long and prosperous career for the Macdonald Mark Lodge.

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).**—A very excellent gathering of the members of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. There were in attendance among others Bros. T. C. Walls, W.M.; Alfred Tisley, S.W.; Richnell, J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, I.P.M., Secretary; Sir Chas. Palmer, Bart, M.O.; J. H. Dodson, S.O. and Treasurer; F. Farrington, S.D.; W. E. Farrington, J.D.; C. Brown, I.G.; R. Skelton, D.C.; and Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., &c., and Poynter (Panmure). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. Dalwood, Gruggen, Groves, and W. Farrington, all of 1580, Captain Cole, Royal Savoy, and Taylor, 1503, and it proving to be unanimous in each case, Bros. Gruggen, Groves, and Cole, who were in attendance, were duly advanced by the W.M., assisted by his officers, to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx. and Surrey; Davison, V.W. D.P. G.M. Middx. and Surrey; D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O.; J. Bedingfield; and others. A resolution having been passed condoling with Bro. Sir F. Burdett in his recent domestic bereavement, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well served by Bro. Clemow and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth the long routine of toasts were duly honoured. W. Bros. Wigginton and Poore responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and W. Bros. Sir Chas. Palmer and Poore for "The Provincial Grand Officers." The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in very complimentary terms. The W.M. having responded, then gave "The Advancers," which toast was acknowledged by Bro. Gruggen, Groves, and Captain Cole. "The Health of the I.P.M." was warmly received and duly responded to by Bro. Wigginton, in which he tendered his obligations to the lodge for the very handsome and unique Past Master's jewel presented to him that evening. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Poynter in a witty speech of some duration. "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Tisley, S.W., brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Lodge (No. 54).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Bro. George Douglas, W.M., P.P.D.C., in the chair, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Haeker, S.W., P.P.J.W.; Kuchoffer, J.W.; Stone, P.P.A.D.C., S.O.; Fairbank, J.O.; Cossey, R.M.; Croisdale, S.D.; Sherer, I.G.; Burns, Tyler. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read

and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Marrs and Proctor. Being unanimous, these brethren, being present, were duly advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason. Bro. Benham, I.P.M., was then presented by the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge. The W.M. in presenting the decoration stated that he believed that it was one of the most pleasing duties that a W.M. had to perform, when a brother had so faithfully performed his duty as their I.P.M. had done, wishing him health and long life to wear it. Bro. Benham replied in a few well chosen words. The lodge closed in good harmony at 9.30 p.m.

**MARYPORT.**—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The installation festival of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport, on Thursday afternoon, the 17th inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. P. Dodgson, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. E. G. Mitchell, S.V.; J. Adair, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treasurer, P.G. Treasurer; and several others. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.G. Secretary (*Freemason*), was a visitor. The minutes having been read and confirmed, including the unanimous election for the second time of Bro. J. H. Banks, P.M., P.P.G.I.G., W.M. elect, that brother formally took the chair of A., and was saluted and proclaimed. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. G. W. Thompson, S.W.; F. Harrison, J.W.; R. Brown, M.O.; A. Walter, S.O.; J. Wilson, J.O.; J. R. Banks, Chaplain; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer; J. J. Coverdale, R.M.; W. Stoddart, Secretary; T. Milburn, S.D.; J. H. Raven, J.D.; T. Mandle, P.M., P.G. S.O., D.C.; T. Weatherston, I.G.; J. Smith, Organist; W. Dobie and J. Elliot, Stewards; and J. Harrison, Tyler. No fewer than six candidates were proposed for advancement. The sum of two guineas having been voted to the Steward's list of Bro. Lamonby, P.G. Secretary, for the Mark Benevolent Fund, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then, on the invitation of Bro. Banks, W.M., and Mrs. Banks, partook of an excellent tea, à la fourchette, and, after the cloth was drawn, a couple of hours were harmoniously whiled away in toast and song.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The installation meeting of the above Mark lodge took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Buryage-road, when Bro. James Smythe, S.W., and P.G.J.O. of Kent, was, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of the Degree, placed in the chair as W.M.M. for the ensuing year.

The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Coupland, P.P.G.S.O. of Kent, and the following brethren of the Craft having been balloted for and approved, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Masons, viz.: Bros. Charles Ellis, 913; J. Steer, and Robinson, 1536. The W.M. elect was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. J. G. Povevin, P.M. 152, and D.P.G.M. Kent, who undertook the office at the request, and in the unavoidable absence, of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., and our distinguished Bro. Smythe, with the usual formalities, duly installed in the chair to which he had been at the previous meeting unanimously elected.

The W.M. then proceeded to instal his officers as follows: Bros. W. Weston, P.P.G.O. Kent, S.W.; A. Penfold, P.P.G.J.W., J.W.; H. Shaw, P.P.G.D.C., M.O.; the Rev. C. A. Solbé, P.G. Chap., S.O.; D. Deeves, P.P.G. Swd. Br., J.O.; H. Pryce, P.P.G.R.M., Treas.; W. A. Watkins, Reg. of Marks; G. Kennedy, P.P.A.G.S., Sec.; T. Holleyman, P.P.G. Stwd., S.D.; D. C. Capon, P.P.G. Stwd., J.D.; C. Buckland, D.C.; Ashworth, I.G.; and W. B. Lloyd, Stwd.

The Installing Officer then finished a grand rendering of an impressive ceremony by giving the three addresses most eloquently. The W.M. then drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that the festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund would take place on the 7th of July next, and that he had undertaken the post of Steward for the Florence Nightingale Mark Lodge and for this. He mentioned that the first-named lodge had given him the sum of ten guineas to start with, and he trusted that this lodge would not be behind that in its contributions to the list he hoped to make worthy of the lodges. Bro. Weston proposed, as the lodge was not over flush in its finances, "That the sum of five guineas be given to Bro. Smythe's list." Bro. Penfold seconded the proposition, believing it better to be just than generous, and look at home before they searched abroad. He had no doubt that if Bro. Smythe's list was sent round the lodge the other five guineas would be made up. The resolution was then put, and carried. The W.M. then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Povevin, D.P.G.M., the Installing Officer, for his kindness in coming all the way from Dover to instal him (the W.M.) that day. Bro. Coupland seconded it, and it was carried with enthusiasm. Bro. Povevin, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind expression of regard for him, and assured them that it had afforded him no ordinary gratification to be present and see the excellent manner in which the work was done in the Excelsior Lodge. He should feel it his duty to report most favourably to the Grand Master, and wished the lodge every success. The subscription list for Bro. Smythe's Stewardship was then passed round, and realised nearly six guineas. "Hearty good wishes" were then given by the representatives of the various lodges present, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Among the brethren present, besides those already named (with the exception of Bros. Shaw and Solbé, who were installed by proxy), were Bros. F. Binckes, G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.S.O. and G. Asst. Sec.; J. Sculley, J. Whomes, P.M. 107; W. Stevens, W. Mould, T. Kirkbride, T. O. Hayes, J. Anderson, T. Ovenden, J. Purnell, G. R. Nichols, W. Iron, T. Hosgood, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*), all of 226.

