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MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The annual festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to Grand Lodge of the Mark Degree was held on Wednesday at the Crystal Palace, and, like all its predecessors, proved to be a great success. Ladies sat down to dinner with the brethren, and every attention was paid to the company's pleasure and happiness. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit, the room called the Marble Hall, in which the dinner was given, was amply ventilated, and the dinner, in addition to being of the choicest description, was admirably served. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex and Surrey, presided, and was supported by Bros. the Baron de Ferrieres, F. Binckes, Stwd.; D. M. Dewar, H. C. Levander, F. Davison, W. W. Morgan, A. Rowley, T. J. Pulley, Stwd.; C. Park, Stwd.; W. W. Scott, J. Smyth, Stwd.; S. S. Lane, Stwd.; C. F. Matier, Alfred Williams, Stwd.; A. Walton, Stwd.; T. Benham, Stwd.; H. R. Cooper Smith, Stwd.; Dr. Passawer, Stwd.; W. G. Bayliss, J. E. Anderson, J. F. Tweedale, Dormor, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. Rowley, Grand Mark Organist, assisted by Bros. F. H. Cozens, Crane, Hodgson, and Knowles. A fine evening with a clear view of the beautiful Kentish scenery on the east added to the general enjoyment.

After dinner, grace having been sung, the toasts were proposed.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" was first proposed and honoured.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom," said that the Mark Degree was now very strong in its constitution, and though it did not require the support of any single brother individually, the brethren liked to have the support of those who were high in authority, and wished to have Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales before them. Still, there were others who had supported the Degree at a time when it was not in the condition it was in now. It was now in a very prosperous condition, and held a very high position in the general Masonic Order. The present Grand Mark Master had for a long time been among them, and he would have had a great deal of pleasure in being present that day, particularly as there were so many ladies present. He would have been highly flattered and pleased to have seen so many of their fair visitors present. The Earl of Lathom was well known to the Order and to the world at large, and everywhere he was known as a kind and amiable man, and a good landlord. The brethren knew him for a long time as Lord Skelmersdale. He had now acquired the title of Earl of Lathom, one of which he was very proud of, and which he had long wished to obtain.

Bro. F. BINCKES proposed "The Past G. Mark Masters, Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Holmesdale, Bro. W. Beach, M.P., the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., Earl Percy, and the Earl of Limerick." He knew no other branch of the great Order of Freemasonry that could boast of such a number of Past Grand Masters to give to it the aid of their influence and counsel. We were told that in a multitude of counsellors there was wisdom, and there they had one of the pillars of the Order. We were also told that in unity was strength, and there they got a second pillar. The Past Grand Masters of this Order had shown a great amount of wisdom in directing its affairs, and step by step it had arrived at its present state of prosperity. That could not have happened unless there had been that unity which was established by strength. It was a more difficult thing for him to speak of the third pillar—beauty—because he was speaking of the sterner sex in the presence of a large number of the other sex, who were more or less distinguished by their beauty. But he believed that the Past Grand Mark Masters' beauty was one of their characteristics, and certainly strength was another; as, fortunately for the Order, not one of them had been removed by death, and none of them had been absent from his duties through illness. That

the Order should have seven Past Masters all engaged in arduous duties in their respective walks of life, mixing freely in the world, in its cares and pleasures, and none of them afflicted by ill-health, was certainly an evidence that Mark Masonry had conducted to their vitality. He hoped they would long remain among the brethren, and that others would come forward and look upon the Grand Master's chair as the highest honour and the greatest reward they could receive. He had great pride in serving as Grand Secretary, and he had had the honour of holding that position under the whole of the Past Grand Masters. Their example perhaps was contagious, for he was not aware that he had ever been absent on account of ill-health. He had a very large amount of pleasure in looking back to the year 1856, when Lord Leigh took the first Grand Mastership of the Degree, and great pride in seeing the great and rapid strides it had made. He trusted they might long have the pleasure of drinking this toast to the same brethren and to many future Grand Masters.

Bro. C. F. MATIER proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, Lord Henniker, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Among these he mentioned the names of Bros. Davison, G. Treas.; Levander, G. Reg.; Binckes, G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; Baron de Ferrieres, and Tweedale, of Oldham, G.S. of Overseers. The success of the Degree was in a great measure due to the Grand Officers, whose services had been without pay and given without grudge. Among the brethren who had worked very hard was Bro. Binckes, whose name he trusted would never be mentioned without a large amount of appreciation of his great services to the Order. The Past Grand Officers, of whom he (Bro. Matier) was one, had had their innings, and they were now pleased to mark their sense of the services of the Grand Officers for the year, and of the great success they had achieved. He trusted they would be as successful in placing the foundation and corner stones of the building as the Past Grand Officers had in their time.

Bro. F. DAVISON, Grand Treasurer, replied. The officers of Grand Mark Lodge exerted themselves in every possible way to support the Order, and its progress was consequently secured. Although he did not think he ought to mention any one particularly, he could not help saying that they had a most energetic officer in Bro. Binckes, who was most ably assisted by Bro. Dewar. He personally could testify to their work, because he was constantly at the office of Grand Mark Lodge, and saw how the work was done.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and the Masonic Institutions." The fund was constituted in 1863, under very favourable circumstances. Grand Mark Lodge opened it with a donation of £50. It had been going on increasing year by year till it now stood in a very prosperous condition. The managers of the fund were doing all they could for the benefit of the Order and distressed Mark Masons. A great deal had already been done, but in a short time they would be able to do more. The income of the fund had certainly been restricted for a certain time, and the brethren had been endeavouring to increase it. From what had been done he was certain it would go on increasing, and that evening's proceedings were an evidence of it. In addition to the brethren of the Mark Degree the ladies were willing to assist. They were tender and soft-hearted, and would do everything they could to induce the sterner sex to support the Charity. He had great hopes that it would be able to meet all cases of affliction and distress that might apply to it for relief. There had not been many calls upon it, but those there had been were by brethren who had subscribed handsomely to the fund and to the Masonic Institutions, and they were most worthy cases. He hoped by the assistance of a slight subscription from each member of the Order it would be able to support those who came upon it in health and comfort.

The toast having been drunk, Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary, read the following list of subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, Berks and Oxon ...	20	18	0
" W. Watkins, Prov. of Monmouth ...	55	13	0
" W. T. Clarke, Prov. of Sussex ...	5	14	6
Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. of Warwickshire and Staffordshire ...	5	5	0
" E. C. Mather, Old Kent, T.I. ...	25	0	0
" Geo. Newman, St. Mark's, 1 ...	10	0	0
" Dr. E. Passawer, Mallet and Chisel, 5 ...	10	0	0
" A. J. Bristow, Carnarvon, 7 ...	68	5	0
" S. Mattison, Joppa, 11 ...	10	10	0
" J. E. Anderson, Hiram, 13 ...	5	5	0
" W. Klingenstein, Southwark, 22 ...	5	5	0
" E. G. Simpson, Union, 32 ...	20	0	0
" T. R. Peel, St. Andrew's, 34 ...	16	5	0
" C. S. Lane, Eclectic, 39 ...	33	12	0
" J. Smyth, Florence Nightingale, 44 ...	31	4	2
" T. Benham, Aldershot, Military, 54 ...	16	15	0
" H. M. Green, Carnarvon, 62 ...			
" J. Blount Thomas, St. Andrew's, 63 ...	10	10	0
" A. Williams, Macdonald, 104 ...	17	17	0
" A. Walton, Grosvenor, 144 ...	25	0	0
" J. F. Tweedale, Union, 171 ...	25	5	0
" T. W. Adams, West Smithfield, 223 ...	10	10	0
" E. L. Shepherd, Abbey, 225 ...	10	10	0
" Rev. D. Ace, D.D., Hereward, 227 ...	5	5	0
" W. F. Lamony, Faithfull, 229 ...	10	12	6
" T. J. Pulley, Leopold, 235 ...	21	0	0
" J. S. Badkin, Clapton, 236 ...			
" C. Park, Alfred, 247 ...	12	18	0
" W. B. Farr, Jersey, 257 ...	6	17	4
" Rev. C. K. Davy ...	5	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Bro. Fredk. Binckes ...	53	11	0
" Thos. Meggy ...	5	5	0
	£560	17	6

Bro. F. H. COZENS having sung a humorous song, Bro. BINCKES replying to the toast, said "From grave to gay; from lively to severe." He did not know how he should be able to talk seriously after the company's risible faculties had been so excited by the last song. He felt complimented at having his name associated with this toast, but his difficulty was, there was nothing new to be said on this very old and well-worn subject. Under whatever auspices they met there was no sentiment they cherished so much as charity. In Mark Masonry it was well preserved, and practically carried out, as in the great and glorious old Order. There was one ground of special gratification he could not help alluding to—the festivals of the three Masonic Institutions this year had realised over £40,000. This showed that the springs of Masonic charity were not exhausted. The Mark festival had also realised the largest amount it had ever reached. Those who were engaged in advocating the cause of charity were often asked whether they did not think they were pressing these appeals too far, and whether they did not think the time had arrived when they might give a little rest to the large constituency to whom they applied, but although he was told it was bad logic to argue from results, as long as he could point to results such as those he thought there was every encouragement to go on in endeavouring at all events to stimulate the charitable feelings of brethren to what he conceived to be that particular act, practical Masonic charity. He said that without fear of contradiction, because he felt it might be safely depended upon that so soon as the brethren of the largely increasing constituency felt that the time had arrived when they could no longer be justifiably applied to for the support of those funds, they would be the first to cry "Hold! enough." But as long as he and the others felt justified and encouraged by these amounts in making the applications, he saw no reason why they should neglect these appeals on behalf of those cases which they believed to be just and good, needy and deserving. It must be a great cause of gratification that night to find that those efforts had not imperilled this comparatively slight auxiliary fund. It had been enabled to do a large amount of good in supplement of the grants made from the Fund of Benevolence of United Grand Lodge. It had an educational branch, and although there was now only one boy receiving the assistance of this fund it was gratifying to the managers to know that they had the means of largely increasing those benefits. It was also gratifying to them to believe that because its benefits were not more largely appealed to the Mark Degree did not need those benefits. Looking at the great success of the festivals of the Institution the brethren should be stimulated to follow out in private life that manifestation of higher charity by kind, courteous, long suffering, decent, indulgent, and considerate conduct in dealing with their fellow men in whatever position they might be—to place the best construction on the motives of others, even of those from whom they most widely differed—and endeavour to cultivate those higher Masonic virtues, not only of relief, but of brotherly love and truth, with all mankind as well as with Masons. By this they would show to the outer world the great proof of what they practically did in Masonry, and produce an effect in lessening internal dissensions. Bro. Binckes then feelingly referred to the absence of Bro. Meggy on account of illness, and to the death of Bro. Hervey, whose funeral took place that afternoon. Speaking of Bro. Hervey, he said he had been unable to accept the invitation to be present at his funeral. Bro. Hervey's name for a long number of years—long before he (Bro. Binckes) was associated with the Order—was a household word in connection with Freemasonry. He did not want to bring forward the old metaphorical skeleton that was always supposed to be present at the feast of our old Masonic progenitors—the ancient Egyptians; but as we could not always be enjoying the sunshine of life, and as the "web of life is as a mingled yarn, good and ill together," he might mention that that afternoon six feet of quiet earth received the remains of one he had respected and honoured ever since he had known him; and through whose inducement and persuasion it was he made his appeals to Masonic charity. He did not think he was wrong in bearing testimony to the worth of Bro. Hervey, or that the brethren should at least remember the services of one who had lived respected, and had died regretted.

BARON DE FERRIERES proposed "The Health of the Chairman."

The CHAIRMAN having replied, Bro. F. DAVISON, Grand Treasurer, in proposing "The Board of Stewards," said the fund commenced in a very small way. At the first festival it had five or six Stewards, who collected less than £100. To-day it had thirty-three Stewards and nearly £600. The brethren would like to know what had been done with it. £1200 had been invested on account of the Benevolent Fund, and £300 on account of the Educational Fund, because in consequence of the small claims on the Benevolent Fund they had established an Educational Fund for educating the boys of Mark Masons who from various circumstances were not in a position to educate them themselves.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS, in replying, said he believed if a brother accepted the position of Steward his heart was in the right place, for the whole time he was serving the office he was doing his best for those who wanted assistance. Charity in Freemasonry was its chiefest and great security,

and he could not but hope that the charity as far as the Mark Benevolent Fund went would go on increasing year by year. He was not sure whether it was the third or the fourth time he had had the pleasure of speaking on this subject, but the more he did so the more he liked it. Any man who had anything to dispose of could not do better than give a little towards charity, whether Masonic or otherwise; it lived with him, and did good to those he left behind him. The annual festival had gone on prospering, and this year the festival had produced nearly £600. He hoped it would go on increasing.

Bro. AUGUSTUS WALTON, W.M. Grosvenor Lodge, proposed, "The Ladies," to which Bro. H. R. COOPER SMITH responded, and the proceedings having thus terminated, the company remained in the room to see the fireworks, and an exceedingly pleasant day was brought to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following is a list of Provincial Stewards and their separate contributions, which we were unable to include in our report of the Festival last week

BERKS AND BUCKS.		£	s.	d.
Lodge				
574	Bro. F. H. Lyon	28	1	6
1410	" Thomas Taylor	21	0	8
1492	" Robert Roy	10	10	0
1566	" Robert Nicholson	46	6	6
CHESHIRE.				
104	Bro. H. Finch, W. Harrison, J. Wood	42	0	0
477	" William Bennett	10	10	0
537	" Marwood	10	10	0
537	" W. S. Sutton	10	10	0
1045	" Capt. A. H. Gilbody	23	0	6
1505	" E. G. Parker	21	0	0
1576	" John Dutton	78	15	0
	" J. P. Platt	50	12	0
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.				
129	Bro. George John McKay	63	0	0
DERBYSHIRE.				
253	Bro. Fred. J. Robinson	36	16	6
353	" William Walters	10	10	0
DORSET.				
137	Bro. W. Douglas Dugdale	116	11	0
1037	" J. P. F. Cundry	52	10	0
DURHAM.				
764	Bro. Charles Sheriffe Lane	105	0	0
1334	" C. E. Barnes	31	10	0
ESSEX.				
1000	Bro. Rev. H. S. Wigram	3	3	0
1457	" Joseph Tanner	16	16	0
1817	" C. Eltham			
Chap.				
214	Comp. George Cooper	60	6	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.				
Lodge				
82	Bro. Henry Godfrey	10	10	0
	" Rev. T. M. Withard Middlemore	76	13	0
	" J. Smith Brook	10	10	0
	" Samuel Moss	84	0	0
	" John Mullings	52	10	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				
130	Bro. W. J. P. Hickman	132	6	0
604	" Rev. F. W. Thoys	37	7	0
	" Richard Eve	31	10	0
1079	" Edwin Groves			
1031	" G. R. Ellis	21	0	0
HERTFORDSHIRE.				
403	Bro. F. H. Wilson	250	0	0
403	" J. R. Cocks	40	0	0
KENT.				
199	Bro. George Henry Smith	168	7	0
615	" Taylor			
829	" Hastings	53	11	0
709	" G. W. Greenhill	63	0	0
1050	" Thomas Wyles	30	6	6
1200	" R. J. Emmerson	18	18	0
1268	" Henry Minter Baker	54	12	0
1273	" F. J. Geale	49	1	6
1420	" Richard White	48	19	0
1436	" Thos. P. Pulley	36	15	0
Chap.				
77	Comp. G. Festa	31	10	0
LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION).				
Lodge				
Bro.	Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie	5	5	0
	" C. R. N. Beswick Royds	31	10	0
37	" Samuel Crowther	10	10	0
44	" W. F. Parkinson			
277	" J. F. Tweedale	18	18	0
	" Abraham Clegg	36	15	0
	" George Mellor			
	" Thomas Chorlton	10	10	0
	" G. P. Brockbank	10	10	0
152	" William Saffery			
215	" Thomas Hargreaves	10	10	0
221	" Thomas Entwistle	10	10	0
277	" J. E. Platt			
317	" William Nicholl	63	2	0
Chap.				
317	Comp. J. E. Lee	5	5	0
Lodge				
645	Bro. Samuel Kelly, Charles Heywood			
	" C. F. Matier, J. G. Lees	143	17	0
992	" J. J. Meakin	10	10	0
1723	" Jas. Heywood			
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.				
	Bro. George Toller, jun.	194	5	0
LINCOLNSHIRE.				
	Bro. Charles Harrison	34	2	0
1294	" Jack Sutcliffe	10	10	0
MIDDLESEX.				
1237	" J. H. Thompson	70	7	0
1293	" W. Jas. Spratling	20	9	6
1309	" J. Emsley Faith	10	10	0
1326	" J. Hammond	15	15	0
1512	" J. Hurst	44	11	0
1549	" G. Tidcombe, jun.	44	2	0
1567	" J. H. Pearson	60	18	0
1637	" George Penn, W. Stephens	21	0	0
1777	" H. B. Marshall	105	0	0
	" Hy. Lovegrove	10	10	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.				
1429	Bro. William Watkins	26	5	0
NORFOLK.				
	Bro. H. G. Barwell	145	13	0
107	" G. S. Woodwork	61	0	0
NORTHUMBERLAND.				
	Bro. L. M. Cockroft	638	17	0
OXFORDSHIRE.				
478	Bro. Hawkins	19	19	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.				
1199	Bro. C. Lund Fry Edwards	106	1	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.				
114	Bro. William Clarke	5	5	0
419	" James Walker	36	15	0
1452	" W. O. Chambers	15	15	0
	" Rev. C. J. Martyn	78	15	0
SURREY.				
416	Bro. Dr. S. Makovski	14	14	0
452	" E. T. Zohrab			
493	" W. C. Beaumont	13	13	0
1046	" C. Keen	47	5	0
1714	" S. G. Kirchhoffer	48	6	0
SUSSEX.				
	Bro. James Eberall	84	0	0
WARWICKSHIRE.				
74	Bro. John Rawlins	113	8	0
214	" John W. Margetts	38	17	0
925	" H. Sanderson	47	5	0
925	" James Stevens	63	0	0
WORCESTERSHIRE.				
377	Bro. George Taylor	26	3	0
YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS.)				
236	Bro. T. J. Russell			
312	" J. Stevenson	10	10	0
312	" Major W. H. Marwood	10	10	0
	" Boggett	10	10	0
208	" T. Wells	10	10	0
NORTH WALES AND SALOP.				
262	Bro. J. Sides Davies	36	15	0
597	" John Peters	26	5	0
1124	" F. R. Spaul	105	0	0
1143	" R. J. Sissons	10	10	0
1621	" J. G. W. Lister	29	12	0
	" J. Bodenham	57	15	0
SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION.)				
679	Bro. Thomas Phillips	126	5	0
SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION.)				
671	Bro. Margrave	300	0	0
MARK DEGREE.				
	Bro. Frederick Davison	91	16	0

PRESENTATION TO BRO. COLONEL SHADWELL H. CLERKE.