The banquet was elegantly served by Bro. Tucker, the host, and at its conclusion the W.M. gave, in his happy and eloquent style, the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts. In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," he said that he should proceed with the most important toasts at once, as he had shortly to leave them to attend a gathering at London. He could only say that he had very recently had one of the greatest treats it was possible for a Mason to have, and that was in hearing Bro. Binckes discuss, during dinner, the vast improvement that had taken place in the working of the Mark Masons' lodges during the last few years, and he had Bro. Binckes' word for it, that the increase of Mark Masonry in England was astounding. It was a gratifying thing for him to be able to

say that he now, at the present moment, had the honour of presiding over two different Mark Masons' lodges in this district, one in Woolwich, the Florence Nightingale, and one of the most important in the Province of Kent, and the Excelsior in Plumstead. He remembered when the Florence Nightingale was first established in Woolwich it was worked under the Scotch Constitution, but it did not last long; it went into a state of abeyance, but he had had not only the happiness of helping to found this, but had been instrumental in resuscitating that, and he trusted that for both of them there would be a lasting term of prosperity. After expressing the pleasure he felt at the presence among them of Bros. Binckes and Dewar, the former of whom would presently address them with that eloquence that flowed from his lips as if the goddess of persuasion sat upon them, Bro. Smythe asked them to drink the toast with a good fire. Bro. Binckes, in reply, expressed his admiration at the wonderful flow of eloquence with which their W.M. was gifted. He had proposed the toast of their health, "The Grand Officers," in the most complimentary language, and he only wished that he had the power of being so complimentary and eulogistic as the W.M. was. He then spoke in the cause of charity, and said it was a subject that every true Mason should take to heart; but the best plan for him that night would be to simply return thanks for the honour done the Grand Officers, and more particularly their Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom. Their Grand Master had just been honoured by his Sovereign in such a manner that increased, if such a thing was possible, their love for her, and their respect and admiration for her. And they all wished—and they all wished it most heartily—that he might be spared long to enjoy the confidence of his Sovereign and the esteem in which he is held by every Mason who knew his splendid abilities as a worker for the prosperity of both Craft and Mark Masonry. The whole of the Grand Officers were imbued with the same desire to do their duty in the various positions in which they were placed. He then proceeded to say that Bro. Smythe had done a good work by resuscitating the Florence Nightingale Lodge, which was only another instance of the remarkable vitality of the man. There was an old maxim that "no man could serve two masters," but Bro. Smythe was a direct contradiction to that argument, because at the present time he was doing that and more. As he said before, Bro. Smythe was a most remarkable man, and if he went on as he was now doing he would be, ere long, the tenth wonder of the world. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. Coupland, who referred with pride to the number of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who were members of the Excelsior Lodge, and felt sure that if Bro. Robinson, their esteemed Grand Master, had been present he would have been satisfied with what had been done in the lodge that day. He then, in complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Smythe returned thanks in an eloquent speech, in which he referred to the rise and progress of Mark Masonry, and assured them of his determination to do all he could to ensure its prosperity in this district. Bro. Coupland returned thanks on behalf of the Past Masters, and then the newly-advanced brethren were toasted and modestly responded. The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Weston. Bro. Lackley gave the Tyler's toast, and shortly afterwards the brethren dispersed, after an enjoyable and memorable day's labour and refreshment.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**ROSICRUCIAN LITERATURE.**

I said in a previous little communication on this subject that the earliest trace of actual Rosicrucian literature of the fraternity of the Rose Croix seemed to be about the first fifteen years of the seventeenth century, but earlier tracts and MSS. might yet be discovered, and Hermetic literature has yet to be studied to see if there be any connection between Hermeticism and Rosicrucianism. I have amused myself by looking into the matter slightly since then, but have found, so far, none earlier than those mentioned from 1612-6, 1615. But others may exist. When I looked into Hermeticism—it is indeed a study by itself. Pierre Borel, in 1654, issued a catalogue of Hermetic writers, whom he made to amount to 4000. The "Histoire de la Philosophie Hermetique," published at Paris, 1744, declares, however, the number to be only 900, and the treatises 2500 in number. Among some of the earliest of these may be cited "Divers Traités d'Alchimie," Lion, 1557; "Volumen Tractatum &c.," Nuremberg, 1541; "De Alchemia, Dialogi," duo Lyons, 1548; "De Alchemia Opuscula Complura," Frankfurt, 1550; "Chemicum Artificum Naturæ," 1568, no place; "Vera Alchimia Doctrina Folio Basileæ Perna," 1561; "Enchiridion Physicæ Resstitutæ," Paris, 1608; "Alchimia Vera," &c., Magdeburg, 1619; "Aventures du Philosophe Inconnu," Paris, 1646; "Tractatus Aliquot," &c., Geismarie, 1647; "Alcaest Discours Philosophiques," 1678; "Altus Mutus Liber," Rupellæ, 1677; "Aphorismes Chimiques," Paris, 1692. Numerous other books may be mentioned by all familiar in Hermetic works, and I leave out the earlier Hermetic MSS., in various languages. If any correspondent knows of an earlier Rosicrucian book or MS. than any I have alluded to, I shall be glad to record it in this column.

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

The R.W. Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.,  
Prov. Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Tuesday, 29th June, 1880, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at Four o'clock.

The Era Mark Lodge, No. 176, will be opened at Three o'clock, for advancement of Brethren.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank.

By command of the R.W.P.G.M.M.,  
WM. G. BRIGHTEN, P.M., P.Z., &c.,  
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

4, Bishopsgate Street, Without, E.C.  
16th June, 1880.

Banquet at Six o'clock. Tickets One Guinea each, including Wine.

Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before Friday, the 25th June.

## GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE M.W. AND REV. BRO. G. R. PORTAL, M.A.,  
P.G.M.M.M.  
THE V.W. BRO. W. HICKMAN,  
D.P.G.M.M.M.

The GRAND LODGE of this Province will assemble by command of the M.W.P.G.M.M. at BASINGSTOKE on FRIDAY, the 9th day of JULY, at One o'clock, and be closed tiled punctually at half-past One o'clock. The Brethren will meet at the Town Hall, where the Provincial Business will be transacted.

Dinner will be provided at the Masonic Hall, at Three o'clock p.m. Tickets, including a pint of wine, 7s. 6d. each.

In order to ensure the comfort of every one who attends, the W.M. of Lodges are requested to send (addressed to the P.G.M. Sec., Southampton) the names of all who propose to join the Banquet, not later than Tuesday morning, the 6th July.

The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the M.W.P.G.M.M.,  
J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.M. 63 and 37,  
P.G.M. Sec.

Southampton, 24th June, 1880.

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PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

CHAPTER HOUSE, 77½, BISHOPSGATE STREET.

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Chapter will be opened at 7.30, p.m. and close at 9 punctually.

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JAMES HILL, 32<sup>o</sup>, Sec.