On Thursday afternoon two testimonials were presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, at the hall of the Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square, on behalf, first, of the Supreme Council, 33, and, secondly, on behalf of the members of the various Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, on his resignation of the office of the Grand Secretary Generalship, which he has held for nearly seven years. The presentation was to have been made by the Earl of Lathom, but his lordship having been called away to Hughenden, Capt. N. G. Phillips occupied the place of his lordship.

Among the brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Sir Charles Bright, Gen. Brownrigg, J. M. P. Montagu, Gen. Clerk, Magnus Ohren, Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Reginald Bird, E. Letchworth, Brackstone Baker, C. H. Gregory, Dr. Ramsay, F. Davison, Gen. Randolph, R. W. H. Giddy, H. R. Cooper Smith, F. C. Walls, E. Bright, Col. Haldane, Major Molyneux, Dr. Paul, Frank Richardson, Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. Ambrose, W. Halt, Hugh D. Sandeman, the Earl of Limerick, Charles Hammerton, F. Binckes, Col. Peters, S. Rawson, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Eustace, Anderson, James Keene, Andrew Hay, John Kirk, F.R.G.S., Charles Gooden, R. Glover, E. H. Thiellay, Capt. Paget Bourke, E. M. Lott, J. M. Coffin, E. J. Leveson, Rev. W. G. Morse, J. F. Tweedale, Robert Stokes, Major Platt, Charles Tayleur, Wm. Kingston, Dr. Purchase, J. E. M. Shadwell, J. W. Waldron, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The testimonial consisted of the following articles:—One twenty-four inch silver tray, ninety ounces (with inscription); one silver nymph epergne (with inscription); one oval engraved tea and coffee set; one silver kettle and stand; four bottle silver carlton and spoons; one case twelve pairs pearl and silver desserts; six chased Burmese salt spoons; one gilt bronzed porcelain clock; eighteen S. H. silver threaded table spoons; twelve S. H. silver threaded forks; twelve S. H. silver dessert forks; twelve S. H. dessert spoons; twelve S. H. silver tea spoons; six S. H. silver egg spoons; silver butter knife; one set of four dish covers; one revolving dish; one butter cooler; one case, twelve pairs, silver fish eaters; one oak chest to contain the whole; and two silver and glass claret cups.

On the silver was inscribed, "Presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke by his colleagues in the Supreme Council 33 for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown in recognition of his valuable services as Grand Secretary General. July, 1880." The epergne bore the following: "This centre piece, with many other articles of plate, is presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33, by the members of the various Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, as a mark of their appreciation of the valuable and honorary services rendered by him to the Order as its Grand Secretary General for nearly seven years, and of the esteem in which he is personally held by them. July, 1880." The value of the testimonial was nearly £450.

Capt. N. G. PHILLIPS, in making the presentation, said: "Brethren, we are met here to-day for the purpose of presenting a service of plate, of about the value of £450, to our illustrious brother, Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, and I have to express to that brother and to you the great regret of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Earl of Lathom, that pressing business in connection with the affairs of State prevented his attendance to make the presentation in person. He writes to me: '41, Portland-place, W., July 8th, 1880. Dear Capt. Phillips,—It is with extreme regret that I have to give up the pleasure of presiding at the presentation of the testimonial to Col. Shadwell Clerke to-day. I had looked forward to being present on

the occasion, and it is a very great disappointment to me not to be able to do so. But Lord Beaconsfield has sent for me to Hughenden, and I am to obey his wishes. Will you kindly express my regret to Col. Clerke, and the brethren, and tell them how much I should have liked to have been with them on an occasion of such interest, if it was only to mark the deep sense I feel of the very great services Col. Clerke has rendered to the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Though we are the losers by his appointment to the Grand Secretaryship, I feel that Masonry in general is the gainer, and that we must not repine at his loss. He is still one of us, and I feel sure that his future career will show that we, who have known him so long, have not placed too high a value on his services. Believe me, yours truly, LATHOM, 33.'" It has, therefore, fallen upon me to perform this pleasant duty, which is the more pleasing to me, as I was the one at whose hands our Bro. Clerke first saw "light," and he has been associated with me in Masonry for many years. Bro. Clerke, it now devolves upon me to beg your acceptance of this presentation in recognition of the valuable services rendered by you to the Order as Grand Secretary General, and as a small token of the affection and esteem in which you are held by your colleagues of the Supreme Council, and the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry for England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, and may the Great Architect of the Universe have you in His holy keeping, and long spare you in health and happiness to come amongst us. (Cheers.)

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, who, on rising to acknowledge the presentation, was received with loud applause, said: "Very Illustrious Lieut. Grand Commander, and you, brethren, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, I really scarcely know what to say on this occasion, I feel so entirely overwhelmed by the magnificence of the gift which you are good enough to confer upon me, but still more so by the kind feeling, fraternal friendship, and, I hope I may say, esteem which it typifies. I assure you that I was quite unprepared for such a demonstration, and I, therefore, value it all the more. Of course, I regret very much that our most popular chief, Lord Lathom, is not here to-day to present this as he was good enough to say he would. At the same time, I am peculiarly gratified that I receive it through the hands of my old friend and illustrious colleague, Capt. Phillips, through whom, as he said just now, I first saw Masonic light, and with whom I have worked for the last three and twenty years. It is, therefore, a great pleasure to me that I should receive this presentation through his hands. Brethren, when I first came to settle in London after retiring from active service in the colonies some years ago it was a great pleasure to me to be permitted to join the higher orders of Masonry, and when you entrusted me with the duties of Grand Secretary General I assure you I entered into my work with the full determination that I would act for the prosperity of the Order to the utmost of my power and ability. From the very kind way in which you have received me to-day, and from this very handsome presentation I hope I may lay the flattering unction to my soul that I have had some measure of success in carrying out my intentions, but I assure you that I could not have carried out those duties so well if it had not been for the kind co-operation of my colleagues of the Order with whom I have been connected. Having been lately called to other duties which prevent my attendance here, I am unable to be so much among you; yet you may be sure that I have the interests of the Ancient and Accepted Rite as much at heart as ever, and I feel the greatest interest in the welfare of the Order, and of its members individually, amongst whom I have the pleasure and gratification of numbering a great many personal friends. I thank you as I said before from the very bottom of my heart for this very handsome presentation, which I trust will be handed down to my children when I am no more among you, and be an heirloom in my family to show the very kind feelings you have this day evinced to me. I thank you very much.

On the motion of Captain PHILLIPS, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Committee for the very kind and able manner in which they had made the selection of the plate and carried out all the arrangements.

A vote of thanks to Captain Phillips closed the proceedings.

FUNERAL OF BRO. JOHN HERVEY.

The funeral of Bro. Hervey took place on Wednesday last. The cortege left 58, Great Russell-street, at twelve o'clock, and proceeded to Norwood Cemetery, where the service was performed by the Chaplain of the cemetery. The funeral was quite private, but several brethren, not members of the deceased's family, followed his remains to their last resting place. Some beautiful wreaths of flowers were deposited upon the coffin. Among the brethren who attended were Bros. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain; Brackstone Baker and Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacons; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, Neville Green, H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; John Mason, John Gilbert, Grand Tyler of Middlesex; G. Harrison, Assistant Grand Tyler of Middlesex; H. Forbes, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7; C. Lodge Roads, P.M. 72; E. Letchworth, Montagu Gosset, P.M. 66; Charles A. Ravey, 256; Henry Green, P.M. 256; Henry Smith, Prov. G. Secretary West Yorkshire; Dr. Woodman, P.G.A.D.C.; Kenneth Mackenzie, Charles Lacey, and H. Massey. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Bro. W. H. Perryman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual visit to the Crystal Palace of the girls and governesses of the above Institution took place on Wednesday last. Among the company present, which included several ladies, were Bros. E. Letchworth, H. Tattershall, Col. Peters, H. Smith, E. Bowyer, J. Faulkner, H. Dicketts, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). The girls arrived by train shortly before eleven o'clock. They dined and afterwards took tea in the Terrace Dining Room. Bros. Bertram and Roberts catered in a very liberal manner, and kindly regaled the children with a plentiful supply of strawberries, and also gave them the use of the dining-room from which to view the fireworks. After spending a very happy day the children returned safely home.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. There were also present: Bros. Don. M. Dewar, Alfred Williams, Richard Morris, D.D., G. R. Brockbank, C. H. Webb, Herbert Dicketts, W. F. C. Moutrie, Frederick Adlard, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. Paas, C. F. Matier, R. Entwistle, H. Young, F. Binckes (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The proceedings lasted over an hour, in consequence of the numerous petitions before the Committee, this being the last day for their receipt for the election of boys in October. There were thirteen of these petitions. Nine were accepted, three deferred, and one was rejected, the candidate being ineligible, according to the laws of the Institution.

The Committee recommended to the Quarterly Court for next Monday, the following list of candidates for next election: fifty-three unsuccessful at last election; eleven candidates accepted since the Quarterly Court in January; and nine accepted by this Committee; making a total number of seventy-three candidates; for whom there will be but sixteen vacancies.

An outfit of £5 was granted to one ex-pupil of the Institution, now in a situation.

Bro. BINCKES announced that at the last festival of the Institution at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday, the 1st inst., £14,002 was brought in by 317 Stewards; with seventeen lists to come in. Since the festival two more Stewards' lists had been received, bringing in £51 more. (Cheers).

The announcement of the death of Bro. John Hervey was received with expressions of deep regret.

The Committee then adjourned.

PROVINCE OF DORSET.

Last week was a red letter time in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Dorset, for, in addition to the meeting on Thursday, the 1st inst., of the Provincial Grand Lodge to celebrate its centenary, the Provincial Grand Chapter of Dorset met on emergency on Friday at Portland for the purpose of consecrating a new chapter in connection with the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, and on Saturday the usual Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, which day was the centenary of Chapter of Amity, No. 137, it having first met on the 26th of June, 1780, that excellent Mason, Bro. Dunckerly, presiding on the occasion. The original charter is still in existence, and kept at the Masonic Hall, as are also the old minute books with the minutes of that time carefully recorded and well preserved. Poole 100 years ago must have been celebrated for the activity of Freemasonry, as the Lodge of Amity was started as far back as 1765, and is still in a most vigorous and prosperous state.

The Royal Arch companions met at Portland on Friday at two o'clock, the hall being well filled. Many of the officers of the Grand Chapter of England had promised to attend, but unfortunately, this being the height of the London season and their many pressing engagements, their non-attendance was unavoidable.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the ceremony of consecrating the new chapter was then proceeded with by the G.S. of the Province, Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, the P.G.H. and T. also taking part. The principals designa were then installed—viz., Comps. R. N. Howard, Z., W. Smith, H., and J. Jesty, J. The other officers were appointed, and a large number of brethren were proposed for the Degree. The usual business was transacted, and the chapter was closed at four o'clock.

A banquet in the form of a cold collation was provided by Bro. Hodsdon, of the Victoria Hotel, at which the brethren of the Portland Lodge were admitted. A very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Comp. Howard, supported by the G. Supt. and other P.G. Officers, past and present. The proceedings were much enlivened by a glee party of the Weymouth and Portland brethren.

As before stated, the Prov. G. Chapter met at Poole on Saturday not only to hold its annual meeting, but also to celebrate the occasion of the Chapter of Amity attaining its 100th year of existence. The Prov. G. Chapter was opened at twelve, and after the usual routine business had been transacted allusion was made to the occasion for which the P.G. Chapter had met, and the Chapter of Amity received the best wishes and congratulations of the companions, and resolutions were ordered to be entered on the P.G. Chapter minute book to testify to future generations the auspicious occasion. This meeting was also rendered still more interesting by a presentation to the Prov. G. Supt., Comp. Montagu, of a handsome vase for dessert or flowers, with a suitable inscription, on the occasion of his late marriage with Miss Vigne, daughter of the late Comp. Sir Knight C. J. Vigne, who held the office of Prov. G. Prior of Dorset for many years, this office being now held by Comp. Montagu, as well as that of Prov. G. Supt. The presentation was made, on behalf of the several Orders, by Comps. Rev. W. M. Heath, C. R. Rowe, and H. C. Burt.

Comp. MONTAGU thanked them for the expression of esteem and good will shown towards him, and would ever preserve it and look on it as a great honour done him.

The appointment of Prov. G. Officers for the next year was as follows:

- Comp. G. H. Gutch, P.Z. 137 ... Prov. G.H.
- " H. C. Burt, P.Z. 622 ... Prov. G.J.
- " W. Chick, P.P.G.J., P.Z. 417 ... Prov. G.S.E.
- " J. B. Cole, Z. 170 ... Prov. G.S.N.
- " D. Sydenham, P.Z. 137 ... Prov. G.P.S.
- " W. B. Rogers, P.Z. 137 ... Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- " J. Mic William, P.Z. 137 ... Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
- " J. Jacob, P.P.G.H., P.Z. 170 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " J. W. Luff, P.Z. 622 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " W. E. Brymer, J. 417 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " J. A. Sherrin, J. 170 ... Prov. G. St. B.
- " W. Smith, P.P.G.J., P.Z. 170 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " J. W. Smith, P.P.G.P.S., 622 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " F. Long, Jan. 707 ... Prov. G. Jan.

The Prov. G. Supt., Comp. MONTAGU, stated he had given a large proportion of appointments to the Poole companions specially to mark the celebration of their centenary, and had given them the highest honour he could confer on one of them, viz., Comp. Gutch as Prov. G.H. He also observed he should like this event to be specially

marked by some assistance to the Masonic Charities, and offered £5 5s. to any companion of Poole or to their chapter to be given to one of the great Masonic Charities, provided a similar sum was given in addition.

This was at once accepted by Comp. Sydenham, Z. of that chapter, on its behalf.

The Prov. G. Chapter was then closed.

By the kind invitation of the companions of Chapter of Amity the companions enjoyed an excellent banquet at the Antelope Hotel, provided by Bro. Curtis. Comp. D. Sydenham took the chair, being supported by many distinguished companions and visitors from Wilts, London, and other provinces, this having brought to an end two or three days' hard, but interesting, Masonic work and duty. Such events as these can never again be witnessed by many companions now living, as the next centenary in the province will not take place till the year 1921, when a future generation will look back, no doubt with pleasure, on the interesting work so far completed by their forefathers.

On Thursday, the 1st inst., the foundation stone of St. Paul's new church, Poole, was laid with Masonic honours, and on the same occasion was celebrated the centenary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Dorset—two important events which it was decided to associate and render the more successful. The weather, which had been unsettled for some few days, marred the proceedings of the stone laying. The P.G.M. of Dorset, Bro. Montague J. Guest, M.P., having consented to lay the stone, it was decided the affair should be invested with Masonic ceremonials, the brethren attending in full costume. There were upwards of 150 brethren present. The effect of their appearance, apart from the usual interesting incidents connected with the laying of foundation stones, would have been to the spectators a pleasing sight had not the rain poured so persistently for the whole of the afternoon. As it was, a large number of persons assembled, but it was only from under the consoling shelter of an umbrella that they were able to do so with any degree of comfort. It had been arranged a second stone should be laid by Lady Charlotte Schreiber, the wife of the member for Poole. At the high-street entrance to the church there was an elaborate archway of evergreens, on the central portion of which, in letters of wool on a red ground, were the words, "Christ is our Corner-stone." Flags were also stretched across the roadway.

At one o'clock by the invitation of the Rev. F. Pocock, vicar of St. Paul's, and Mrs. Pocock, the magistrates and members of the congregation were entertained at luncheon in the schoolroom, Perry Garden, which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Preparations were made for 120 persons, and luncheon was provided by Mr. T. Norbury, of the London Hotel. In consequence of the rain nearly forty of the friends invited were absent. Among those present was Lady Charlotte Schreiber. After luncheon a procession was formed, consisting of the clergy, magistrates, members of the Corporation, and others, headed by the sergeants-at-mace, and made its way to the site where the stones were to be laid at the north end of the church. Those present included the Mayor (Mr. G. Curtis), the ex-Mayor (Mr. W. N. Western), Messrs. G. Belben, F. Mills, H. Farmer, F. G. Sanders, and E. J. Conway, J.P.s.; Aldermen J. Buckley and F. Styring; Councillors R. Aldridge, H. T. Trevanion, W. Mate, J. Gifford, J. Hayman, and C. Hill; Mr. H. W. Dickinson (Town Clerk), the Revs. F. Pocock, J. A. Lawson, rector of St. James's, P. F. Eliot, vicar of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth; Carr J. Glyn, rector of Wychampton; J. L. Williams, vicar of Longfleet; E. E. Dugmore, vicar of Parkstone; W. Jones, St. Paul's; H. Pelham Stokes, rector of Wareham; C. Druitt, Parkstone; T. Bennet (Branksea), R. Gosse, E. Evans, J. B. Dyson, J. H. Osborne, and C. Portnell, Mr. J. Short, and others.

Shortly after one o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, to commemorate the centenary, having been established at Poole on the 24th of June, 1780. The Grand Lodge was close tyled at one o'clock, and about half-an-hour afterwards the P.G.M. with his officers took their seats. The hall was well filled. After the opening ceremonies the Provincial Grand Master delivered an address expressing the great pleasure he felt at being present that day, and at the unusual circumstances attending their meeting. The province had been presided over during the past hundred years by men who were distinguished for their ability, and who had been untiring in their energy in furthering the cause of Masonry; but he could assure them it was his intention not to be behind any of them in his efforts to promote Masonic principles in the province. He had carefully read the valuable minute books of Lodge Amity, Poole, and from them he had discovered the fact of the Province of Dorset being instituted a hundred years ago that day. He had been very much engaged recently, or he should on the present occasion have presented them with some account of the progress of Masonry in Dorset during that period. He hoped, however, to do this shortly in a printed form, which would be placed in the hands of the members. It had been his intention this year to visit every lodge in the province, but from circumstances over which he had no control he had not yet been able to visit all of them. He hoped, however, to do so as early as possible. Bro. W. Smith, P.P.J.G.W., of Weymouth, the efficient Grand Director of Ceremonies, was unable to be present that day, and his place in the lodge was filled by Bro. G. Harrison, P.M. The W.M. of the Amity Lodge, Poole, Bro. F. Travers, introduced to the Prov. Grand Master W. Bro. J. Graves, P.P.J.G.W., the oldest member of that lodge, who had been deputed by the members to present an address to the Provincial Grand Master. In addressing the P.G.M., Bro. Graves referred to the auspicious and unusual event of that day. After speaking of the progress of Freemasonry in the province and of those who had been connected with the Craft, he presented the following address:—

"To Montague John Guest, Esq., M.P.

"Right Worshipful Sir,—We, the Master, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge Amity, No. 137, Poole, the oldest lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in your province, having been constituted in 1765, desire on this, the first centenary of the existence of a Provincial Grand Lodge in England, to approach you with feelings of gratitude for the honour you have conferred on Lodge Amity in celebrating it at Poole. We desire to avail ourselves of this auspicious occasion to congratulate you and the brethren on the great prosperity of our Craft throughout the country at the present time, and on the true Masonic feeling which prevails in every lodge within the circle of your province. We cannot

look back on the century which closes to-day without being deeply thankful to the Great Architect of the Universe for the blessings he has vouchsafed to the working of Masonry and our Masonic Institutions generally during that long period, and, remembering that without His aid nothing is strong, nothing is holy, we earnestly pray that in the years to come the same protecting care and Divine blessing may continue to rest on the Grand Lodge of England, our most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and on the Provincial Grand Lodges of England, together with the officers and brethren, that Masonic lodges and institutions may everywhere extend and prosper. In conclusion, permit us again to assure you, Right Worshipful Sir, that the centenary festival, which we celebrate to-day, is an event which will ever be remembered by us, and will be duly recorded in our archives, so that those who come after us may know and appreciate the deep interest you have ever taken in the prosperity of Masonry in general, and the lodges of your province in particular. Dated this 24th day of June, A.D. 1880, A.L. 5884."

Bro. HOWARD, P.G. Sec., read several letters from brethren apologising for their inability to be present that day. The following was received from Bro. William Eliot, P.P. G.M., who is believed to be the oldest continuous subscribing Freemason in England, and is now in his eighty-second year: "Weymouth, 22nd June, 1880. My dear Sir and Brother,—I should very much enjoy joining my brethren at Poole on Thursday next, but at my great age I find it quite impossible to move from my house or to attend any meeting. My heart will be with you on Thursday, and may the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe bless the undertaking you will all be engaged in, and promote His honour and glory, and the happiness and salvation of many souls. My affectionate and brotherly regards to our P.G. Master and the brethren.—Your affectionate brother, WM. ELIOT. R. N. Howard, Esq., P.G. Secretary."

The brethren then proceeded to the site of the new church in the following order:

- Two Tylers with drawn swords.
- Visiting brethren.
- Lodges according to their numbers, juniors walking first.
- Provincial Grand Officers of other provinces.
- Past Provincial Grand Officers of Dorset.
- Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies.
- Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Architect with the plans.
- Prov. Grand Steward. { A cornucopia with corn borne by a Master of a lodge. } Prov. Grand Steward.
- { Two ewers with wine and oil borne by Masters of lodges. } Prov. Grand Pursuivant.
- { Provincial Grand Organist. } Prov. Grand Organist.
- Trowel borne by a Past Master. Mallet borne by a Past Master.
- Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works bearing a plate with the inscription for the foundation stone.
- Provincial Grand Secretary with the Book of Constitutions.
- Provincial Grand Registrar bearing the seal.
- Provincial Grand Treasurer bearing a phial containing the coins to be deposited in the stone.
- The Corinthian Light borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The Column of Provincial Grand Junior Warden borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The Provincial Grand Junior Warden with the Plumb Rule.
- The Doric Light borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The Column of the Provincial Grand Senior Warden borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The Provincial Grand Senior Warden with the Level.
- Prov. Grand Steward. { Provincial Grand Junior Deacon. } Prov. Grand Steward.
- { The Provincial Grand Chaplain bearing the Sacred Law on a cushion. } Prov. Grand Steward.
- The Deputy Provincial Grand Master with the Square.
- The Ionic Light borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.
- The Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.
- The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master.
- Senior Provincial Grand Deacon.
- Two Provincial Grand Stewards.
- Provincial Grand Tyler.

The two stones formed the north and south basis from which will spring the chancel arch, entering from the nave. The old church from this point eastward has already been pulled down, and the foundations of the new are above ground. A wooden screen has been erected to screen this portion from the remainder of the church, which will, for a time at least, be still used for Divine worship. As soon as the Freemasons had taken up their position in the left hand gallery the order of service was proceeded with, the Rev. F. Pocock commencing with "Our Help is in the Name of the Lord," and the responses being taken up by the people. The 66th Psalm, "O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts," was then sung, after which several prayers followed. The prayer for the benefactors of the church having been read, the Vicar requested the Right Worshipful P.G.M. to lay the stone on the left hand side of the chancel. Then the P.G.M. and the clergy, with the officers of the Masons, proceeded to the foundation stone, and the P.G. Chaplain (Rev. Russel Wright) commenced his part of the service, beginning with the words "Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious." A set form of preces, responses, and prayers followed, during which time the Masons made ready the stone with the accustomed ceremony. The P.G. Chaplain read the prayer "Prevent us O Lord, in all our doings," after which the hymn, "O Lord of Hosts, whose Glory fills" was sung. Bro. Montague Guest then stepped forward, and, in the course of a very brief but *apropos* address, said he thanked the vicar most sincerely for having asked him to take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Church of St. Paul. That day was the hundredth anniversary of the Dorset Grand Lodge of Freemasons; and he thought the Order of Freemasons could not well undertake a work more in accordance with its principles and celebration than the work they were that day taking part in. He begged to congratulate the parishioners on the work so well begun, and trusted it would be carried to a successful finish. The Freemasons also offered their congratulations that the necessity had arisen for taking the steps that were being taken to increase the work of God in that place. The rules of the Order of Freemasons were based upon the purest principles of piety and virtue; and the love of God and the honour of Him were among the highest attributes of their Order. A

bottle containing a copy of the address presented to Bro. Guest, a copy of the *Times*, the *Poole Herald*, a programme of the Masonic proceedings of the day, and a coin of the current year were then deposited in the cavity of the bottom stone by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, and a polished brass plate, containing an inscribed record of the day's Masonic proceedings, was placed over the cavity by the Prov. Grand Secretary. The cement was then spread on the upper face of the lower stone by the Prov. G.M. and adjusted with a silver trowel presented to him, after which the upper stone was then lowered. The R.W.P.G.M. then "proved" the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which were successively delivered to him by the Prov. G.J.W., the Prov. G.S.W., and the Prov. D.G.M. Having been satisfied with these particulars, the P.G.M. gave the stones three knocks with a mallet, which was handed to him by one of the Order. The cornucopia, containing the corn, and the ewers with the wine and oil were next handed to the P.G.M., who strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies. W. Bro. Crickmay, the architect of the new edifice, presented a plan to the P.G.M. and gave explanations. The P.G.M. having inspected the plan, delivered the same to the architect, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan, and Bro. Crickmay replied, "Most Worshipful Grand Master—Your commands shall be obeyed." After the above ceremonies the choir of St. Paul's chanted "Glory to God in the Highest," and afterwards Psalm cxxvii.

The second corner stone was then laid by Lady Charlotte Schreiber, who was addressed as follows by Mr. H. W. Dickinson:—Lady Schreiber, as a member of St. Paul's Building Committee, I have been deputed to ask you to lay this stone. Lady Schreiber replied: I have very great pleasure in doing so, and may God bless the undertaking of this auspicious day. The usual prayers were read, and whilst the stone was being made ready the Old Hundredth Psalm was sung, during which a collection was made, amounting to £65 14s. 7d. Lady Charlotte Schreiber, who was presented with an appropriately inscribed silver trowel, then laid and afterwards proved the stone, declaring it well and truly laid, saying, "In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this foundation stone (touching it) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Here let the true faith and fear of God with brotherly love ever abide; and be the place dedicated unto prayer and unto the invocation and praise of the most Holy Name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen." The Vicar then pronounced the Benediction. The musical portion of the service was very effectively rendered by the choir of St. Paul's, Mrs. Newling presiding at the harmonium.

The company then dispersed, the Freemasons going back to the Town Hall, where the lodge was closed.

A Masonic dinner took place at the Antelope Hotel in the afternoon, but the brethren did not appear in Masonic costume. There were about 100 members present, and a very pleasant and agreeable evening was passed, under the presidency of Bro. Francis Travers, W.M. of Lodge Amity; he took the chair at the particular request of the P.G. Master, who was compelled to return to London by the 5.30 p.m. train to attend to his Parliamentary duties. The repast was served in very superior style by Mr. Henry Curtis, who, as caterer on these occasions, invariably affords the highest satisfaction. After the repast,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed in suitable terms "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and the rest of the Royal Family;" also "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge." Each compliment was bestowed with befitting honours.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then submitted the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Right Worshipful P.G.M., Bro. Montague John Guest." (Applause.) He was very sorry their Provincial Grand Master was compelled, through other pressing engagements, to leave the meeting, but his absence, he was sure, would not in any way interfere with their acceptance of the toast. (Applause.) As a member of the Building Committee of St. Paul's Church it was very pleasing to him to see their Right Worshipful Grand Master present amongst them that day to assist in laying the first stone of their new church, and he was also pleased to see so many other brethren present on the occasion. (Applause.) He regretted, through the short notice which had been given of the ceremony and other causes, several Provincial Grand Officers were absent, but the duties of the Provincial Deputy Grand Master had been most ably discharged by Bro. the Rev. W. M. Heath, vicar of Lytchett Matravers, P.P.S.G.W., whose name he should be pleased to connect with this toast. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. W. M. HEATH said what he had done he did not consider deserved to be mentioned, but he was pleased to think the work which the lodge had undertaken that day was good and blessed. He hoped they would remember that on the day they celebrated the centenary of their Provincial Lodge they had been engaged in operative as well as speculative Masonry. (Cheers.)

The W.M. said the charity box would be sent round, and he hoped a good amount would be subscribed towards their Charities.

"The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and Ministers of all Denominations" was next given by the W.M., who said he was pleased to be able to couple with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. Russel Wright, the Provincial Grand Chaplain. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. T. RUSSEL WRIGHT, Head-Master of the Dorset County School, said he felt it to be his duty to be present on that occasion, and to take part in the interesting ceremony. He was sorry to hear they had no clergyman connected with the Lodge Amity, because he felt a clergyman was in his right place when he was connected with a lodge. He had in his day known many clergy who were also good churchmen connected with Masonry, and in their lodges they had many of their co-religionists. (Cheers.) He sincerely thanked them for the kind way in which the mention of his name had been received by the brethren. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. T. BENNETT, vicar of Branksea, also acknowledged the toast.

The W.M. afterwards gave "The Army, Navy, and Reserved Forces."

Lieut. HARRISON, of the Poole Rifle Volunteers, and Lieut. PARKINSON, of the Wimborne Corps, responded.

Bro. R. N. HOWARD, P.G.S., of All Souls' Lodge, Weymouth, proposed "The Health of the Chairman of the Evening." He considered that day very important to them, inasmuch as it showed to the outside world Masonry was governed by right principles. (Applause.) It was very pleasing to contemplate that Masonry was making very rapid strides at the present time throughout the world. It was a great event that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales should have gone down to Truro the other day for the express object of laying a foundation stone of the new cathedral, and it was an important matter to them as Masons that the Prince should have made on the occasion such an admirable Masonic speech, each word of which was most effective. (Applause.) In asking the company to accept the toast which he had proposed he could assure them it was one which they would do credit to themselves in honouring. He had known Bro. Travers for many years, and he was pleased to see him occupying the position which he did that day. (Applause.) He (Bro. Howard) had been connected with Masonry for twenty-five years, and he looked back on his connection with the Order with pleasure, as did Bro. William Eliot, of Weymouth, the oldest Mason in the province, who had written to him expressing his regret that, owing to his great age, he should not be able to be present at the meeting at Poole that day.

The W.M. suitably replied. "The Visiting Brethren" was afterwards given by the W.M. Bro. C. R. ROWE, St. Cuthberga Lodge, Wimborne, responded.

Bro. G. R. CRICKMAY, P.P.G.S.W., said he hardly understood in what way any of the brethren looked on him that day, whether in the light of a stranger, or as a visiting brother. As the architect of the church, the foundation stones of which they had laid that day, he might in some respects be considered to have taken a leading part in the proceedings, and, had he been absent, it would have been almost like the play of "Hamlet," with the principal character omitted. (Cheers.) As a Mason he was desirous of bearing testimony to the good feeling on the part of the Amity Lodge which had characterised the proceedings that day. The arrangements had been most complete, and had been carried out with great exactness. The duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies had been discharged by Bro. Harrison, Past Master, with great ability, and he was confident to the entire satisfaction of every member present. (Applause.)

The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Amity Lodge." Bro. Graves, P.M., responded in an interesting speech, full of Masonic advice. He referred to the centenary festival of the Amity Lodge, celebrated fifteen years ago, to the centenary of that day, and to the centenary of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Dorset founded at Poole in 1780, and which was to be celebrated on Saturday also at Poole. Bro. Harrison, P.M., also replied, as did Bro. W. D. Dugdale, S.W., who said what he had done towards making the day successful had given him a great deal of satisfaction.

Bro. HATTON SMYTH, P.M., proposed "The Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodges in the Province." The toast was duly acknowledged by W. Bros. H. A. Lawton, Unity Lodge, Wareham; C. R. Rowe, St. Cuthberga Lodge, Wimborne; New, Friendship and Sincerity Lodge, Shaftesbury; and Pearce, De Moulham Lodge, Swanage.

Bro. DUGDALE, S.W., said he had just received a telegram from Bro. Schreiber, M.P., stating regret at not being able to be present that day to take part in the interesting ceremonies.

The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities." Bro. BURT, P.P.J.G.W., said it was most gratifying to him to find the Province of Dorset had not been behind other provinces in supporting Masonic Charities, and also pleasing to him to find his efforts to raise funds for the support of these Institutions had been so much appreciated. He had been able during the last six years as Steward to carry up to London large sums of money. He hoped some other brother would now take up the matter and see what he could collect during the next six years. (Cheers.)

Bro. C. R. ROWE, P.M., then proposed "The Health of Lady Charlotte Schreiber and the Ladies" in eulogistic terms, and called on Bro. J. W. Luff to respond.