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## To Correspondents.

Bro. HYDE CLARKE'S note received with thanks. It shall be attended to.

The following lodge reports stand over:—No. 126; No. 787; and No. 1161.

## BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Sunday Times," "Grand Master's Address, Iowa," "Der Long Islaender," "Masonic Advocate," "Citizen," "The Croydon Guardian," "Le Monde Maconique," "Broad Arrow," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Sussex Daily News," "Hastings and St. Leonard's Observer," "Brook's Popular Botany," "Extracts from the Minutes of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 277, Oldham," "Memorandum du Grande Loge Centrale de France Toutes Sections Reunies, Seance du 30 Avril, 1880," "Historique du Premier Siegle De la 1: Francaise le Phenix Al'o de Joigny," "Urania," "Calendar of the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales for 1880, 1881," "Caygill's Tourist Chronicle and Excursion Advertiser," "Keystone."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1880.

THE approaching Festival of the Boys' School suggests many valid and pressing reasons why its great claims on the support and liberal sympathy of the Craft should be recognized and realized. Most useful in itself it is in need, having little funded capital, of a large annual income, in order that it may not be kept back, either in its scholastic programme or its legitimate aspirations. We must all be aware what a large number of unsuccessful applicants there are, especially for its valuable education and comfortable home, year by year. Now we have long thought that we might improve in some respects several points connected with the candidature for admission to our Schools. Were it not that the proposal to "fee" all unsuccessful candidates would tend, undoubtedly, to an "influx" of cases, and hence to the eventual "pauperization" of Freemasonry, and land it in a huge "benefit system," we might have something to say to a little *ad interim* help to the poor and needy applicants for our Schools. Indeed, we cannot see why all unsuccessful and accepted candidates should not receive "school teaching," as in the Provincial Charities, until they are placed in the School. But then we want a more searching examination into petitions than is now feasible or possible. Why should not a Petition Sub-Committee be appointed, which should look into all cases closely and report to the General Committee? We think, then, that all efforts should be made to reduce the great number of unsuccessful candidates year by year, though, as we know beforehand, we shall at once be met by the remark, "We shall want more buildings." This is, in our humble opinion, both the truest policy and the most pressing duty for us as Freemasons. We trust that the returns for the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School will be both satisfactory and substantial, as the Boys' School demands from us all the heartiest support.

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WHEN Freemasonry reassembles after the "holi-day campaign" we hope that the question of "Lectures" may come again "to the fore." There are many brethren most competent to give lectures in the metropolis on Masonry, and to instruct, amuse, and edify their brethren. We think we all want a little "shaking" of "dry bones," a little departure from a cheerful and customary "red tape," and a few new ideas will not do any of us any harm, and a little "intellectuality" will be a good set off against a good deal of materiality—will it not?

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FREEMASONRY is now like the "boa constrictor" of natural history books, in a sort of "comatose" state. Its glories have departed for a season. Its place knows it no more; its heavy labours are over; its long vacation has begun. The W.M. no more presides over us with smiling face and astounding punctuality. Our worthy P.M. no longer gives us sonorously the Tracing Board in the First Degree. The Secretary has no more minutes

to read; the Treasurer no more subscriptions to receive. The good old lodge for the nonce is "non est." Even the Tyler no longer greets us, affable and confiding. As for the members they have put off their "paraphernalia" with their holiday garb, and except for a chance gathering will probably not obey a mystic summons until the "opening night" in late autumn hours calls them around the old Masonic "hearthstone" once again. We do not complain of this ceaseless law of Masonry and life, though we miss some pleasant hours, and part with many good things for a season. Perhaps this "break" in the routine of Masonry is good for us all alike. It prevents our lodge meetings degenerating into trivial formalities. It brings us back to our old posts and new duties, when it is past and gone, in turn, with increased zest and quickened energies. It is affecting sometimes to think what a picture of life and the world our microcosm of Masonry really is. Each year as it passes from us leaves us in our lodges, fewer, older, colder, and feebler. Time and change, chance and care, make havoc in our ranks, and cast the tint of comely grey over the once ambrosial locks of youth, and turn us, after a few short oscillations of hurrying hours, into ailing and querulous old men. And there are many of us who pass away, drop off silently, separately, each in his "cot," one by one as week follows week. We miss the cheery voice, the pleasant smile, the honest "grip;" we count up vacant places at the hospitable board—alas! they are gone, never to return. And so we Freemasons all often part to-day in our lodge life, forgetting that when we next meet in the old friendly circle some may probably not be there to greet us. The great River of Time flows on unceasingly, through burning sands and precipitous banks, and our frail canoes are often shipwrecked as we near the gleaming and foaming cataract. Well, let us seek to have a "heart for every fate," and so to move on our allotted path, and "meet" the duties of each returning day, that the Grand Master of us all, when he summonses us away, may be satisfied with our "work" for Him.

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RECREATION banquets are among the pleasant "windings up" of our London Masonic season, and the reminiscences of some agreeable gatherings, of pleasant and profitable sociality, often linger with us for a long time. Just now our brethren are wending their way in cheery detachments to the "Star and Garter," "Kew Green," "Greenwich," and numerous other localities, and, leaving London smoke and London pavement behind them, are luxuriating amid green fields, and sitting, probably smoking too, under shady trees. May all good go with them, and be with them wherever they are; may a good digestion attend on a tranquil conscience and a forcible menu; may no remembrances of "pickled salmon" in the morning render the "souvenirs" of the genial gathering over night ought but charming, soothing, and refreshing to their nervous systems. We confess we are beginning to think that we are treating our fair sisters somewhat cavalierly. Why should they not go with us to our recreation banquets? Why should not their charming dresses, bright smiles, warm hearts, and agreeable "juxta position" lend fervour to old age, and suggest happy emotions to youth? We keep them, we are beginning to think, too much out of our festivities. We cannot help feeling that a run to Greenwich or to Richmond would be greatly exhilarated by some "angels in pink, and some angels in blue," who are always in good humour, always sunny and accommodating, pleased with everybody and everything; and as some young men and Masons think that this is a "reform" we might recommend, the *Freemason* declares itself to-day undoubtedly in favour of "woman's rights" as far as Masonic recreation banquets are concerned. We shall trust to hear that some of our brethren will approve of these humble suggestions, and set about, in these days of peaceful "reforms" especially, a change which, though some may deem a "revolution," is a revolution which, we venture to think, will claim the hearty assent of every loyal and chivalrous Craftsman.

THERE is a point just now, as our lodges are like "dissolving views" for the moment, which, we think, deserves "noting." How about our Treasurers' books? How about the financial position of many excellent lodges? It is just possible that we are giving too much to sociality and too little to charity? Is it the fact that many lodges are in debt to their Treasurer, and remain so year by year? Is there no remedy for these things? or are "back reckonings" and limited grants for charity still to be the order of the day? Would it not be well if all lodges published a balance sheet yearly? Very many do not. We have always held this to be a mistake, though we are also aware that there is an idea afloat that such matters should not go beyond the lodge, and only be treated of in the lodge. There are, in fact, two sides to this, as to almost every question.