Bro. LUFF, P.M., said he could bear testimony to the fact that for very many years Lady Charlotte Schreiber had taken the deepest interest in Masonic Charities, and was sure there were few ladies who felt a deeper interest in the well-being of Masonry than did her ladyship, as is evidenced by her annual subscription of five guineas to the Poole branch of its Charities. The late Sir John Guest was for very many years Prov. G.M. of South Wales, until declining health compelled him to retire, when he was succeeded by his nephew, not then having a son old enough for his sons were Freemasons—who had opened two lodges at Cambridge. These lodges are still in good working order. This was good proof of the good they had done the Masonic cause and its great Charities. He believed her ladyship had that day attended the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Church at some inconvenience, having been at Buckingham Palace late the previous evening, necessitating her leaving London at a very early hour that morning to be present. He was glad of the opportunity afforded him to return thanks for the ladies, and to speak of their value, which was hard to measure; also of the great care they take of us and our monetary affairs. These blessings he had enjoyed a large share of, and would now call on his younger bachelor brothers present, particularly W. Bros. Travers and Farnell, to tell their tale of their appreciation of them, little as they knew of their value, and he could assure them ladies were quite alive to the fact that good Masons make good husbands. It had been said by some jilted, withered old bachelor that

"Brave was the man whose first attempt
To set a barque in motion,
But braver far, I we'en, is he
Who tempts love's stormy ocean."

Don't believe it; so far as the boat business goes it may be so, but of the other 'tis nothing more than a gentle tossing up and down which keeps the house in order. Try it, young people; it will only lead to a little love sickness and your happiness. Moreover, now is the time, as all marriage and housekeeping surroundings were never so cheap. You will never repent it; but that you have missed many fears

of a lady's favours—she still lives for you, so find her out quickly, and listen no longer to the ill-conditioned, jilted, old bachelor. On behalf of the ladies, I give you best thanks, and leave it to younger and abler tongues to do them that justice their worth entitles them to.

The W.M. then proposed "Prosperity to Amity Lodge." Bro. SUMMERS responded.

The W.M. then gave "The Press."

This having been acknowledged, the company separated.

In the evening Divine service was held at St. James' Church, when about 300 persons attended. The service was choral throughout, the psalms selected for the occasion (Psalms 27, 84, and 127) being chanted, and four well-selected and beautiful hymns being sung during the service—viz., those commencing respectively "Praise, O Praise our God and King," "O Lord of Hosts, whose Glory fills the bounds of the eternal Hills," "The Son of God goes forth to War," and "Hark, Hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling." The whole of the music was well rendered by the choir. The First Lesson (1. Kings v.) was read by the Rev. J. A. Lawson; the Second Lesson (Luke vii. 1—11) by the Rev. P. F. Eliot; and the prayers by the Rev. F. Pocock, vicar of St. Paul's. The Rev. H. Pelham-Stokes, rector of Wareham, was the preacher, and delivered an able, impressive, and highly appropriate discourse, taking for his text 1. Kings vi. 7—"And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building." The preacher said they had witnessed that day one of the most solemn and deeply interesting ceremonies they had ever had the privilege of witnessing in their lives. A ceremony had been performed which they would remember for the rest of their days, and it was his privilege to stand in that pulpit to endeavour to lead their minds, in connection with that ceremony, from the material to the spiritual, from the visible to the invisible. That day's ceremony was only a symbol of a greater ceremony which had been performed, for God had laid the Lord Jesus Christ as the great foundation stone, and all those who were built upon Him were living stones in the Christian temple. The preacher drew an elaborate comparison between the process of quarrying, squaring, and polishing stone for a building and the means employed by the Great Architect of the Universe in disciplining and preparing the human soul for its place in the glorified Christian temple of the great hereafter. A collection was made at the conclusion of the service in aid of St. Paul's Church Building Fund.

On Friday evening the Rev. F. Pocock entertained the workmen employed at St. Paul's new church at an excellent supper at the London Hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. Norman, and the vice-chair by Mr. Miller. There were about thirty present.

The new church, which will be in the Early English period of Gothic architecture, freely treated, will consist of a wide and spacious nave, 90ft. by 23ft. 6in., and 30ft. high, north and south aisles, chancel, chancel aisle, organ chamber, and vestry, providing accommodation for 636 adults and 99 children, or 735 sittings in all. The architect is Bro. Geo. R. Crickmay, of Weymouth and Parliament-street, Westminster.

CONSECRATION OF THE CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

The Province of Surrey, which some ten or twelve years ago numbered but eight lodges, is now increased to twenty-one by the consecration of the above lodge, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the School Rooms, Park-road, Esher.

The extreme beauty of the day tempted a number of the brethren to this picturesque village, and punctually at the hour appointed in the notice, 1.30 p.m., the P.G.M., Gen. Brownrigg, sounded the first gavel in the Claremont Lodge, having appointed as his Wardens Bros. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; and S. J. Turquand, P.D.D.C. Surrey. There were also present Bros. C. W. Arnold, G.C., D.P.G.M., who acted as Chaplain; Greenwood, P.G. T. and G.S.; J. Rhodes, P.P.G.O., who had the direction of the musical portions of the ceremony; B. W. Lambert, W.M. 1556; R. F. Ward, P.M. 1395; A. B. Boucher, P.M. 1395; W. T. Buck, 1706; Wylie, P.M. 869; Dr. Mansell, 1615; G. C. Trewby, 1719; E. Moss, 1706; W. Jones, W.M. 82; Pawley, P.M. 452; Lover, J.W. 1668; Willott, 1178; J. Sefton, 829; E. H. Sugg, W.M. 452, P.P.G. Org.; H. W. Fenner, 1716; Cozens, Org. 907; H. D. Martin, 1309; Fisher, 1185; H. J. Green, P.M. 857; Musgrove, P.M. 1307; Stannard Blackie, W.M. 1426; Le Vicomte de Leliva, 1426; Bruin, P.M. 1571; Roberts, 1302; F. T. W. Goddard, 1339; A. C. Wylie, P.M. 869; and the members of the new lodge, viz., W. Bros. T. Vincent, W.M. designate; F. A. Manning, S.W.; J. M. Collings, J.W.; H. E. Frances, P.G.D. Surrey, Secretary; and Rev. R. Hill, Chaplain.

The Provincial G.M. proceeded to consecrate the lodge in the usual form, and performed the ceremony in an admirable manner, taking occasion in the introductory address in a few earnest and plain sentences to state the purposes for which the new lodge was formed; his belief that the interests of the Order would be extended by the action; and congratulated the lodge on possessing among its members one so capable of directing them in all difficulties as the worthy brother who was acting as D.C., Bro. H. E. Frances.

The oration, by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, was impressive and eloquent, and received the deepest attention from the brethren, many of whom at a later period of the day took occasion to quote from and extol its merits.

The musical portions were well rendered by Bros. Rhodes, Moss, Cozens, H. D. Martin, and Musgrove.

After the consecration the R.W.G.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Frances, who duly installed Bro. T. Vincent as the first Master.

Votes of thanks were then passed, with the unanimous approval of the brethren, and recorded to Bros. General Brownrigg, Rev. C. W. Arnold, and other brethren who had assisted at the ceremony.

The brethren then adjourned to luncheon, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the only bar to a most enjoyable afternoon was that the P.G.M. was unable to be present, he being compelled to leave immediately after the ceremony owing to pressure of private business.

Very little opportunity is given during a consecration to

display the working abilities of a W.M., but we may say if Bro. Vincent can preside over the working of a lodge as well as he can take the head of the banquet table, the Claremont Lodge will be proud of its first Master.

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

A highly successful gathering of the members of the Mark Degree took place on the 29th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, it being the annual meeting of the P.G.L. of Middlesex and Surrey.

The Era Mark Lodge, No. 176, was opened at three o'clock, under the distinguished auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The members of the former did not muster in very good strength. Among the officers were Bros. W. Hammond, P.G.S., W.M.; John Hammond, J.W.; and Pennyfather, Secretary. There was no business.

The P.G.L. was opened at four o'clock, in the presence of a very numerous and influential gathering. Among those in attendance we noticed Bros. the R.W.P.G.M.M., Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., High Sheriff of Surrey, &c.; F. Davison, V.W.D.P.G.M.M., &c.; E. Passawer, Registrar; W. G. Brighton, Secretary; E. Gilbert, S.D.; C. Goolden, J.D.; J. B. Shackleton, D.C.; R. T. Hill, A.D.C.; C. Palmer, Standard Bearer; Stark, Organist; Cliffe, T. De Leliva, Sir Charles Palmer, Bart., and Adams, Stewards; D. M. Dewar, P.P.G.O.; J. Mason, P.G.M.O.; C. H. R. Harrison, P.P.G.S.; Klench, P.P.G.R.; Dr. Ramsey, P.P.G.D.; R. W. Brown, P.P.G.S.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.J.W.; Rev. T. Ravenshaw, Oxford University; Graves, W.M. 3; W. J. Meek, W.M. 199; T. C. Walls, W.M. 211 and 238; J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 211; Cousins, W.M. 104, P.G.O.; Edwin Hopwood, S.W. 181; Major-General Randolph, S.W. 197; A. Haynes, J.W. 211; H. J. Lardner, J.W. West Smithfield; H. H. Baldwin, Sec. 139; J. Hill, Secretary 199; J. Allsopp, J.O. 176; Rev. C. de Crespigny; Anderson, Old Kent; Handel, 181; W. Game, 211, &c.; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was duly called over. The warrant of the re-appointment of the P.G.M.M. having been read, and the announcement received with acclamation, the R.W.P.G.M.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:

- Bro. F. Davison ... Prov. D.G.M.M.
- Dr. Ramsey ... Prov. G.S.W.
- Major-General Randolph ... Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. C. de Crespigny ... } Prov. G. Chaps.
- Rev. W. O. Thompson ... }
- C. Hammerton ... Prov. G. Treas.
- Captain Talbot ... Prov. G. Reg.
- W. G. Brighton ... Prov. G. Sec.
- Sir Charles Palmer, Bart. ... Prov. G.M.O.
- C. H. R. Harrison ... Prov. G.S.O.
- F. Graves ... Prov. G.J.O.
- R. G. Clutton ... Prov. G.S.D.
- T. De Leliva ... Prov. G.J.D.
- A. Walters ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- J. B. Shackleton (re-appointed) ... Prov. G.D.C.
- H. Baldwin ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- W. Stephenson ... Prov. G.S.B.
- E. Hopwood ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- J. Rhodes ... Prov. G. Org.
- T. W. Adams ... Prov. G.I.G.
- Bros. H. J. Lardner, Ackland, J. W. } Prov. G. Stwds.
- Baldwin, T. C. Walls, J. Hart, }
- and S. N. Griffiths }
- Bro. J. Gilbert ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The accounts of the P.G. Treasurer were then received and adopted. The sum of two guineas having been voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and several other minor matters disposed of, the P.G.L. was closed in due form, and the majority of the brethren present partook of the banquet which immediately followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth the R.W.P.G.M.M. announced that in consequence of a long standing engagement in town he was reluctantly compelled to leave the chair. The V.W. D.P.G.M.M. having assumed the chair, presided during the remainder of the proceedings. After the customary toasts had received full justice, "The Health of the Grand Mark Officers" was proposed in brief but pertinent terms, and, it having been duly honoured, the V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke responded in a few well chosen sentences. In the course of his reply he expressed the gratification it had afforded him in being present on that particular occasion. He was pleased to hear from the Secretary that the Mark Degree was in so flourishing a condition in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey, but this was a matter of no surprise, for it had the good fortune of being under the rule of one of the most affable and genial Masons in the country. (Applause.) He trusted the Provincial Grand Master would be spared many years to come amongst them. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, upon behalf of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, he begged to thank the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the very complimentary way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the warm and hearty manner they had received it. "The R.W.P.G.M.M." followed, and this toast having been enthusiastically drunk, "The Health of the V.W. D.P.G.M.M." was proposed by Bro. the Rev. T. Ravenshaw, and this toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Davison modestly acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Visitors" was coupled with the name of Bro. the Rev. T. Ravenshaw, who briefly said, in reply, that it had given him a great amount of pleasure in attending the P.G.L. of Middlesex and Surrey, which body he was glad to learn had attained such prosperity, and which bore so excellent a character. In concluding his remarks he said that upon behalf of his co-visitors and himself he could only express a hope that the Mark Degree in the province would enjoy every possible success in the future. "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" followed. Bro. Brighton, the Secretary, after apologising for the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, said that he personally was much obliged to the officers of the P.G.L. in general, and to the members of the province in particular, for the invariable kindness shown by them to him upon all occasions. The secretarial work was exceedingly heavy, especially in the matter of correspondence, and he wished that some one could be found who would relieve him of his position. (No, no.)

The affairs of the province were now in a sound and good working condition, and under those circumstances he should feel disposed to leave it to a successor he found who would conscientiously undertake the responsibilities of Secretary. In concluding his speech he expressed his acknowledgments for the very warm manner in which his health had been drank and his remarks received. "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Dr. Ramsey, S.W., and Bro. General Randolph, concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by a choice selection of music performed by Bros. Cozens, T. Distin, and Martin.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC CLUB.

The brethren of the Woolwich and Plumstead district have just formed a club in their midst, which promises to be a very successful undertaking. For some time past the want of a room sacred to the brethren of the mystic tie had been felt and deplored, but within the last month or so some of the most influential of the representatives of the various lodges have met, drawn up a programme and rules, appointed officers, &c., and on Tuesday, the 29th ult., fairly started the club with an elegant little banquet.

The meet took place at the club house, the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, Woolwich, and there, gathered round the worthy host's mahogany, the good things of the world were discussed, and many a bumper pledged to the success of the Woolwich and Plumstead Masonic Club. The chair was filled by the President, Bro. W. Weston, P.M. 1536 and P.G.S.B. Kent, and the vice-chair by Bro. Lieut. T. Kirkbride, 1536. These were admirably supported by upwards of thirty other brethren of neighbouring lodges.

After dinner the loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and then Bro. WESTON rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Success to the Woolwich and Plumstead Masonic Club." He said they had met under the most favourable circumstances, and laid, he trusted, the foundation stone of a good and grand Masonic Hall for the district. They had already sixty members on the books of the club, the objects of which were to give facilities for instruction in Masonic, social, and other kinds of useful knowledge, to promote the free discussion of all subjects affecting the welfare of Masonry in general, and to find amusement and refreshment to the brethren and Masonic friends. There would be chess, draughts, cards, the daily, local, and Masonic journals; and any brother, a member, had only to suggest anything that he thought would add to the comfort or entertainment of the whole to be sure of it receiving every attention at the hands of the Committee. The credit of originating the club must fall upon the shoulders of Bros. Holleyman and Scully—the former of whom had first suggested it, and the latter had been indefatigable in bringing it to its present state of perfection—and, in coupling the names of those two brethren with the toast, he felt that he was only giving honour where honour was due. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. HOLLEYMAN, in reply, said their President had given him more than his due of credit. Directly the club was mooted it was responded to by the brethren most cordially. Although not a very old Mason, yet it had struck him as strange that in a district like Woolwich and Plumstead, with five Craft lodges, two Mark lodges, and two chapters, there was not a single room in the town where they could meet to discuss questions touching the interests of the Order in the district, or generally, without being liable to the interruption of strangers. He saw no reason why they should not have a hall of their own. It was only the other day that the Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Lord Amherst, consecrated a Masonic Hall at Canterbury. There were only three lodges in that district, whereas in this district there were nine lodges and chapters. He trusted this meeting might be like an acorn planted in the soil; small though it might be, yet, as from that acorn grew the mighty oak, so from that meeting might grow the hall they so much wanted to be a shelter and a home for every Mason's lodge in the district. (Applause.) If they would only put their shoulder to the wheel, and said "We will have a hall," it would certainly be accomplished.

Bro. SCULLY followed, and said as there were between seven and eight hundred Masons in Woolwich and Plumstead, there ought not to be any difficulty in the matter of making the club a great success. He certainly should do all in his power to make a success of it.

"The Health of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman," "The Press," and "The Host" followed, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT ABERDARE.

Freemasonry appears to flourish at Aberdare, for we find that the members of the St. David's Lodge (No. 679, South Wales Eastern Division) are about to open a fine Masonic Hall, to be devoted to the ceremonies of the Craft, and built upon an elaborate scale with which few such buildings in the provinces can compare. It is situated in a central position in Cannon-street, and has been erected at the cost of between £1300 and £1400 (including the purchase of the site), from the designs of Mr. Blesley, architect, of Cardiff, the builder being Mr. John Morgan, of Aberdare. The principal hall, on the first floor, is between thirty and forty feet in length, by twenty-two in breadth, and the whole structure, the lower portion of which will probably be let for offices, presents an ornate appearance, being an important addition to the public buildings of the town, which cannot boast of many assembly-rooms worthy of the name, for the Temperance Hall, which is the largest, is much out of repair, and has a dismal look. The members of this lodge, who number between sixty and seventy, may congratulate themselves upon acquiring so handsome and convenient a meeting-place. It will be opened in about a month, the ceremony on the occasion being likely to prove one of the most agreeable reminiscences of the tenure of office by Mr. Thomas Phillips, the present Worshipful Grand Master. The event will, at least, serve as a reminder that though trade has long been bad with them, the inhabitants of Aberdare have not lost their old spirit of enterprise, which they are now also displaying in other directions.