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WILL it surprise our readers to be told that in 1880 there still lingers amongst us a good deal of that dear, good old *fogey* objection to a Masonic Press? No one denies, least of all those who have to do with it, that Masonic journalism is always both exceptionable and delicate in the highest degree. But we had hoped that we had outlived the time of fifty years ago, when it was almost high treason to print or report Masonic proceedings. The progress of Masonry and an altered condition of affairs seem now to demand in the best interests and for the safe progress of our cherished Craft, a well-ordered Press, to proclaim its beneficent principles, to develop its goodly "outcome," and to defend it against unreasonable opponents, and to record its wondrous progress.

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MR. O'DONNELL seems to have a dislike to the Freemasons, as this little extract from the *Times* of Friday last shows: "The hon. member went on to ask the right hon. gentleman whether he would lay on the table the oath or form of attestation of the Irish Constabulary; and whether it was true that Freemasonry was the only secret society to which an Irish consulate was expressly permitted or recommended to belong. MR. W. E. FORSTER said the oath contained the following passage: 'I do not belong to, and will not, while I shall hold the same office, join, subscribe, or belong to, any political society whatever, or any secret society whatever, unless to the society of Freemasons.' (Laughter.) It would be worse than absurd to allow a member of the constabulary to belong to a secret society as generally understood. With regard to the Society of Freemasons, he believed it was not generally thought to have the political evils of a secret society. Many Royal Princes, including the Prince of WALES, were members of it, and he could not imagine, therefore, that there was anything disloyal in it. (Hear, hear.) As Freemasons we shall be pleased to note the remarkable testimony thus borne to the unchanging loyalty, on the most unimpeachable authority, of Irish Freemasons, (as is true of all real Freemasons everywhere), and their unswerving obedience to the laws of the land. This surely is the best reply to unjust depreciation or deliberate slander of our useful and orderly and peaceful Fraternity.

### 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.]

#### ITINERANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Upon the above subject, so ably treated by you self and by your correspondent "Past Master, S.C.," in your valuable paper of the 24th of April, I beg to supply a few facts; and, first, I beg to enclose a cutting from the *Manchester Guardian* of this day relative to a case just before the magistrates at Accrington:

"At the Accrington Police Court on Saturday, June 19th, Thomas Richard Rice Stack, who had been remanded on the previous Monday, was charged with fraudulently obtaining, and attempting to obtain, money.

"His Masonic certificate shows him to have been made a Mason in 1874 at the Cadder Lodge, Argyle, No. 147, Scotland, and he also professed to belong to No. 62, Ireland.

"He was formerly a schoolmaster; and, in this case, came to the W.M. of Equality Lodge, Accrington (who is also a schoolmaster), claiming assistance on the double grounds of being a teacher and a Mason.

"He produced a letter purporting to come from the Rev. Lewis Morgan, Brookwood Vicarage, Woking, inviting Stack to take charge of a school at that place, and he asked for means to take himself and family there. Temporary relief was given, and at the lodge in the evening the brethren promised to look into his case, and, if found deserving, to give substantial relief. He was requested to call again in two days.

"The letter from Woking was strongly suspected to be Slack's own writing; and a telegram elicited the fact that neither the person nor address of the clergyman was known at Woking.

"The matter was at once placed in the hands of the police, and on Saturday Slack was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

"Previous convictions were proved against him for bigamy, indecent assault, and aggravated assault, besides having been twice charged with assault.

"It has been discovered that he has at various times and places attempted to obtain grants from Masonic Charities, among others from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that he is well known as a scamp to the Almoners of the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Fund.

"We are also informed that he had never subscribed one penny to his lodge since his entrance, and, in fact, has never visited the lodge but once since.

"He is apparently about fifty years of age, middle height, pallid countenance, pockmarked, dark hair, heavy browed, with a strong cast in one eye, and speaks with a strong Irish accent."

This case has more than once been before our Almoners here, who, satisfied that the man was unworthy, refused relief, and, in so doing, narrowly escaped assault. He is a Scotch Mason, being initiated in Cadder Lodge, Argyle, No. 147, and I have it on the authority of the Secretary that he never subscribed one penny to the lodge since his initiation.

The Grand Secretary of Scotland informs me that in June, 1875, the Board of Benevolence granted this brother the sum of five pounds, conditionally that a favourable report was received from a brother to whom the case was referred. At the following meeting the Board cancelled the award. By the Grand Lodge's request, I caused application to be made to the court for his certificate, in order that it might be returned to Scotland, and thus prevent this itineracy, but the magistrate stated that he had no authority to do anything of the kind, or yet endorse it; and thus at the end of two months this man will be again at liberty to pursue his reckless defiance of all Masonic laws. So far as this province is concerned, I feel satisfied that the strictness of the Almoners' investigations is preventing a large amount of deception.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
 JOHN CHADWICK,  
 June 21st. Prov. G. Sec. E.L.

#### H.M.S. ATALANTA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention was called this morning to your issue of the 12th inst., in which a letter appeared from Bro. W. H. Hinks relative to Bro. G. H. Wyatt, who, we must conclude, has lost his life with the above-named vessel, leaving a widow and three young children, and with the daily expectation of a fourth. I have been to see the poor woman, and I can verify the statement made from personal observation, and I can also state that from inquiries I have made I am in a position to prove that the case is a most deserving one for every Mason to lend a helping hand to. I shall do my best here amongst my many Masonic friends to help her during her present necessities, and shall be glad to receive and acknowledge any contributions that our numerous brethren may confide to me on her behalf, assuring them that such will be thankfully received and properly disposed of.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,  
 WM. BUZZARD,  
 PM. 68, P.P.G.S.D. Bristol.

3, Brighton-street, City-road,  
 Bristol, June 17th.

P.S.—I may add that Bro. Geo. H. Wyatt was initiated in the Sun Lodge, Exmouth, No. 106, in July, 1875, but that his documents are all lost with him.

### Reviews.

RECHERCHES SUR LE RITE ECOSSAIS, ANCIEN ACCEPTE. By Bro. J. EMILE DARUTY. Paris: Panisset, 14, Rue de Metz.

Bro. Daruty, Master of the Lodge L'Amitie, No. 245, under the French Rite Ecossais, and a member of the 33<sup>d</sup>, writes this work from Port Louis, "Ile Maurice." It is a work which deserves to be read by all who interest themselves in such matters, as it is marked by much careful research, and an evident desire to be correct. The author has put together a very interesting account of Masonry in general in England, France, and Scotland, as well as of the Rite Ecossais in France, and we will proceed to shew where we think he is correct and where incorrect in his theories and in his conclusions. We would ask him to dismiss at once all ideas of a Knightly origin for Freemasonry. He quotes Anderson as alluding to this point, but Anderson's view, put into other words, is simply, that the Knightly Order and the Hermetic Grades were borrowed from Freemasonry, not Freemasonry from them. This is a point to be noted in the controversy. As regards Hermetic and Chivalric Grades, all we think that can fairly be said, is that an Hermetic Grade existed in 1717, or thereabouts, but what it really was we cannot now, or at present, plainly say. All our brother's theories of Templar perpetuation, whether in Scotland or elsewhere, or the antiquity of "Heredom," &c., cannot be substantiated, and are, in our opinion, mere "figments." What is the true connection of Freemasonry with Hermeticism, and how much it borrowed from it, or *vice versa*, or was coloured and dominated by its traditions, is a question which has yet to be more fully considered. Bro. Daruty seems to make English Masonry operative and partly Knightly, Scottish Masonry altogether Knightly in its origin, though he alludes to "Lombard Masons," builders of Killwinning. French Masonry he makes to come from England, and partly from Scotland. We have always fancied that Lord Derwentwater obtained his Masonry from Scotland. Bro. Daruty takes back Scottish Freemasonry to Ramsay, and the Chapter d'Arras. And if we may

agree that Ramsay was at one time very active in Masonry, and probably Stuart Masonry, yet Bro. Daruty brings out apparently most interestingly, the fact that he had a correspondence with Cardinal Fleury in 1737, and that, in consequence of the King's objections, he soon afterwards retired from Masonry. He fixes the famous speech March 21st, 1737—not 1740, as commonly stated. It would be interesting to ascertain, if one could, when the famous address attributed to Ramsay first appeared. The earliest appearance of it which we know of is in Varrentraap's work, Frankfurt, 1742. Bro. Daruty mentions an earlier allusion in a work published in 1741, and again in 1738, but I am inclined to think, (though the fact may be so), that the earliest appearance is in 1740, its second in 1742, and its third in the "Histoires des Franc-maçons," Paris, 1745, in the Paris edition just mentioned. In a scarce little work, "Les Francs Maçons," of 1744, we find a French translation of the original, by J. G. D. M. F. M., of the "Relation Apologique," a Dublin, chez Patrice Odonoko, 1738. Bro. Daruty clears up the personality of the Duke d'Antin, about which much obscurity prevailed. He appears now to have been Louis de Paidailan, de Gondron, Duc d'Antin, born in 1707, died in 1743, aged 36. Bro. Daruty gives a very interesting account of the French Lodges, and his work requires to be studied. We wish it all success, as we consider it a most careful and meritorious effort to lay before us a connected view of French Masonic history. We may recur to it. We will express but one regret, that Bro. Daruty had not apparently seen *Kenning's Cyclopaedia*, as he would find many points dilated upon there which would have helped him much.

### North Africa.

TUNIS.—Ancient Carthage Lodge (No 1717).—

The closing meetings of the various English Masonic bodies in the regency of Tunis have taken place with much success, and all work is now virtually suspended till the early part of October. The last meeting of the above lodge was held on the 9th June. (The W.M., Dr. Perini (D.G.S.W.), presided, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Masons of Malta were represented by W. Bro. W. Read, P.M. 407, P.D.G. Reg.; and W. Bro. C. Thompson, W.M. and Z. 387, I.C. At this meeting the Baron Constantine d'Ortes was initiated, and Bro. Daumas passed to the F.C. Degree. The Permanent Committee reported a balance of nearly £100 in hand, that about £20 had been dispensed in charity, and that the disbursements for the past year had been nil. Great satisfaction was expressed at a grant of £30 made by the Grand Lodge of Benevolence to the widow of one of the seven founders of the lodge, an Italian P.M. The present number of active members is seventy-four, divided on the head of nationality as follows, viz.: English, fourteen; French, twenty-six; Italian, twenty-five; Greek, one; German, one; Portuguese, one; and Tunisian, six. The distinction as to creed may be given thus: Roman Catholics, thirty-seven; Israelites, twenty-eight; Protestants, seven; Greek Church, one; and Mahommedan, one. The utmost harmony prevails in the lodge, which will soon enter on its fourth year of existence.

TUNIS.—William Kingston Lodge (No. 1835).—

On Friday, the 11th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Goletta. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. E. L. Barker (D.G.S.D.), and his officers at seven o'clock p.m., assisted by a full attendance of members. A handsome banner, bearing the heraldic emblems of Ancient Carthage, was unfurled for the first time. At the request of the W.M., Bro. W. Read, P.D.G. Reg., assumed the gavel, and installed Bro. Broadley, P.M. and Z. 1717, P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, in the chair of K.S., being assisted in the Board of Installed Masters by W. Bro. T. F. Reade, P.M. 1068, P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt; Dr. A. Perini, W.M. 1717; and J. Barker, I.P.M. 1835. The usual salutes having been given and proclamations made, the W.M., with appropriate remarks, invested the following officers, viz.: Bro. Barker, I.P.M.; Curletto, S.W.; Eugerer, J.W.; Durazzano, Treas.; Ayra, Sec.; Villareale, D.C.; Attard, S.D.; Vaux, J.D.; D'Amico, I.G.; and Pagano, Tyler. A very satisfactory report having been received from the Audit Committee, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the refreshment room, where the yearly installation banquet was duly celebrated.

TUNIS.—Kingston Mark Lodge (No. 222).—

On Saturday, the 12th inst., the Masonic Hall was the scene of the installation meeting and summer festival of this Mark lodge. The W.M.M., Bro. G. Pentecost (P.G. J.W.), opened his lodge at 6.30 p.m., there being a satisfactory attendance of officers and members, including the P.G.M., W. Bro. W. Read, P.M. 107, W.M. 262, and P.G.S.W., and W. Bro. C. Thompson, W.M. 387, I.C. (Craf and Mark), represented the English and Irish Mark Masters of Malta, and Bro. Vaux (Secretary) St. Louis Mark Lodge, No. 254, at Goletta. A ballot was taken successfully for Mr. P. O. Puliga, LL.D., and Bro. L. Chevalier, of Lodge 1717. The latter, being in attendance, was advanced by the P.G.M. to the Degree of M.M.M. This ceremony being completed, Bro. Broadley addressed the members as to the progress of Mark Masonry in general and this lodge in particular since its consecration, two years previously. There were now seventy active Mark Masters in Tunis, and he trusted that under the incoming W.M. this prosperity would continue and increase. He alluded to the pleasure he felt at the presence of the two Masters of the Mark Degree from Malta. Bro. Read was not only P.G. S.W., but he had been recently called to fill the chair of the youngest Mark lodge in his province—the Union of Malta, No. 262—which already showed signs of being attended with a great and permanent success. Bro. Thompson also ruled over the Leinster Mark Lodge, No. 387, which, under the authority of the Supreme G.R.A. Chapter of Ireland, had done much to render the Degree popular and respected in Malta both in the past and present. Bro. Thompson had laboured assiduously to draw the union closer between the English Mark Masters and their Irish *confreres*. The P.G.M. then called on these brethren to present the S.W., Bro. Dr. Perini (W.M. 1717 and P.G.S.O. Mark), in the East, and duly installed him in the chair of A.