Old Matured Wines and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on applications.—[ADVT.]

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE BISHOP STEWART MEMORIAL CHURCH, FRELIGHSBURG, P.Q.

Tuesday, the 8th June, when the corner stone of Stewart Memorial Church was laid at Frelighsburg with imposing Masonic ceremonies, in addition to the services of the Anglican Church, will be long remembered in the annals of that enterprising and pretty village. The day was particularly fine, and, long before the hour for the proceedings to begin had arrived, people from the surrounding country had commenced to arrive by hundreds. The Montreal party, consisting of about fifty ladies and gentlemen, went by special train over the South Eastern to Sanbridge East, from whence they were driven to Frelighsburg by teams, which were at the station to meet them. The ladies of the Trinity Church conducted a bazaar during the day, at which excellent meals were served.

The attendance of the members of the Craft, who came from all sections of the Eastern Townships, as well as Montreal, was very large.

Shortly after one o'clock the Masons present assembled at the lodge room of Frelighsburg Lodge, No. 33, Q.R., to prepare for the afternoon's ceremonies, and by two o'clock were ready to join the procession to the church, which was formed as follows: Band, Rector, Wardens, Building Committee, representatives of other invited public bodies, the Masonic body, closing with the Grand Master, and the clergy in robes, closing with his lordship the Bishop. The procession was met at the gate of the church grounds by the choir of Trinity Church singing "Onward, Christian soldiers." Among the clergy present were his lordship Bishop Bond, of Montreal, Venerable Archdeacons Lindsay and Lonsdale; Rev. Canons Ellegood and Duvernet; Rev. Messrs. Mussen (Rural Dean), Ball, Fyles, Smith, Brown, Lee, Kilner, Bancroft, De Gruchy, Wurtele, Ker, Montgomery, Constantine, Davidson, and Rev. J. B. Davidson, rector.

The officers of the Grand Lodge who officiated were R.W. Bros. Graham, M.W.G.M.; J. O'Halloran, acting D.G.M.; J. P. Martin, D.D.G.M.; Dr. Keyes, D.D. G.M.; W. M. Lemesurier, D.D.G.M.; E. R. Johnson, acting G.S.W.; G. R. Marvin, G.J.W.; J. H. Isaacson, G.S.; C. S. Rowe, G.T.; E. E. Spencer, G.R.; Rev. H. W. Nye, G. Chap.; Rev. L. C. Wurtele, G.A. Chap.; Hobart Butler, acting G.S.D.; C. P. Taber, G.J.D.; F. Massey, G. Org.; S. R. Whitman, G.D. of C.; and L. B. Warner, G. Purst.

Introductory services of the church conducted by the Bishop, clergy, and choir.

The GRAND MASTER then addressed his lordship, the bishop, the clergy, and the large concourse of spectators as follows:

My Lord Bishop, reverend sirs, men, women, and children here assembled,—Be it known unto you all, that we be true and lawful Freemasons bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our Sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of stately, superb, and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, and practise universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, who is the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe. We have amongst us secrets faithfully transmitted from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have had out of every order and rank in Church and State so many illustrious brothers in our Fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity. We are assembled here this day to assist in building a house for the worship of Almighty God, and our humble and hearty prayer is, that having been completed and dedicated to His service, it may long be the abiding place of His Divine presence, and that therein His chosen servants may faithfully proclaim His holy word, and dispense His holy mysteries to many generations of devout worshippers.

G.M.: Our R.W. Grand Chaplain will now implore the blessing of Heaven on our undertaking.

R.W. GRAND CHAPLAIN: Almighty and Eternal God, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. Grant, we beseech Thee, a blessing on this foundation stone. May the work which has this day been begun, according to the usages of our ancient Fraternity, be carried on and completed for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men. Vouchsafe unto us, Oh! God, at this and at all times, wisdom in all our doings—strength of mind in all our difficulties—and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. And Oh! Merciful Father, do Thou guide us through all the intricate windings of this our mortal existence—pass us safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, and give unto us an abundant entrance into that temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens, where Thou reignest, our God blessed for ever. Amen.

The Architect then handed the plan of the building to the Grand Master for his inspection and approval.

The Grand Master then spread the cement with the trowel, and solemn music was discoursed by the band, while the stone was lowered to its place by three regular stops. The usual service was then followed.

R.W. Bro. G. R. Marvin, G.J.W., on behalf of the members of Frelighsburg Lodge, No. 33, Q.R., presented the trowel to the M.W. the Grand Master, with an appropriate address. Inscription on trowel: "Presented to John Hamilton Graham, L.L.D., &c., &c., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. and A.M., by the members of Frelighsburg Lodge, No. 33, Q.R., on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the Stewart Memorial Church. Frelighsburg, P.Q., June 8th, 1880."

G.M.: R.W. Sir, you have kindly presented me with one of the most important instruments of our Craft, which I gratefully accept and will immensely prize. I shall take it to my place of residence and will deposit it in a conspicuous place, and I will direct that it be handed down from me to my son, and to my son's son, in a perpetual generation, as a valuable ornament and as an excellent token—an ornament for its surpassing workmanship, which does honour to the silversmith, and an excellent token because, as in operative Masonry, its use is to spread the cement which

binds all the parts of the building into one common mass, so we are taught by it to spread the well-tempered cement of kindness and affection which tends to unite all men in one common bond of brotherhood, worshipping and serving the one God and Father of all.

The GRAND MASTER then addressed the officers and brethren, and his Lordship the Bishop and the clergy, as follows: Officers and brethren,—Be pleased to accept, as you so well deserve, my fraternal commendation for your alacrity in responding in such large numbers to the summons to assemble here on this interesting occasion. Your presence indicates your zeal and fidelity as officers and members of our most ancient Fraternity of Craftsmen, and as companions of the Holy Royal Arch with us by special invitation. It affords me extreme pleasure also to welcome the brethren here present from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont. Brethren,—This auspicious day becomes historic in the annals of our young, but not unrenowned Grand Lodge, which the Most High has greatly prospered. Let the important lessons of this day be deeply impressed on your minds, and while you continue as Craftsmen faithfully to discharge your duties to your fellow-men—to one another and to yourselves—do not forget to love, serve, and obey Him who is God and Father of us all.

The GRAND MASTER next addressed the Bishop and clergy as follows: Right Reverend Lord Bishop, Reverend Rector, and Reverend Sirs, permit me to assure you that it has afforded myself and fellow officers and members of our Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec the greatest satisfaction to accept the invitation so kindly extended to participate in these solemn ceremonies, and thereby to perpetuate, as recorded in the volume of the Sacred Law, the goodly customs of the fathers of the olden time, and of the Masonic, civil, and spiritual rulers of the mother land and other enlightened countries, by the laying, according to the immemorial usages of our ancient and honourable Fraternity, the foundation corner stones of stately and superb edifices, and more especially of sacred superstructures, such as this which is to be set apart and dedicated to the service of Almighty God, and for the erection and beautifying of public buildings, and of temples, cathedrals, and churches, to which our ancient brethren for so many ages almost wholly devoted themselves, and whose skilful and pious labours in many lands remain to this day the wonder and admiration of the world. It now remains with you, Right Reverend Sir, to finish the important public services of this day, and our humble prayer is that the Most High may prosper our united endeavours, and that He may cause the good work thus begun to be successfully carried on and completed to His honour and glory. And it is our fervent hope that this sacred edifice, having been finished and dedicated to His service, may long be an ornament to this goodly village and township—long remain a monument of the wisdom, liberality, and piety of this people—be a lasting memorial of the saintly Servant of God, whose honoured name it bears, and be a hallowed sanctuary wherein godly men may proclaim the truth to many succeeding generations of those who shall assemble therein to pay sincere and acceptable adorations to the only living and true God, who alone is good, and whose mercy endureth for ever.

The R.W. G. CHAPLAIN then pronounced the Patriarchal Benediction: "May the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob—the God of our fathers—graciously command His blessing upon the labours of this day, and enable us all so to dedicate and devote our lives to His service, that we display the beauty of true godliness to the honour and glory of His great and holy name."

After the ceremony of laying the foundation corner stone, Bro. Graham, Grand Master, delivered a short address, in which he regretted the absence of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.J.W. of the Grand Lodge of England and Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, to whom an invitation had been extended to be present as Deputy G.M., but which he was forced to decline on account of other engagements that could not be foregone.

Previous to the laying of the superincumbent corner stone, the Rev. J. B. Davidson, rector, read the records of the parish, the list of subscribers to the church, and the Masonic officers present, and other documents, coins, &c., which were afterwards deposited underneath the corner.

His lordship Bishop Bond having been presented with a silver trowel, bearing a suitable inscription, then proceeded to lay the superincumbent corner stone in accordance with the beautiful, though brief, ceremony of the Church, after which his lordship delivered a pleasing address, in which he gracefully referred to the assistance rendered by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

Short addresses were made by Venerable Archdeacon LINDSAY and others, when the proceedings were brought to a close.

Lack of space prevents our saying more of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church here than that it promises to be one of the finest edifices in that section of the country. The estimated cost of its construction is about £6000, the larger proportion of which has been already raised. It is to replace the oldest Anglican church in the Eastern Townships of the Province of Quebec, which was built under the direction of the late Bishop Stewart, who was a prominent member of the Fraternity, in the early part of the present century, and when completed will be an ornament to Freightsburg.—*Montreal Herald.*

THE IRISH FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL

The annual meeting and distribution of prizes in connection with the Masonic Female Orphan School took place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin. The proceedings were of a very brilliant character, and from beginning to end of the programme the reunion proved most pleasing and successful. The entire of the Exhibition Palace was thrown open, and ample as are the dimensions of the Palace, its powers were taxed to the utmost; indeed this annual Masonic *feite* is now the only occasion upon which the noble building can be said to really resume the appearance it was wont to bear in its palmy days when people came from many nations to admire its lordly proportions and rich treasures. Everything that a limable organisation could contribute was not wanting to render the proceedings agreeable, and the scene was in every respect worthy the excellent institution in whose behalf the vast and distinguished audience had assembled. The essence of Freemasonry is charity, and there could be no nobler or more touching demonstration to the public of the practical outcome of that charity at which the enemies of the Order are

went to sneer than the presence of the little ones clad in blue who occupied the foremost place in all the night's proceedings. Such a display should for ever silence the voice of calumny. It was refreshing to see the bright looking happy faces, and to feel that many of their predecessors, through the instrumentality of the Masonic School, have received a fair start in life instead of being left to the cold charity of the world. It was matter for much regret that owing to the unfortunate prevalence of sickness in the school the annual reunion was not held last year, so that on the present occasion there was a double celebration. The doors of the Palace were opened at half-past seven o'clock, and the Great Concert Hall, in which the speechmaking was to take place, was filled to overflowing long before the time appointed for the arrival of the Grand Master. During the interval before the proceedings proper began, and after the distribution of prizes, the band of the 3rd Dragoon Guards performed in the glass building, and Bro. Charles Phillips (158) Grand Org., played a selection of music on the great organ in a manner which elicited hearty applause. The brethren who were to occupy places on the platform assembled in the Leinster Hall, and at half-past eight a procession was formed for the purpose of conducting the M.W. Grand Master his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., to the grand Concert Hall. The brethren wore the insignia of the Craft. The procession entered the Concert Hall in the following order:—

Stewards.
Grand Steward.
Officers of Country Lodges being Governors.
Officers of Dublin Lodges, according to seniority, the Junior first.
Officers of the Grand Master's Lodge.
The Vice-Patrons, Honorary Officers, and Committee of the Orphan School.
Provincial Grand Officers.
Past Grand Officers.
Provincial Deputy Grand Masters.
Representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges.
Grand Inner Guard. Grand Organist. Grand Superintendent of Works.
Grand Deacons, with their Wands.
The Grand Chaplains.
The Grand Secretary. The Grand Treasurer.
The Grand Wardens.
Provincial Grand Masters.
The Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the Sword.
The Deputy Grand Secretary, carrying the Book of Constitutions.
THE GRAND MASTER.
Deputy Grand Master.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies, with his Wand.
Stewards.

Immediately after the Stewards came the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, in charge of R.W. Bro. Capel MacNamara, who has taken such a kindly and unremitting interest in the school for which he has acted as honorary Treasurer for many years. The boys of the Masonic Orphan School were also present, headed by Mr. R. O'Brien Furlong, who has long been intimately associated with that Institution. On ascending the platform the brethren filed off according to lodges and took up the places assigned to them. Conspicuous amongst the visitors were the members of the American rifle team, who were accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Barrowes, American Consul, and Major Leech.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Grace the Duke of ABERCORN, K.G., having taken his seat on the throne, he was saluted by a running fire of eleven on the third coming down, time being taken from the Deputy Grand Master (Bro R. W. Shackleton).

The following officers of Grand Lodge were present: Bros. Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master; R. W. Shackleton, O.C., Deputy Grand Master; Marquis of Headfort, Grand Senior Warden; Lord Dunboyne, Grand Junior Warden; Earl of Bandon, Grand Secretary; Robert Warren, D.L., Grand Treasurer; Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, and the Rev. J. J. MacSorley, Chaplains; Alderman Manning, Senior Grand Deacon; Theo. E. St. George, Grand Junior Deacon; George Moyers, L.L.D., Grand Director of Ceremonies; George A. Stephens, J.P., Grand Director of Works; Harry Hodges, Grand Steward; Humphrey Minchin, M.B., Grand Sword Bearer; J. Creed Meredith, L.L.D., Grand Inner Guard; Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary.

The following gentlemen acted as Stewards, and to each and every one of them thanks are due for the admirable manner in which they discharged a very onerous and, we fear, a rather thankless office: C. C. Henderson, Holt Archer, T. J. Welland, William Roper, Keith Hollowes, Charles Foot, Henry A. Lee, J. Clarke Lane, Herbert Stanley, Walter Gyles, Alexander D. Kennedy, John D. Elliott, James H. North, Henry E. Flavell, B. Foot, Graves S. Eves, William Thompson, J. H. Woodworth, and Sir J. Barrington, D.L.

Amongst the general company were the Right Hon. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, F. L. Dumes, O.C.; James Creed Meredith, L.L.D.; Robert O'Brien Furlong, C. Roper, B.L.; Rev. F. F. Carmichael; Rev. Cannon Murray, L.L.D., Ballymena; A. M. Wright, L.L.D.; Andrew W. Newton, J.P.; Dr. H. C. Tweedy; Rev. Francis E. Clarke, L.L.D.; Dr. Banks, Robert H. Carson, Frederick Le Poer Trench, Richard W. Boyle, J.P.; Cotee A. Carroll, J.P.; John Richardson, O.C.; Charles Uniacke Townsend, Robert Atkinson, J.P.; Walter Holder, T. W. Berry, Dr. Nolan, W. Grove White, L.L.D.; Alderman Purdon, J.P.; Philip R. Patman, H.K.T.; Lucius H. Deering; Alderman Gregg, J.P.; Dr. Harley, Joshua Bewley, Wm. M'D Courtney, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Charles Foot, Charles Flint, John Biggar, Charles Sidford, J. C. Crofton, Henry Smith, William Poland, Frank Day Lewis, George Lewis, J. H. Neilson, George H. Major, John Hogan, J. Vokes Mackey, J.P.; Major Leech, John Silthorpe, J.P.; Dr. William P. O'Donoghue, Seacombe Holmes, Dr. Browne, Robert Walker, Cork; Thomas Fitzgerald, Richard Harvey, Drogheda; J. K. Milner, William C. Johnston, C. J. Ferguson, Henry Hunt, Rev. J. de Ranzy, J. M. Bond, Rev. Mervyn Crozier, M.A.; F. R. Beatty, Mark J. Toomey, Alfred J. Aldrich, William F. Lawlor, Archibald St. George, W. K. Armstrong, James Robinson, John E. V. Vernon, D.L., Hamilton Leslie, Thomas G. Yeates, James H. Macaulay, Robert W. Griffin, L.L.D.; W. J. Chetwode Crawley, L.L.B.; M. F. Barnes, Kells; Captain Henry A. Dillon, Robert Herron, J.P.; James Charles, John Rigby, William Rigby, Dr.

Tweedy, Dr. Kendal Franks, Henry Johnston, Maziere Johnston, Dr. Burk, Robert O'Brien Furlong, Alex. Tate, Belfast, and others.

After the Grand Master had been saluted, as already stated, the assembly sang two verses of the 100th Psalm.

His Grace the Duke of ABERCORN, who was received with prolonged applause, said: Worshipful Sirs, Ladies, Gentlemen, Visitors, and Brother Masons all—It gives me sincere pleasure to meet you again here, and to have the honour of presiding on this interesting occasion—an occasion interesting not only to Freemasons and to those who belong to our noble Craft but also to all who look with earnestness and anxiety to the moral and intellectual training of the rising generation. (Applause.) The report which you will presently hear read will show you the number and progress of the School maintained by the Masonic body for the orphan children of Masons, and the number of subjects so well and so perfectly competed for by the pupils testify to the ability and the skill of the teachers, as well as to the anxiety and perseverance of the pupils. (Applause.) And I think it will satisfy those who have not the advantage of being Freemasons, that Masonry is not an empty name or a mystic shadow; but that it is a living, an earnest vitality, grounded upon the highest and purest principles of a world-wide benevolence. (Loud applause.) To us Freemasons who are here associated to-night in our common brotherhood, it is a source of pride and pleasure to see every day fresh evidence of the usefulness and the power of those motives and of those principles which for thirty centuries have regulated our noble Craft, and of which to-day we are here the humble exponents. Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you on the part of the brethren for your attendance here to-night, and for the interest, the kindly interest, which you have shown in our proceedings. (Loud applause.)

R.W. Bro. Capel MacNamara (Hon. Sec.) read the annual report, which contained the following passages:

"It is pleasing to be able to state that, although the income from annual subscriptions and life donations for the year ended 31st December last is £235 17s. 10d. less than that of the previous year, the decrease falls short of what might have been expected in a period marked by such general distress—a signal proof of the liberality of the brethren, and the interest they evince in the School. This decrease is more than compensated by the very handsome donations made to the special building fund—a fund which, though large, is believed to be in its infancy still. The absence from the credit side of a large item of receipt, which has hitherto resulted from the distribution of prizes, will be noted with regret—the more so, as it has been observed that this ceremony considerably affects the amount of the items above alluded to. It is to be regretted that sickness (so often named in former reports) invaded the School this year also; an epidemic of small-pox attacked seven of the children, who were speedily removed to the hospital. It is pleasing to be able to state that no death occurred from this cause. It was, however, found to break up the School and take a house at Killiney, in which the children who had escaped infection resided for five months; this necessity not only caused a considerable outlay but also seriously interfered with the progress of the education. Notwithstanding the disadvantages to which the pupils were in consequence subjected, it is gratifying to be able to report that, of the girls who presented themselves at the examinations held under the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, Fanny Smith and Gertrude Gill passed in the senior grade—each in three subjects, and in two of those subjects with merit. Emily Wigmore and Sophia Fenton passed in the junior grade—each in two subjects; Sophia Fenton with merit in arithmetic. These distinctions are the more creditable to the pupils, as, owing to the epidemic in the School, they were for a considerable time deprived of the assistance of the visiting teachers. During the year it has pleased Providence to remove from our charge one of our pupils—Maria Rountree—a dear and interesting child, aged fourteen, who, notwithstanding the unremitting care of our medical officers, and the devoted attention of our matron, succumbed to consumption. The several Committees have every reason to be perfectly satisfied with the efficient manner in which Mrs. Richards has performed the many and onerous duties which have devolved on her as matron. She has, while maintaining the necessary discipline, secured the affection of those confided to her care. It is impossible to speak too highly of Mrs. Richards' devotion to the pupils during the prevalence of that dangerous and repulsive disease—small-pox. The Honourable Judge Townsend, P.D.G.M., and the Rev. Canon Westby, D.D., who have served the Institution so long and so well, having desired to be relieved of the duties of Trustees, Bros. Robert Warren, G.T., and Edward H. Kinahan have been appointed in their stead. In the month of May the Chaplain, the Honorary Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary attended before the Endowed Schools Commission, and gave evidence as to the history and condition of the School. The Commissioners' examiner subsequently visited and examined the School. The report of the Commissioners has not yet been published, but there is every reason to expect it will be of a favourable nature. The desire so widely felt, and so often expressed in former reports, of having accommodation for the School suitable to increased numbers, and affording some security against constantly-recurring epidemics, seems now about being realised. An eligible site has been taken from the Fitzwilliam Estate, on the Merrion-road. Plans have been obtained for the building, which have been approved by the Board. A special building fund subscription list has been opened and most liberally contributed to, the subscriptions up to the 23rd June, 1880, amounting to £8436. So it is confidently hoped that the coming year will see the building well advanced. During the year six pupils were elected, of whom five are in residence—viz., Frances Eleanor Dawson, Anne Allen Browne, Amy Rosalie Anderson, Edith C. Hitchcock, Louisa Mary Mackay, and Wilhelmina Kathleen Tyrer. The last-named child, having been ill, has not yet entered the school. And, in addition to the death already mentioned, seven left—viz., Gertrude Malone and Gertrude Gill for a German school at Ramage; and Annie Orr for a school in London—each with the object of further training to qualify her as a governess; Emily Little and Florence Hendley for houses of business in Dublin; and Emily Fraser and Edith O'Reilly for Australia to join their relations. The number of pupils in the School on the 31st of December, 1879, was 36.

R. W. Bro. SHACKLETON, O.C., D.G.M., announced that a telegram had been received from Lord Huntingdon, who was to have moved the first resolution, but who unfortunately was detained at home by illness. In his lord-

ship's unavoidable absence another worthy brother had consented to take his place. (Applause.)

BRO. FRANCIS L. DAMES, Q.C., said that unaffectedly and from his inmost heart he felt it to be a very high honour to have had confided to him the proposing of the first resolution, which was to be submitted to that large and influential assembly. It was as follows: "That the report now read be circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several Committees of the Institution, and also to the medical officers of the School, for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they manifest in everything conducive to the prosperity and progress of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School." It was a high honour which had been conferred upon him in assisting in the noble work which their presence that evening consecrated. The most exalted member of the Order might feel himself honoured. (Hear, hear.) When he saw such a brilliant assemblage as that before him, and presided over by the Grand Master of their Order in Ireland, who, at personal inconvenience, had come among them to assist by his presence, and cheer by his countenance, the labours of the workers of the Craft, he felt that it augured well for the future of that Institution, which was to have a fresh start when on the morrow his Grace laid the foundation stone of the new Masonic Female Orphan School. (Hear.) It betokened a future more bright and fraught with usefulness than had ever been the past. (Applause.) He addressed a mixed and thronged audience, composed largely, he was happy to say, of the fairer portion of the citizens—he addressed many men of many minds—and it might be asked what brought so vast a concourse of persons together as though they were one man? He answered, in the words of the poet, that though "In faith and hope the world may disagree, Mankind's concern is charity."

(Applause.) The report which had been read contained matters of varied interest. The resolution which he had the honour to propose was of a formal character; but the matters of substance which lay behind the resolution should not be lost sight of. They were asked, in the first instance, to say that the report should be printed and circulated. What they wanted in connection with the Masonic Order, so far as the objects immediately at hand that evening were concerned, was publicity—that their affairs should be open to the world, and that every man and woman in the community should know what they were doing for the education of the children of their deceased brethren. (Hear, hear.) In spite of the calumnies of their enemies and of everything that was said against them by those who were hostile, all who would read the proceedings of that night and see what was done in their Masonic Schools must say that against them no one could set down aught in malice or point against them the finger of scorn. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They wished to publish the report of the past year's work, not only among the brethren in Dublin but also in the provinces. They acknowledged with thankfulness the liberality of the brethren in Dublin, in Belfast, and in different provincial districts, but he might be allowed to say that the larger amount of their subscriptions were derived from the members of the Dublin Lodges, while the greater proportion of the orphans in the Schools were from the provinces. (Hear.) He, therefore, trusted that the circulation of the report would have a good effect in stimulating brethren throughout the country. These annual reunions were, no doubt, commendable and very pleasing, but then there were those behind the scenes to whom they owed much, and to whom were largely due the results which had followed in the great work of charity. He, therefore, asked them to return thanks to the several Committees of the Institution. There was no one who did not think that the Education Committee deserved their most heartfelt thanks. They had heard the report read that in the searching examinations open to nearly every school in the kingdom, the Masonic School, notwithstanding the epidemic which visited it, had been eminently successful. There was yet another Committee to whom they owed thanks. It was generally acknowledged that without the sinews of war nothing could be carried on, and, therefore, the Finance Committee were an important body. They deserved thanks for their admirable economic, and, above all, their effectual management of the affairs of the Institution. There was also the Apprentice Committee, and they had heard how that Committee watched over the pupils after they had completed their education in the Institution, and were sent forward into life. They had often heard that with the exception of one old lady who got into a clog, no lady had ever been allowed to become a Freemason, but although they did not allow ladies to become Freemasons, they welcomed them in the work of charity and the labour of love in which they were engaged, and accordingly, there was included on the list a Lady's Committee, and many as were the slanders and insinuations thrown out against Masons, perhaps by ladies who thought they spent too much time in going to Masonic entertainments, he ventured to say the ladies who composed the Committee of the School would bear testimony to this, that the Institution was a good, solid working institution, having a basis of real charity, real benevolence, and that it had attained good results. (Applause.) He looked upon the reference to the medical officers as a cardinal part of the resolution. The interest of the medical officers in the welfare of the pupils had been undiminished, and their success in treating every disease which had visited the Institution admitted of no controversy. Their labours were given ungrudgingly, constantly, and gratuitously. Over and above all human agencies, they owed their gratitude, reverence, and thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, from whom all their mercies flowed so richly and so undeservedly. (Applause.)

R.W. Bro. ROBERT WARREN, D.L., seconded the motion, which was adopted.

BRO. STEPHEN MOORE, D.L., P.G.M. S.E. Counties, proposed the next resolution as follows: "That whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance with which the Institution has hitherto been favoured, the Governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren, in order still further to extend its usefulness." He said that large meeting and the state of the children spoke in favour of the resolution more eloquently and earnestly than any words of his. These children—the orphans of brethren who, alas, were no more—looked to this School for their support, their guidance, he might say their existence. The Governors of the School stood in the relation of guardians to the children, and to these guardians they looked for their support. It should be

the pride of every Mason in Ireland to have his name on the list of Governors of these Schools. If they wanted encouragement and gratitude, or even some return for these gifts, had they not got it in these young, earnest, intelligent children? (Applause.)

Rev. Canon R. W. MURRAY, LL.D., P.G. Chaplain of Antrim, seconded the motion. He said he might, perhaps, be allowed to assume the privilege of one who was in the habit of preaching sermons, and divide the resolution into two parts. (Laughter.) It spoke of a fact which was existing, and it also told them something which, as Masons, they ought to do. The fact which was spoken of as existing was one which was patent to all—they only had to look about them to see evidence of it—in the splendour of the assembly, in the happy faces and neatness and order and proficiency which the pupils of the School had exhibited that evening. In any organisation, whether connected with the Masonic Order or otherwise, there was always room for improvement and earnest efforts. If it were not so he believed institutions would lag and die. In mortal things, when perfection was nearly reached, deterioration began, but he believed there should be no deterioration or decay in an institution connected with the ancient Masonic Society. (Applause.) This Society was one selected from all classes and orders in the community, and it comprised a vast amount of influence and power. It was a Society which in the sister country was presided over by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—(applause)—and in this country presided over by His Grace the Duke of Abercorn. (Cheers.) He was not going to betray any of the secrets of the Order. (Laughter.) It was very well known, and ought to be very well known, that the grace of charity was highly valued by the Masonic Brotherhood—in fact, they had placed it, so to speak, on the topmost rung of the ladder. Therefore, when they spoke of the Society as possessing so much influence, wealth, and charity, the second part of the resolution, which spoke of the extension and improvement of the Masonic School, ought to weigh with every brother. He believed Masonry was doing most important work at the present time in our age; when Atheism was showing a bold and unblushing front, the system of Masonry was standing side by side with religion and testifying to a great first cause and a Great Architect of the Universe. (Applause.) It stood on the side of Christianity, for it exalted that system of charity which the Great Master had placed as the foundation of all religion, and which a great apostle has glorified as the highest and best grace of the Christian religion. The resolution told them they ought to increase and add strength to that testimony, and, therefore, he had great pleasure in seconding it. (Applause.)

The resolution was adopted.

R.W. Bro. SHACKLETON, Q.C., D.G.M., wished to address a few words to the ladies present. They had all heard that they proposed to-morrow to lay the foundation stone of a new school. There were many of the members of the Order who could recollect when the Female Masonic School was first started a good many years ago in a very small house near Portobello. With difficulty it was maintained, but in process of time they moved from that to their present place, and the numbers had so increased, and the calls on their charity had become so enlarged, that they considered it necessary to still further enlarge their Institution. In these days of sanitary reform and corporation abuses (if they might say so) they had decided to remove outside Dublin in order that they might build an Institution which they considered would be befitting the Order, and they had resolved to raise a special building fund. They had a certain sum, he was happy to say, invested in good security, which they did not propose to interfere with in the slightest degree. Many brethren at first thought that they should do so, but others of them who had had the conduct of these Schools for years were opposed to that. He himself, as Chairman of the Committee, and Deputy Grand Master for Ireland, was strongly opposed to any infringement upon that fund for the purpose of building. They had, therefore, resolved amongst themselves to raise a special building fund wherewith to erect a School, which they would hand over to the Order, free of expense, without infringing in any way on what he and others considered was a source of income for the future. He was desirous of soliciting the influence of the ladies of the Order to assist them in carrying out that most laudable object. The Masons had, he admitted, very often exceedingly pleasant entertainments, and the only defect these entertainments had—he admitted it frankly—was that the ladies did not honour them with their presence. After partaking of the good things of this life at these dinners they were favoured with the most charming melody, and many and many a time he had regretted that their banquets were not graced with the presence of some of the sisterhood. His own lodge had made an innovation recently by inviting ladies to their dinners, and he would suggest to the ladies present who were wives or sisters of Masons to urge them to do the same, promising that if they followed his advice they would afterwards say they had passed many happy evenings among the Masons. (Applause.) He asked the ladies to assist him in this good work of charity. They wanted to have no orphans coming before them that they could not admit within their walls. They had numerous applications, but, unfortunately, their accommodation was too limited, and they were desirous of removing the reproach—the disgrace—of the Order. (Hear.) In doing so they solicited the aid of the ladies, who certainly would not be behind hand in the good cause. (Applause.)

On the 1st July, Bro. J. D. Allcroft laid the foundation, and Mrs. Horace Marshall the memorial stone, of a new church (St. Paul's) in the course of erection at Ferndale-road, Brixton. An elegant silver trowel was presented to each of the Masons, and on Thursday, the 8th inst., Mrs. Horace Marshall laid a memorial stone of a new Wesleyan Chapel at Turnham Green, Hammersmith, making the eighteenth trowel received by Bro. H. B. Marshall's family, in recognition of their Masonic labours.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Worthy of especial note.—These purifying Pills excel every other medicine for regulating the digestion, acting healthily on the liver and bowels, invigorating the nervous system, and strengthening the body. They cause neither pain nor other inconvenience. At all seasons the system is liable to sudden checks. In such cases these Pills restore the balance of the circulation, and ward off dangerous attacks of diarrhoea, dysentery, or cholera. They are the best correctives of the stomach, when disordered by repletion or by the presence of indigestible food. They speedily rectify the flatulent weight and general uneasiness which are experienced in the bowels prior to the accession of more serious symptoms, which debilitate, if they do not endanger.—[ADVT.]

Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

The electric light has been successfully applied to the Orient steamship "Chimborazo," which left Gravesend for Australia last week. The current, generated by a gramme machine, works seven lamps, which can be rendered independent, the light of each being equal to seventy candles. Four of these lamps are placed in the first-class saloon, and the others in the steerage. When loading or discharging cargo in port the current can be connected with a Crompton arc lamp, which is fitted with a reflector, and has an illuminating power of 4000 candles.

Hand-painted silk dresses are the fashion across the Atlantic.

Six hundred and eighty-three thousand persons visited the Paris Salon this year.

SALE OF CHOICE WINES.—The famous cellar of wines formed by the late Mr. W. S. Cartwright, of Newport, Monmouthshire, the well-known owner of racehorses, sold by Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods last week, brought some of the highest prices ever known. The good old-fashioned port and sherry, with clarets of all the noted vintages, and a few lots of Perrier Jouet's choicest cuvée, 1870, with corks cemented, constituted the cellar, which had been for the last thirty years supplied by Messrs. John Harvey and Sons, of Bristol. The choicest of the old deep gold sherries, familiarly styled "Bristol milk," sold at from 110s. to 120s. per dozen, some of the "cream" bringing in as much as 270s. About twenty dozen of old gold sherry, called "George Frederick," laid down to commemorate the winning of the Derby by Mr. Cartwright's horse of that name in 1874, considered to be the finest Zeres wine that grows, brought from 230s. to 250s. a dozen. The Cockburn's port of 1847 brought five guineas a dozen; '54 brought 64s.; and Sandeman's of 1851 sold for 98s. Of the clarets, Leoville Lascazes', 1865, sold for 90s. The same kind of vintage, 1864, brought 200s.; and Château Latour, 1858, 240s. Of the champagne, all of which was Perrier Jouet, that of 1870, "Carte d'Or," sold for 240s. to 300s.; choicest cuvée, 1865, brought 360s. Burgundy, Romancé Conti, 1858, Maret and Belair, sold for 220s.; and Madeira, choice old Bual, shipped by Leacock, bottled 1862, brought 210s.; and some lots of pints of the same wine realised as much as 160s. per dozen. The wines all lie in the cellars at Bristol where they were laid down.

A mania for panoramas is springing up in Paris, where the well-known painter, M. Benjamin Constant, is painting one of these Broddignagian canvases, representing "Golgotha." Another painter also is stated to be in treaty with an American Company which offers him £12,000 to produce a gigantic panorama of the fight between the "Alabama" and the "Kearsage."