The W.M. invested the following officers for 1880-81, viz.: Bros. Pentecost, I.P.M.; Souiller, S.W.; Le Galais, J.W.; Clement, M.O.; Bokobsa, S.O.; Sessing, J.O.; Bawotti, Treas.; Audry, Sec.; Chaigne, S.D.;

Carriglio, J.D.; Polinelly, D.C.; Chevalier, R.M.; Captain Johnstone, Org.; A. Casuto, I.G.; and Eymon, Tyler.

A very hearty salute was accorded to the P.G.M., who had himself advanced to the Mark Degree upwards of sixty brethren in this lodge alone, to the P.M., and to the visiting brethren. Bros. Read and Thompson responded in suitable terms; the latter observing that the Grand Chapter of Ireland would be indeed proud of such working as he had witnessed in Tunis. The charitable collection being made, the lodge was formally adjourned, and the brethren met at the Hotel Eymon, where, under the presidency of the P.G.M., the annual banquet was enjoyed, alike by members and visitors.

### Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

An excellent anthology from the British poets is "The English Poets," edited by Thomas Humphrey Ward, M.A. (Macmillan). Mr. Matthew Arnold furnishes a general introduction, and the selection ranges from Chaucer to Dryden. The short biographical notices give additional value to the collection.

**THE "GRAPHIC" SCHOOL OF ENGRAVING ON WOOD.**—Some years ago a belief prevailed that before long wood engraving would be superseded by various less costly processes. This belief, without doubt, deterred persons from embarking in a profession which they feared might before long prove unremunerative. Experience has shown that these fears were baseless. Wood engraving holds, and is likely to continue to hold, its own against all competitors. But, meanwhile, there is a great scarcity at the present time of good engravers, and, unless a practical effort is made to attract clever students into the profession, the most artistic work will fall into the hands of foreigners. For some time past the proprietors of *The Graphic* have experienced an increasing difficulty in obtaining the assistance of high-class engravers, and they have therefore determined to form a School of Engraving, in which the students will be instructed for a term of five years. No premium will be required, but the candidates will be selected according to the merits of their drawings submitted, and after selection they will still have a fortnight's trial before being definitively accepted. After the first year the students will be paid a sum (according to progress made) varying from £13 in the second to £75 in the fifth year. The hours of attendance will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., with an hour allowed for dinner; but students regularly attending evening classes at the Government Schools of Design will be allowed to leave at 5 p.m. Intending candidates must send in specimens of their drawings, stating whether they are original or copies, also age of candidate, addressed "To the Manager of *The Graphic*, 100, Strand, W.C.," and marked "Drawings for Competition."

The *Athenæum* states that Messrs. Bentley will in the course of next year publish a continuation of Dean Hook's "Lives of the Archbishops of Canterbury," by the Rev. W. R. W. Stephens, the son-in-law of Dean Hook, and his biographer. Mr. Stephens has in his possession the materials left by Dean Hook for the continuance of his work, and he will endeavour to continue this popular history in the spirit in which it was carried on by the late Dean. According to the *Academy*, the Council of the Camden Society have accepted an offer from Professor Pauli to edit two volumes of the Wardrobe Accounts of Henry, Earl of Derby, afterwards King Henry IV., kept when he was journeying in Prussia, Lithuania, and other parts of Eastern Europe.

A model factory town is to be formed near Chicago by the Pullman Palace Car Company. Around the workshops will be extensive grounds laid out like a park, with a drive two miles long, while a wall will encircle the estate, the workmen's cottages being scattered about the grounds. The Americans have probably taken a hint from Herr Krupp's establishment at Essen.

Japanese rules of art, if followed out in England, would considerably thin the attendance at London picture-galleries during a dull cold spring. Thus, the Japanese enjoin—according to the *American Architect*—that you must not look at a picture on a dark nor a cloudy day, nor when it is so cold that your breath will form a mist before you; nor must you look at it when you are ill, or cross, or unhappy, lest these circumstances influence your opinion. You must not look at the artist's name, at first, but study the work at leisure, so as to judge impartially of its merits, and who the artist may be. Fond as the Japanese are of ornamenting their houses they do not crowd the rooms with pictures and *bric-à-brac* like the Europeans, but one or two pictures, a fungus, and a bracket or hanging basket serve for a short time, when these are laid away, and their place supplied by other things.

The will of Ludmilla Assing, the niece of Varnhagen Von Ense, bequeaths the whole of Varnhagen's collections, books, sketches, MSS., &c., to the Royal Library at Berlin, upon the condition that they shall all be exhibited under the title of the Varnhagen Collection, otherwise the collection is to go the library at Zurich.

Lord Ashburnham brought his old MS. of the Gospels to the last meeting of the Society of Antiquaries. The covers of this quarto volume, which is believed to have been written in the Carolingian era, are richly ornamented with goldsmith's work, probably of as early a date as the eighth century, and inlaid with emeralds, sapphires, pearls, and other precious stones, the interstices being filled with figures of the Cross, angels, saints, and beasts. These are finer and larger on the upper side than on the reverse, and, Mr. Alexander Nesbitt contended in a paper read by him, are of a German type rather than either Italian or French, and certainly are not Byzantine. Mr. E. M. Thompson followed with a brief paper on the interior of the volume, which he was not inclined to assign to an earlier period than the latter half of the tenth century, for reasons which he stated in full. The volume consists of 224 pages, containing the four Gospels, all illuminated to a slight degree with capital letters, &c., but plain when compared with many existing specimens of the same date. The manuscript itself is very clean and perfect. It was given about A.D. 950 to the convent on the banks of the Lake of Constance, where it used to be carried in solemn procession at the annual festival and on other great occasions. It was bought from Mr. Boore by the late Lord Ashburnham.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

**THE FESTIVAL FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.**—A meeting of the Committee of the West Lancashire Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday afternoon, the 18th inst. It was understood that the meeting was for the purpose of voting relief to distressed cases, and six of these were properly attended; but at the meeting it was suddenly moved and resolved that the sum of 500 guineas should be voted from the Fund of Benevolence for the purpose of being apportioned with the view of being sent up in aid of the Boys' School at the festival on the 1st prox. The money was duly voted and apportioned, but considerable dissatisfaction is felt by certain festival Stewards that no notice was given of the motion.

The consecration of the Claremont Lodge, No. 1861, will take place at the School-room, Park-road, Esher, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. The Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, General Brownrigg, C.B., is the Consecrating Officer, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chaplain and P.D.G.M. The officers designate are Bros. T. Vincent, W.M.; F. A. Manning, S.W.; and James M. Collins, J.W.

**ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.**—The annual dinner of the Provincial Grand Lodge of London will take place on Friday, the 2nd July next, that being the nearest day to the annual festival as laid down in the Constitutions (the anniversary of the battle of Bannockburn), at the Trafalgar, Greenwich, at six o'clock.

At the monthly meeting of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 10th inst., Bro. John Whalley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. The installation will take place on Thursday, the 1st July.

We regret to learn that Bro. J. A. Elliott, of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, whose name has appeared in our columns lately in connection with a work of his which was accepted by Her Majesty the Queen and the M.W. the Grand Master, has sustained a great loss in the death of one of his children by a most deplorable accident. The little boy, who was five years of age, fell over the banisters at the Albany Chambers, Camberwell, from the top of the building, a distance of fifty-five feet, and fractured his skull. An inquest has been held, and a verdict of accidental death returned, with a recommendation that something should be done to prevent the recurrence of such accidents in future.

Bro. William Rowbottom, of Alfreton, Derbyshire, is anxious and willing to lecture on the *raison d'être* of English Freemasonry and may be heard of at the office of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, London. Bro. Rowbottom has paid particular attention to the connection between the Great Pyramid, science and symbolism, and English Masonry. Those who have not heard or read of the wonderful theories that have been deduced from measuring that marvellous structure in Egypt can have no idea of the interest in store for them. It is a rich subject and worthy of the attention of the Masons who wish to know something of the grand Order to which they belong. Bro. Rowbottom is fitted to impart that knowledge, and provincial lodges particularly should avail themselves of his services. Many who prefer the social element and harmony may look upon intellectual effort with indifference or contempt, others may shrink from the subject of Masonic science as too deep for them, but with such "a guide, philosopher, and friend" as Bro. Rowbottom, much that is now obscure could be made plain, and what appears a dry topic made instinct with life, pleasure, and instruction. Norwich brethren should send an invite.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will, on July 7th, pay a visit in state to the exhibition of the printing, stationery, and kindred trades which is to be held at the Agricultural Hall from July 5th to July 17th. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, will arrive at the Agricultural Hall at noon, and will proceed immediately to make an inspection of the exhibition. At two o'clock p.m. a luncheon will be served, at which the Lord Mayor will preside, and to which a number of gentlemen are to be invited.

The members of the Handel Choir, who have been singing at the Crystal Palace Festival, visited Windsor Castle on Tuesday last. By special permission the ladies and gentlemen composing the party were admitted to the State Apartments, which have been closed in anticipation of the return of the Queen. Owing to the showery state of the weather an excursion to Virginia Water was abandoned. Most of the visitors attended the service at St. George's Chapel, the musical portions of which proved most attractive, the voices of the usual choir being supplemented by those of the amateur vocalists within the sacred building.

On Tuesday evening last, Baron Amherst, Prov. G.M. of Kent, consecrated a Masonic Hall at Canterbury, for the use of the three local lodges. The building is situated in the chief thoroughfare westward, and has been built at considerable cost, its main feature being a spacious and magnificently fitted lodge room, to be used exclusively for the purposes of Masonry. A great number of brethren, including many Present and Past Grand Officers, representing various lodges throughout the province, assembled on the occasion.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the Nutfield parish schools on Saturday evening last, when the curate of the parish, the Rev. A. Simmonds, and his wife, had presented to them a handsome service of plate, consisting of a massive tea and coffee service, and also some books, the reverend gentleman being about to take over the ministry of St. Paul's, Chatham, to which he has been appointed by the Bishop of Rochester. The company were presided over by Bro. Sheriff Woolloton, who in a very earnest and impressive speech presented the gift on the part of the parishioners, remarking that it had been subscribed for in a most spontaneous manner by nearly every inhabitant, thus evidencing the universal esteem in which the reverend gentleman and Mrs. Simmonds are held, and the regret that is felt at their leaving Nutfield. Mr. Simmonds made a suitable reply. A tea was afterwards held, of which many of the subscribers partook, and was gracefully presided over by Mrs. Woolloton.

Bro. J. Perry Godfrey is a candidate for the office of Deputy Registrar of the Mayor's Court.

The Royal Academy *Conversazione* is fixed to take place on Wednesday, the 30th inst.

Bro. Willing, the new lessee of the Alexandra Palace, gave dinner, tea, and all the amusement that the palace affords to 450 boys of the Duke of York's School.

Bro. Sir J. M'Garel Hogg, M.P., Lady and Miss Hogg, and Mr. M'Garel Hogg, attended Mrs. Guinness's ball, in Grosvenor-place, on Wednesday night.

The *West London Advertiser*, published at Hammersmith, is about to appear twice a week.

The annual festival of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society in aid of the Pension Fund is fixed for Monday, July 5th, at the Bridge House Hotel; Bro. J. Willing in the chair.

The court of the Fishmongers' Company have voted the sum of twenty-five guineas to the building fund of the Convalescent Home for Poor Children, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

The annual fancy dress ball in aid of the funds of the Royal Caledonian Asylum and the Royal Scottish Hospital took place on Monday at Willis's Rooms, and was largely attended by members of the Scottish aristocracy.

We understand that a marriage is arranged, and will shortly take place, between Lord Brooke, M.P. for East Somerset, and eldest son of the Earl of Warwick, and Miss Frances Evelyn Maynard, granddaughter of Henry, last Viscount Maynard, and stepdaughter of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, G.M. Scotland.

The annual meeting of the governors of the Corps of Commissionaires, now 937 strong, was held at the headquarters on Saturday, June 19th. The annual inspection and church parade took place in Westminster Hall on Sunday, June 20th.

The City of London Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation auxiliary held their final meeting for the season on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the White Swan, Salisbury-court, after a successful winter's session.

The annual festival of the Stockwell Orphanage was held on Tuesday last, in the grounds, when the foundation stones of four houses for the new Girls' Orphanage were laid. The cost, it is stated, would be £11,000, of which £9,000 had been already raised, and further considerable contributions, it was stated, had been received or promised.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Royal children and the King of the Hellenes, visited the Grand Military Tournament at the Agricultural Hall, on Wednesday last, in aid of the funds of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers. His Majesty and their Royal Highnesses were attended by Miss Knollys, Col. Hadji Patros, Col. Kolocotronis, Lieut.-General Sir Dighton Probyn, and Col. A. Ellis.

**THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.**—The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of the Masonic Order in Ireland, distributed the prizes on Wednesday evening last, in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, to the children of the Masonic Female Orphan School, in the presence of a crowded assembly.

**THE LATE PRINCE IMPERIAL.**—A committee has been formed in Natal for the purpose of taking steps to secure the erection in Durban of a monument to the memory of the late Prince Imperial. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge have been requested to act as patrons, and Sir Garnet Wolseley has consented to act as patron in South Africa. The committee includes the Mayor of Durban, several members of the Legislative Council, magistrates, town councillors of Durban, and resident Justices of the Peace. All cheques or drafts should be drawn in favour of the honorary treasurer of the Prince Imperial Memorial Fund, Mr. Richard Vause, J.P., Durban, Natal, South Africa.

It is understood that one of the sons of the Prince of Wales will soon join the 1st Battalion of the Prince Consort's Own Rifle Brigade (the command of which was recently held by the Duke of Connaught) as sub-lieutenant.

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths have granted a donation of £50 to the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, 11, Fitzroy-square.

The Siamese Embassy, numbering about twenty persons, arrived on Monday from Calais, and proceeded to London by the South-Eastern mail train.