REVERSAL OF PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES BY PROLONGED EXPOSURE.—An interesting phenomenon has been announced by M. Janssen in a note to the Académie des Sciences. While obtaining solar images at Meudon he has observed that when the exposure is prolonged beyond a certain period, in which a good negative image is got, this image loses its distinctness, and the plate passes into a neutral state—i.e., no appreciable image appears on use of a developer. But if the exposure be continued still further the negative image gives place to a positive, in which the distribution of light and shade is exactly the opposite, and this image, if the luminous action be well regulated, presents all the details and fineness of the one it has supplanted. With further exposure a second neutral state is reached, opposite to the first, inasmuch as if the latter showed the image uniformly dark, the former shows it uniformly light. For solar negatives taken at Meudon the time of exposure has rarely exceeded 1-1000th of a second, if the photospheric granulations were to be obtained; and with plates prepared by the gelatino-bromide process the time may be reduced to 1-20,000th of a second, or less. Now, if one of these dry plates be exposed half a second, or a second, a distinct positive image is produced, the body of the sun appearing white and the spots black, as they do to the eye. M. Janssen has similarly obtained positive images of landscapes, appearing transparently as the scene is viewed naturally; also a view of the park at Meudon, showing a white solar disc on the dark background of the sky, and counter types, which are of the same sign as the original type—i.e., positive if the type be positive, and negative if it be negative. In these photographs it is the same spectral rays that have first given the negative image, and then effected its transformation into a positive.

The eccentric habits of the cuckoo, which have long been a subject of comment among naturalists, have been again brought forward by two correspondents of the *Live Stock Journal*, one of whom writes, "Last week I shot what I thought at the time was a sparrow-hawk, but upon examination it proved to be a male cuckoo, and tightly in its claws was a cuckoo's egg; which it retained some time after it was shot. I believe the supposition that the bird carries its eggs about in that way is a much disputed point; but I cannot but after this regard it as a positive fact." The second correspondent, however, does not hold the same theory, as he states that "no doubt the male cuckoo had been pilfering a small bird's nest, which these birds are very fond of, and by chance came upon a cuckoo's egg deposited therein, and being disturbed it flew away with the egg in its claws, when it was shot, and in the death struggle (convulsion) the egg was firmly clenched in its claws. I never knew cuckoos to carry their eggs, but I have watched them pilfering and sucking small birds' eggs many a time, and carrying the shells considerable distances from the nest plundered."

We understand that Bro. Dr. W. R. Woodman (P.G.S.B.), the Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucian Society in Anglia, has been appointed the first honorary member of the Society in the United States, over which Bro. C. E. Meyer presides as S.M. Bro. Meyer has also appointed Bro. Thomas Bowman Whythead (of York), Chief Adept of the "Yorkshire College," as representative from the Rosicrucian Society of the United States at the Society in this country. Dr. Woodman has approved of the appointment, and conferred upon Bro. Whythead the distinction of being Honorary IX. The Rosicrucian Society is not Masonic, and does not pretend to be; but, as its membership is selected from that of the Freemasons, its progress, to say the least, is viewed with pleasure by all interested in occult studies.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

CROYDON.

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

A Vacancy having occurred in the Office of Collector of this Institution, Brethren (who must be Master Mason) and between the ages of Twenty-five and Forty-five years desirous of becoming candidates for the same are requested to send in their applications, accompanied by their testimonials, not later than Monday, the 12th July next, to the undersigned, from whom all information respecting the Duties of the Office can be obtained.

By order, JAMES TERRY,
Secretary.

4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
25th June, 1880.

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A Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the Twelfth day of July, 1880, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To adopt a recommendation from the General Committee, that Sixteen Boys be elected from an approved List of Seventy-three Candidates at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, the Eleventh day of October next.

N.B.—The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the Afternoon precisely.

By order, FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Std.
V. Pres., Secretary.

London, 3rd July, 1880.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

THE R.W. BRO. GENERAL STUDHOLME
BROWNRIGG, C.B., PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Notice is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on SATURDAY, the 24th day of JULY, 1880, at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the PUBLIC HALL, SUTTON, in the County of Surrey, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the other Brethren of the Province, are requested to attend.

By command of the R.W.P.G. Master,
CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Prov. G. Secretary.

61, Nelson Square, Blackfriars Road.
June 24th, 1880.

P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock precisely. Tickets for which (price 15s.) may be had of Bro. James Hamer OWENS, P.M., Sutton, Surrey; or of the PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at the Parish Church at 2.15 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN. Brethren not to appear in Masonic Costume at Divine Service.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

ROSE OF SHARON ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 6.
PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

CHAPTER HOUSE, 77½, BISHOPSGATE STREET.

The Chapter will be opened as a Lodge of Instruction every Tuesday evening in July, commencing on the 6th, when the Degrees of the Chapter—Five and Six—will be worked, and to which Royal Arch Masons are invited. On subsequent Tuesdays the remaining Degrees—Seven to Eleven—will be worked, and holders of these or corresponding Degrees under other Rites are admitted on application.

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

Information as to advancement in the Degrees of this Rite may be obtained at the Chapter House as above.

JAMES HILL, 32, Sec.

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Bro. HILL in our next.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1880.

ALL our readers, with the whole Anglican, and we may say a Anglo-Saxon Craft, will hear with heartfelt sorrow of the decease of their amiable friend and faithful brother, and that most excellent Mason, Bro. JOHN HERVEY, late Grand Secretary of England. Latterly his life has been one of physical prostration and bodily pain, but the warmest sympathies of his brethren went with him on his bed of sickness and in his retirement from work, just as their regard and affection ever accompanied him while he zealously preformed the duties of his high office so efficiently in their midst. Now that Bro. JOHN HERVEY has passed away from amongst us, we may say much that hitherto we have, for various reasons, naturally forborne from saying. Bro. JOHN HERVEY has left his mark on English Masonry, and it is not too much to assert, that to the very admirable and conscientious discharge of his Secretarial duties the last decade of English Masonry owes much of its special energy and active development. Affable in manner, courteous in address, an educated and sensible citizen of the world, Bro. JOHN HERVEY was equally a "bright Mason" in ritual exposition and ceremonial usage. His moderation of temper and equanimity of disposition were remarkably balanced by firmness in principle and able discrimination of men and things; while the unvarying kindness of his heart, and the great amiability of his disposition, as well as his sound judgment and intelligent mind, rendered him at all times a safe counsellor, a pleasant companion, a "buon camarado," and a true friend. Many of the Order little knew how he struggled manfully against growing weakness and over-mastering pains to discharge the onerous labours imposed upon him as Grand Secretary, and to be present amongst his brethren, where his presence was always hailed with pleasure and rejoicing, and there can be little doubt but that by his conscientious discharge of increasing calls on his time and energies he greatly overworked his strength, and overtaxed his constitution. But he was anxious always not to disappoint his brethren and many friends who looked up to him, and to manifest his interest whether in old or new lodges. We think it right to add that the comparatively easy work of the Grand Secretary of twenty-five years ago has become a task of no small labour, a constant occupation of body and mind. Indeed, it was often a marvel to those who knew him best how he got through the onerous and multifarious responsibilities of his post, and that whatever his weakness or acute pains were, he was ever before the Craft, and in that must have been to him a labour of great weariness, cheerful and genial, smiling and serene, ready for work, and most social among the social. We are among those who shall always regret much that there was any discussion in Grand Lodge about his retiring pension, as, knowing well his sensitive nature, we fear he may have much felt, though he would say nothing, that any controversy should be raised among his brethren as to what he liked to term his "poor services to Freemasonry." Today we can only record his death, and deplore his loss with fraternal sympathy and regret. The name and memory of "JOHN HERVEY" will long endure among English

Masons, and especially those who were most intimate with him, "familiar on their lips as household words," enrolled in that long calendar of Masonic worthies whom we cherished truly while living, and whom we miss, truly, deeply, greatly, when their place on earth knows them no more.

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As will be seen elsewhere, the funeral of our lamented Bro. JOHN HERVEY took place on Wednesday last at Norwood Cemetery. The very bad weather was, no doubt, the cause of the comparatively thin attendance.

WE are very glad indeed to note the large amount received at the recent festival of the Boys' School, which has been a great success. Fourteen thousand pounds is an immense totality, which, no doubt, represents the feelings of the Craft generally towards that needful and useful Institution, which seems, under the able headship of Bro. Dr. MORRIS, to be fully working up to its proper level as a great educational Institution. We congratulate all connected with its administration at so pleasant and so striking a result.

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THE returns for the Boys' School Festival are in themselves very noteworthy. We wish that by a little more pains in all the offices we could set before our readers an abstract of the returns lucidly and correctly at once. As things are at present given out, it falls on a weary scribe often to have to discriminate between metropolitan and provincial returns, and to make the "tottle" square for the information of many readers. The whole amount for the "metropolis" and "unattached" is £5290, more or less, and for the provinces £8710, more or less equally. Of the metropolitan lodges, the largest amount sent in is that of No. 554, Bro. J. G. STEVENS, £206 6s. 6d.; the next to it is No. 1671, Bro. BERGMANN, £151; Bro. BERGMANN is closely followed by No. 1767, Bros. G. F. BARR and C. F. BARHAM, £142 5s.; No. 1388 next appears with the goodly return of £138, Bro. Major-General RANDOLPH; while No. 1718, Bro. SUGG, comes forward with £116 11s.; and No. 215, Bro. W. RADCLYFFE, remits £112 15s. Three lodges now are found with £100 each, namely, Grand Stewards' Lodge, Bro. F. BINCKES, £100 3s.; No. 9, Bro. J. FORBES, with £100; and No. 1158, Bro. G. H. SHANNAN, £100. The remaining lodges, though many subscribe liberal sums, do not come up to three figures. For instance, No. 2, Antiquity, sends £48 16s., Bro. C. R. RIVINGTON—but it has sent Stewards to the other two Charities this year, as it always does, and its whole contributions, if mainly for the Girls' School this year, amount to between £500 and £600. What is true of it may be true of other London lodges. In the provinces the largest amount is naturally brought in by West Lancashire, in support of its popular Prov. G.M., the noble Chairman, the Earl of LATHOM, and which remits £2664 18s. The next is that of Northumberland with £638 18s., which is succeeded by Kent with £563; Kent is followed by West Yorkshire, (ever ready for charity work), with £450, and which again is in front of Middlesex with £402. East Lancashire then comes on with £378, and Cheshire follows with £313 12s. 6d. South Wales, West Division, reaches to £300, and Herts presses on it with £290, which again is closely followed by North Wales and Salop with £265 17s. Gloucester is now before us with £235 3s., which only just precedes Hants, which sends £224 3s., and which heads Suffolk with its £207 13s. Leicester and Rutland are now not far behind with £194 5s.; Dorsetshire then cuts in with £169 1s.; to be followed by Warwickshire with £162 10s., which again is succeeded by "ancient Durham" with £136 10s. South Wales, East Division, is not far off with £126 5s., just preceding Surrey with £123 18s. Somersetshire and Berks and Bucks close the list with £106 1s. the former, and £105 18s. the latter. The remaining provinces do not come up to three figures; but these may have done much this year both for the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Such is the actual analysis of the returns

for the Boys' School Festival, which we commend to the attention of our readers, "errors excepted." £51 have subsequently come in, and there are now seventeen outstanding lists.

SEVERAL points arise out of these returns, which we will deal with seriatim and singly. The first is, that in the metropolis only eight lodges—please note this fact, kind reader—from No. 1700 have sent a Steward or a return, a very momentous reality, look at it as you will. In the provinces, seven have done so—fifteen only represented from 1700 downwards. Before 1881 we trust that our younger lodges will bear in mind that Masonry does not merely consist in the "social circle"—very good in its way—but that each new lodge has its duties towards the Charities as well as older bodies. And though, no doubt, a good deal may be fairly said as to the preliminary expenses of new lodges, yet they are not so overpowering as to prevent anything being found for charity; the more so when we remember the heavy outlay for social requirements. We trust to see a marked improvement in this respect in 1881.

ANOTHER point is the absence of contributing Chapters; this ought not so to be, and is a grave reflection on Royal Arch Masonry. We hope that others will see it as we do, and we think clearly, as Royal Arch Masons.

THE third point is the wide "margin" as between the metropolis and the provinces in their returns. Is there any reason for so marked a difference? or is it merely an incidental and passing characteristic, which will be altered, and altered for the better, on another occasion? AND, lastly, as regards the Festival, we feel bound to call attention to a matter we have often dilated upon before, namely, the want of a more equally diffused support among all our lodges and chapters, and all ranks of the brethren of our great metropolitan Charities. It is still the few as compared to the many, both as regards lodges, chapters, and brethren, who make up these goodly and gracious returns year by year. We yet look forward to the hope that we may have it in our power to report, that the Masonic duty of supporting our really noble Institutions is felt as much by the mass of the Order, as it is evidently realized by the zealous few.

BUT, still, let "carping critics," let "zealous pessimists" say what they will, the return for the Boys' School for 1880 is a very noble return, wonderful by comparison of previous years, and symptomatic of that thorough Masonic sympathy with those kindly Charities, which appeal in this Metropolis of ours to the best efforts and fraternal aid of all members of the Craft.

WE must all be much amused with the efforts made here and there to take from ROBERT RAIKES the credit of founding the Sunday School system. We who are unimpassioned and impartial spectators necessarily with such a controversy, will agree with SIR CHARLES REED, that whatever individuals may have done here and there, up and down the country, the system owes to ROBERT RAIKES, in his cottage schools, at Gloucester, its actual stability, development, and reality, as a system of wide, of universal application. But such is the way of the world. The true "Inventors" are very few, the pseudo-claimants are very many.

WE cannot profess to go along with the Charity Organization Society in its application to the Home Secretary, to place all charity associations, even the most modern, under the Charity Commission. In our opinion we have quite enough of "Red Tape" as it is, and we are in great danger with this bureaucratic tendency of the hour to be simply overridden by a host of inspectors, and the like. If more legislative power is wanted to punish fraudulent beggars, and heartless impostors, and specious robbers of the charitable, be it so. That,

surely, could not be difficult of attainment. But let us beware of two great evils, centralized irresponsibility, and so-called paternal interference with everybody and everything.

THE election of the Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place, according to former precedents, on the 15th inst. We understand that it is proposed to defer the election, but we think that, as the work of Collector is greatly in arrear, the sooner the election is made the better. We have heard that it is proposed to non-confirm a portion of the minutes of the last meeting, but we cannot see how that can be done. The minutes record what took place, and on the faith of which an advertisement was issued, and, therefore, it is absolutely impossible to non-confirm the minutes, except, indeed, on the ground of "incorrectness." We hope that all members of the Permanent Committee will be present, as the vote is one of importance. We need hardly point out, that if even the slightest variation is made, the whole question must be thrown open and reconsidered and a fresh advertisement issued; but though we, ourselves, should have preferred the limits of age to have been respectively twenty-one and fifty, we cannot think it right to go against the decided opinion of the intelligent majority which decided the question, having fairly heard both sides at the last Committee meeting. We repeat that we hope all members of the Committee who can be present will make a point of attending.

WE are told that our remarks anent "Masonic Sweeps" have given great offence to some of our brethren. We are heartily sorry for it, but as the use of the *Freemason* would be gone, if it ever gave way to the temptation of "saying smooth things," and of merely seeking to "run with the crowd," so we feel sure, that our honest objections and well-intentioned warning will, on calm reflection, be appreciated by a large majority of our law-respecting, and thoughtful Brotherhood.

THE *Australian Freemason* of May 17th, which is, as our readers may know, the organ of the new Grand Lodge, which claims now to represent twenty-three lodges, though none of the English Constitution, we believe, states that the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," by a mistake, makes Bro. LEWORTHY G. Secretary of the Body, whereas Bro. LEWORTHY is D.G. Secretary of the English D.G. Lodge, and Bro. M. WEEKES, P.M., is the G.S. of the assumed G. Lodge. We rectify the error at the request of the Editor of the "Cosmo," but we do not in England see how the new body is a lawful Grand Lodge, with all fraternal good feeling to those who compose it.

WE rejoice to announce that close upon £29,000 have been received for the Hospital Fund, and that other returns have yet to come in. It is considered that the whole amount will be much in excess of last year.

BRO. JOHN HERVEY.

In another portion of our pages will be found some reference to the great loss which Freemasonry and society has sustained by the demise of our beloved Bro. JOHN HERVEY, for thirteen years Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, and Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch. A carefully written and complete Masonic Obituary will appear next week, prepared by his nephew, Bro. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, one of our contributors.

Bro. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE has asked us to state that this somewhat sudden and sad event must be his excuse to his very many Masonic correspondents in all parts of the world for any delay in answering their enquiries.