On Monday last a very handsome illuminated address was presented by the officers and brethren of the All Souls' Lodge, No. 179, to Bro. William Eliot, on the occasion of his golden wedding. Bro. Eliot was for many years the head of the Craft in the Province of Dorset, and he is said to be the oldest Mason in England. He was initiated in All Souls' Lodge, and has been a subscribing member to that lodge for upwards of sixty-four years.

**SOCIETY OF ARTS.**—The Council of this society have awarded medals to the following gentlemen for papers read during the session which is just over: Major-General H. Y. D. Scott, C.B., F.R.S., for his paper on "Suggestions for Dealing with the Sewage of London;" A. J. Ellis, F.R.S., for his paper on "The History of Musical Pitch;" John Sparkes, for his paper on "Recent Advances in the Production of Lambeth Art Pottery;" Henry B. Wheatley, F.S.A., for his paper on "The History and the Art of Bookbinding;" W. Holman Hunt, for his paper on "The Present System of Obtaining Materials in use by Artist Painters, as compared with that of the Old Masters;" Thomas Fletcher, for his paper on "Recent Improvements in Gas Furnaces for Domestic and Laboratory Purposes;" John C. Morton, for his paper on "The Last Forty Years of Agricultural Experience;" Professor Heaton, F.C.S., for his paper on "Balmmain's Luminous Paint;" Captain Abney, R.E., F.R.S., for his paper on "Recent Advances in the Science of Photography."

An aeronautical race is said to be one of the coming attractions of the Brussels festivities. Half-a-dozen balloons will be launched simultaneously into the air, and the prize will be awarded to the one which in a given time will have gone the farthest distance.

**A SMOKING CONCERT.**—The fourth and last smoking concert of the season was given on Tuesday night by the Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society, at St. Andrew's Hall, Newman-street, Oxford-street. The Prince of Wales is patron of the society, and the Duke of Edinburgh is President, and their Royal Highnesses are frequently present at the concerts. Mr. George Mount conducted the concert on Tuesday. The upper end of the hall was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the orchestra performed a selection of classical and other music in a manner worthy of the Handel Festival week. The rendering of Langey's arrangement of "Home, Sweet Home" may be singled out. This piece was given at a quarter past eleven, and marked the accomplishment of about half the programme. The instrumental music was relieved not only by smoking, but by the clever vocalization of Signor Ghilberti.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**  
For the Week ending Friday, July 2, 1880.

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26.**

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
- " 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace.
- " 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
- Chap. 1044, Mid-Surrey, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1329, Sphinx, S.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, JUNE 28.**

- K.T. Precept. 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**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.
- Princel.eopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 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 Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30.
- Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, S.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29.**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.**

- Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
- Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W. at 8.45.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
- United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
- Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.

Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, S.

Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.

Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

**THURSDAY, JULY 1.**

- Eighty-second Anniversary Festival R.M.I. for Boys, Crystal Palace.
- Lodge 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
- " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1360, Royal Arthur, Village Club, Wimbledon.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- " 1445, Prince Leopold, Millford Tav., Dalston.
- " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
- " 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
- Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Havlock Tav., Dalston.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**FRIDAY, JULY 2.**

- Lodge 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Mark 223, West Smithfield, Newmarket Hot.
- K.T. Precept. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- " " 134, Blondel, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, July 3, 1880.

**MONDAY, JUNE 28.**

- Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
- " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
- Derby L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29.**

- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
- Merchants L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.**

- Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
- Stanhope Encampment, Queen's Hot., Chester.
- Alpass Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, JULY 1.**

- Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
- St. John's L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, JULY 2.**

- Lodge 1373, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
- Hamer L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday July 3, 1880.

**MONDAY, JUNE 28.**

- Lodge 999, Robert Burns, M.H., Manchester.
- K.T. Precept, St. James of Jerusalem, M.H., Bolton.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29.**

- Lodge 1774, Mellor, Railway Hot., Guide Bridge.
- K.T. Precept, Plains of Tabor, Swan Hot., Colne.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.**

- Lodge 163, Integrity, M.H., Manchester.
- " 1083, Townley Parker, Mosley Hot., Beswick.
- " 1219, Strangeways, Empire Hot., Manchester.
- " 1775, Leopold, M.R., Commercial-st., Church.
- Chap. 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleboro.

**THURSDAY, JULY 1.**

- Lodge 266, Naphtali, Navigation Inn, Heywood.
- " 269, Fidelity, White Bull Hot., Blackburn.
- " 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hot., Ashton U.L.
- " 317, Affability, M.H., Manchester.
- " 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Hot., Padiham.

**FRIDAY, JULY 2.**

- Lodge 44, Friendship, M.H., Manchester.
- " 219, Prudence, M.H., Todmorden.

**SATURDAY, JULY 3.**

- Lodge 1438, Truth, Conservative Club, Newton Heath.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

**BIRTHS.**

- COOPER.—On the 19th inst., at 19, Bryanston-street, Portman-square, the wife of Capt. Clement Astley P. Cooper, of a daughter.
- GIFFARD.—On the 20th inst., at 99, Gloucester-place, Portman-square, the wife of Sir Hardinge Giffard, O.C., M.P., of a son.
- TAYLOR.—On the 13th inst., at 2, Eldon-place, Streatham, S.W., the wife of Mr. Walter Taylor, of a son.

**MARRIAGE.**

- RABY—LESLIE.—On the 17th inst., at St. John's, Paddington, by the Rev. Cecil Moore, Arthur Raby, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul for the State of Maine, U.S.A., to Emma, widow of Mr. W. Norman Leslie.
- PAGET—VERNON.—On the 15th inst., at St. Botolph, Aldersgate, R. W. Paget, of Aldersgate-street, to Isabel Mary Vernon, of Pemberton-road, Highgate-hill.

**DEATHS.**

- BROWNING.—On the 13th inst., at Hôtel de Russie, Geneva, Mr. Arthur Henry Browning, of the Walmes, Lewes, aged 56.
- CHAMBERS.—On the 17th inst., at the Rectory, West Putford, N. Devon, the Rev. George Chambers, B.D., aged 63.
- STEPHENS.—On the 20th inst., at The Grove, Homerton, Richard, the youngest son of Bro. William Stephens, Prov. G.D. Cer. Middlesex, aged 12 years.

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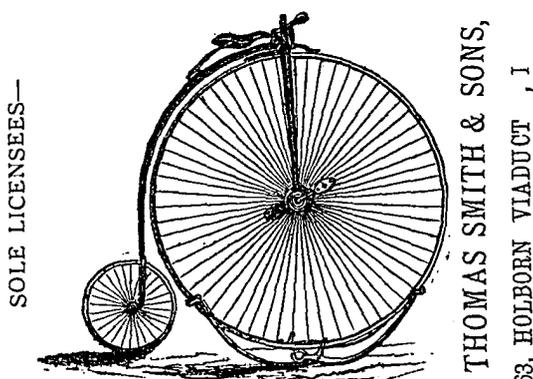
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