Bro. Sheriff Woolloton presided at the opening of a fancy bazaar at the new mission hall attached to St. Matthew's Church, New Kent-road. The object of the bazaar was the liquidation of a debt still hanging over the mission hall.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE LATE BRO. JOHN HERVEY.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
As I left Norwood Cemetery on Wednesday last, I felt, as I feel still, that something ought to be done to perpetuate, Masonically, the services of our late valued and loved Grand Secretary; and then the thought has occurred to me would it not be well to erect a monument to him in Norwood Cemetery? This, surely, is not a matter difficult of arrangement, and the subscriptions might be so fixed as to include small sums from many in town and country. I feel sure that our esteemed Grand Treasurer would lend his valuable services as Treasurer of the fund, and probably Bro. Buss, who is Bro. Hervey's executor, might be willing to act as Secretary—it could not be in better hands. Before we all leave London could we not meet under the distinguished presidency of Bro. John Havers, for instance, and record our admiration for an old friend in so fitting a tribute to his memory?
Yours fraternally,

ONE AT THE FUNERAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—
It may perhaps interest some of your readers to know that I have at my studio a copy of my bust of our late Bro. John Hervey (now exhibiting at the Royal Academy), which I shall be happy to show to any brother who may favour me with a call.
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
M. RAGGI, P.M., P.Z. No. 7.
31, Devonshire-street, Portland-place.
July 5th.

GRAND MARK LODGE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
As the oldest official Mark Master of Gloucestershire let me express my deep sorrow that any P.M. of our province could have written so ungracious a letter as that which appeared in your last issue. Far from the appointment of Baron de Ferrieres taking us by surprise we were fully expecting its occurrence, and should have been grievously disappointed if our worthy brother had not obtained office in Grand Mark Lodge. If "P.M." really takes any interest either in Grand Lodge or Grand Mark Lodge he certainly ought to know that it is not unusual to give office to distinguished brethren who have not been many years in the Order. In opposition to "P.M.'s" last sentence, I may be allowed to say that for myself and for all the Mark brethren with whom I have spoken, we fully recognise the claims of the Baron for the office he holds, and that many old and deserving Mark Masters greatly rejoice in his appointment. His claims are not far to seek by any candid and generous brother. The Baron is a Vice-President of the Mark Benevolent Fund and Vice Patron of all the Charities; he holds office in his Craft lodge and in his Mark lodge; is a Prov. Grand Mark Officer and a Past Grand Officer; he is active, courteous, and regular in all his Masonic duties; and his time, his services, and his resources are given in the most ungrudging spirit to his several lodges. Lately he discharged in a very able and munificent manner the duties of Mayor of Cheltenham, and he has now the honour of representing the town in Parliament. As to "P.M.'s" question of precedence I may answer that the Baron will take the same place in Prov. Grand Mark Lodge that our Very Worshipful brother, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, took in Prov. Grand Lodge when we had to congratulate ourselves on his appointment as Grand Chaplain.
I am, yours fraternally, J. B.
Cheltenham, July 6.

GOOD OR BAD FORM.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Will you kindly answer enclosed through your paper. An account was presented in open lodge, was subjected to the usual scrutiny, a member proposed that it be paid, another member seconded the proposition, it was put to the brethren, and carried in the usual manner. The Secretary, the following day, instead of getting a cheque took the account to a member of the lodge, and with him waited upon the man to whom the account was due, asking him to make some reduction, which he declined to do; the Secretary then declined to pay the account. I may add that the brother who went with the Secretary was not in office. My contention is that this was contrary to the law and spirit of Freemasonry, especially as the man to whom the money was due was a member of the same lodge. I do not for obvious reasons give you the name of the lodge, but it is one of the lodges to which I belong.
I am, Sir, yours obediently,

BUCKSTONE.

[We think the Secretary has acted perfectly wrongly, and is bound by the resolution and order of the lodge. The best course of proceeding would be to move the lodge to pass a resolution directing the Secretary to carry out its previous resolution.—Ed. F.M.]

Reviews.

MAGAZINES FOR JULY.

"Scribner's Magazine." This comes before us in most interesting form and effective editing. It is really A 1. There is an article on vivisection which makes your blood curdle with the cruelty of those who will practise it and uphold it. We spare our readers the really sickening horrors there recited, and though we are neither "sentimental" nor "sensational" in our temperament or proclivities, we do ask indignantly, can it be for the interests of science that such a barbarous dealing with animals is sanctioned, such a reversal of the law of kindness for the brute creation deliberately approved of? Some of the operations recorded are simply grotesque, and disgusting in their infliction of painful torments on poor dumb, but writhing and moaning animals. We wish the Anti-Vivisection Society would republish the article!

"Temple Bar" and "Household Words," progress with their accustomed ability. The story of the "Duke's Children" is coming to a close; it is too much spun out. We like "Set in a Silver Sea" less and less. But then we are very old fashioned. Temple Bar is actually, however, somewhat below its normal level.

"The Antiquary" is a first-rate number, and we trust, as we think, is gaining strength month by month. It is a most interesting collection of antiquarian details.

PLAIN LIVING AND HIGH THINKING. By W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS. John Hogg, Paternoster-row.

We reviewed a former work of the same writer, called the "Secret of Success," and we have much pleasure in recording our most favourable opinion of this work, published this year. We have ourselves read it, and highly approve of it, and would like to put it into the hands of all reading boys. It is admirable conceived, and well brought out, and we can hardly fancy any sustained narrative more likely to please or to attract, to move and edify the enquiring and thoughtful mind of youth. It would be a most safe prize book, and an admirable birthday gift. We commend it to many amongst us.

THE MAGISTRATE'S POCKET GUIDE. By T. BAKER, Esq., Inner Temple. Knight and Co., 90, Fleet-street.

This is a very useful little *vade mecum*, lucid and legal, precise and portable, which all who are, or aspire to the honourable position of a "Justice of the Peace" may well obtain and carefully peruse. It will be always valuable for information, and may prove most important to many on some pressing occasion.

BOLETIN OFFICIAL DE LA GRAN LOGIA UNIDA DE COLON—E ISLA DE CUBA.

Thirty-one lodges were represented at the meeting of this Grand Lodge at Havannah, under G.M. Bro. Antonio Covin, April 18th. There were two Grand Bodies in Cuba, and it was somewhat difficult at this distance from the scene of operations to decide which was in the right or wrong. Now, as we understand matters, they form one united Grand Lodge. If this be the real state of affairs, which is still, we confess, a little hazy, we wish it all success. It has adopted a good motto—"In Fodere Vis."

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS, No. 31, E. W. STIBBS, 32, Museum-street.

This is another of our well-known old acquaintance, Mr. Stibbs' catalogues, interesting to the book collector in all respects. We note some curious books. It has a fine Biblia Polyglotta, 1657; a large collection of classical, philological, and archaeological, and some rare books in bibliography, biography, county history, and the like. There are some remarkable dictionaries, and we note specially Hutchinson's History of Dorsetshire, £12 12s.; Moryson's "Itinerary," £4 4s.; Nicholas's "Testamenta Vetusta;" Otley's "Enquiry into the History of Engraving," £6 16s. 6d.; and many more. Indeed, to do full justice to the catalogue would take a much larger amount of space than we can afford. We recommend our readers to get it and study it for themselves.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

I think that my good friend, Bro. Hughan, will now admit that Bro. Coombe's book makes the probability lean, at any rate, to the correctness of Oliver's statement. It is hardly likely that if the work was only published in 1762 it could have reached a sixth edition in 1767, it is *a priori* much more probable that Oliver was right when he said a fifth edition was published in 1764. The matter is important as upholding the *bona fides* of Dr. Oliver, for it is quite clear to me, as it is to all, that if he was incorrect in this distinct statement, he could be relied upon in nothing whatever. In the reaction of a critical school, perhaps somewhat hard measure has been meted out to the good old doctor. I, for one, could not get over Bro. Walter Spencer's clear evidence on the subject, which appeared to me to settle the question, I confess.

EDITOR "F.M."

MISCELLANEA.

Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis sends me some more extracts from his Stukeley correspondence:

Edmund Weaver writing to Dr. S. in January, 1730, says: "The bearer intends to ask you for the paper I sent you some time since concerning Free Masonry, it being lies, which, if not lost, pray give him, for he seems to value it more than it deserves."

Maurice Johnson, of Spalding, writing to Dr. S. in July, 1839, says: "The Duke of Buccleugh, Lord of our Manor, our Patron and Benefactor, has bestowed Langley's, or the Free Masons' architecture from Vitruvius to the present time on us—a work of too great expense to have been otherwise expected to be seen in this village."

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

I have been studying lately the "History of the A. and A. Rite" for an archaeological purpose. Can any one tell me when the "Berlin Constitutions" first appeared, and in what way? The earliest trace I can find of them, so far, is as used by the French Brother Count de la Grasse, about 1803. Daruty in his recent work seems to set little store by them.

MASONIC STUDENT.

GODFREY HIGGINS.

I note Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie's interesting remarks anent the "Anakalypsis," &c., and I agree with him that the book is one for a Masonic student to peruse. It is also, however, I think, fair to remark that we cannot altogether safely rely on Godfrey Higgins' critical, historical, and archaeological statements in re-Freemasonry, as he was somewhat erratic in his views, and far too hasty in his assumptions and conclusions. Still, the work is a very remarkable one, and was formerly somewhat rare. I am also glad to hear of the reprint.

MASONIC STUDENT.

I very warmly support the letter from Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie in praise of the reprint of the "Anakalypsis," in two vols., now being issued by Bro. James

Burns, of Southampton-row, London. The second volume has still to be issued. The first being in five parts, at two-and-sixpence each, for which there surely should be a large sale, the original work, after costing from ten to twelve guineas, only 200 copies being printed. Many of us are waiting anxiously for the appearance of the *first* number of the second volume, the first volume being all that could be desired. Doubtless if the enterprise is supported as it should be, Bro. Burns would follow with a reprint of the "Celtic Druids," by the same curious and talented author.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE "ALFRED LODGE" MEDAL, OXFORD.

In the *Liberal Freemason*, Boston (well named for its liberal views and plentiful supply of Masonic views, &c.), we find the following in alluding to my query as to the issue of a medal by the "Alfred Lodge, Oxford."—"We have seen in the hands of a well-known collector, a medal, bearing the bust of King Alfred on one side, and the Arms of Oxford University on the other." As does Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, the learned collector referred to, the editor considers the medal was struck for a lodge, and most likely by the Oxford lodge already noted. The query in the *Freemason* was in prosecution of the search for evidence in response to Bro. Marvin's desire, and I have had the pleasure of writing him this last week of the successful result to my enquiries. Bro. the Rev. J. Holden Jukes, M.A. (P.M., &c.), kindly interested himself in the matter, and reported first of all that one of the oldest members of the present "Alfred" Lodge, Oxford, knew not of any such medal, but that he has an old seal, the same as the obverse of medal in question. The present "Alfred" Lodge was chartered in the year 1814, but there was another of the same name, only held in the "University of Oxford," which was warranted in 1769 as 455, then in 1780 numbered 391, in 1781 it became 303, and in 1782 it was lowered to 304, soon after which it succumbed. The old records preserved commence in 1769, and continue to 1782. The minute of the 22nd Oct., 1772, informs us of the needed fact as to the medal as follows: "Bro. Treasurer laid before the lodge a copy of the dye of a medal which was approved of, and ordered that forty be struck for the use of the Lodge of Alfred." On the 6th Nov., 1772, it was "agreed that every Master Mason shall pay 10s. 6d. for medal, none under that Degree being admitted to that distinction." From 1777, the Rev. Bro. Jukes tells me, it was styled the "Royal Alfred," and in the register of initiations occasionally the gentlemen newly admitted are styled "a gifted brother;" the meaning of which term is not quite clear now. The medal is just the size of a "crown," and Bro. Marvin's impression is the only one so far known to be in existence. Obverse. Bust of King Alfred to right, with coronet, &c. Legend. Dominus Illuminatio Mea. Reverse. Shield, quarterly, 1 & 4, a book opened between three crowns. Left side of book are seven seals (*Oxford University Arms*) 2 & 3 Arms of the "Modern" Grand Lodge of England. Above the shield is the sun. Legend. Sit lux et lux fuit. This bronze medal was struck A.D. 1772, and has a peculiar kind of ring at top, doubtless from which to suspend it. The legend on obverse is motto on the University Arms.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MILITARY LODGES.

Looking over the first volume of the "Masonic Magazine," at p. 373 (June 1874), I noticed recently an article by our Bro. Hughan, headed—"Bye-Laws of Military Lodges." Prefatory to the bye-laws, which are set forth in detail, Bro. Hughan remarks: "We can neither decide, as yet, either as to their date or the number of the lodge." The code itself, distinguishes the *regiment*, as "His Majesty's 12th Foot," and the *lodge* as "the Duke of Norfolk's Masons' Lodge."

The lodge in question was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as No. 58, in 1747, and cut off in 1809.

Being cited on the Scottish Lodge Roll as No. 58, in the "Duke of Norfolk's Regiment," and *two* regiments of foot having borne that title, I was at the pains, some six months ago, of searching amongst the records of both these regiments, in the library of the United Service Institution, with a view to ascertaining which of the two had been quartered in Scotland in the year 1747, when the warrant No. 58 was granted. In a tolerably searching investigation of regimental lodges, I have been much baffled; firstly, by the very vague manner in which they are described in Grand Lodge calendars, and, secondly, by the absence of any allusion to Freemasons' lodges in regimental records. For example, in the numeration of 1792-1813, "Moderns" there appears No. 591, Lodge of Philanthropists, in Scotch Brigade, Madras, No. 11, C. of Coromandel, constituted 1802. Accidentally, I found that the *old* 94th Regiment bore the *soubriquet* of the "Scotch Brigade," hence a regimental lodge is added to my list; but the connection between the 94th Foot and the "Scotch Brigade" is nowhere suggested by any *Masonic* record.

R. F. GOULD.

GIBBON AND THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP.

Edward Gibbon, the learned author of the "History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," was a member of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6. Through the influence of Mr., afterwards Lord, Eliot, who married Gibbon's first cousin, and an ancestor of the present Earl of St. Germans, Past Grand Warden, a member of both Friendship Lodge and Friendship Chapter, Bro. Gibbon was elected M.P. for Liskeard, for which borough he sat during eight sessions. He represented Lynton, Hants, in the succeeding parliament, and for three years held the comfortable post of a Commissioner of Trade and Plantations, but he resigned his seat and lost his appointment on the dissolution of Lord North's ministry. Gibbon it was who established the Roman Club, of which Bro. Lord Wenman, Hon. John Damer, Sir Thomas Gascoine, a descendant of the younger brother of the celebrated Lord Chief Justice Gascoine of the reign of Henry IV., and other brethren of this lodge were members.

The Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, which was warranted in 1721, was about the first of our lodges to assume a distinctive name, that of "Friendship" having been chosen at a meeting on the 10th March, 1867, on which day also His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master in succession to Lord Blayney, was elected its W. Master.

The collection of marbles and terra-cottas, known as the Townley Gallery, in the British Museum, was made by Bro. Charles Townley, a member of Friendship, No. 6.

Bro. Townley died 3rd January, 1805, and his executors offered his collection of marbles and terra-cottas only to the nation. They were purchased under an Act of Parliament, specially passed for the purpose, for £20,000, and, additional premises having been built, the gallery was opened to the public in 1808. The rest of his antiquities, illustrative of the marbles, were purchased under another Act in 1814 for £2000. Thomas, fourth Lord Foley, son of Thomas, third lord, was a member of Lodge No. 6. The family, it seems, was a "fast" one, and it was in respect of one of them who crossed over to the continent in order to avoid his creditors that Selwyn wittily observed "It is a Pass-over that will not be much relished by the Jews." Lord Foley was so annoyed at their having had dealings with the Jewish money-lenders that he cut his sons off with a shilling. Subsequently, however, he relented, and made a will in their favour, on hearing which the same Selwyn remarked that "They had gained considerably more by the New Testament than by the Old."

It is well known that it was the custom in the last century for gentlemen to wear swords when out promenading or on the horse, and the same custom is still observed at Her Majesty's Court. Preston mentions in his "Illustrations" that the question was seriously considered of allowing brethren, when met together, to wear swords. It may not be so generally known that in December, 1767, this privilege was allowed to the members of Lodge No. 6, so at least said Bro. Platt in his address on the occasion of its centenary celebration in 1867. However, the privilege was withdrawn on 12th May, 1768.

The same brother records that on 13th May, 1767, the Duchess of Beaufort was nominated, and on the 27th of the month elected "Lady Patroness of the Lodge of Friendship," and a pair of gloves, of the value of five guineas, was presented to Her Grace, in recognition of her kindness in accepting the office.

It will have been noticed by those who have studied the older lodge lists that have been handed down to us, and are still fortunately preserved in the archives of Grand Lodge, that many, if not most, of our early lodges met in comparatively humble neighbourhoods, though not so humble then as they are now. Thus the present Fortitude and Old Cumberland, No. 12, which Bro. Gould in his "Four Old Lodges" directly traces back to original No. 3 Lodge, that met at the Appletree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent Garden, once held its meetings at the Queen's Head, Knave's Acre. A neighbourhood so designated, though the people, of course, may have been quite honest, seems hardly to have been the place in which to look for a lodge of Freemasons. On passing, however, to the pages of Strype's edition of Stow, published 1720, it will be found that Knave's Acre "was one and the same with 'Pultney' or 'Poultny-street,'" and is there described in manner following: "Knave's Acre or Poultny-street, falls into Brewer's-street by Windmill-street end, so runs westward as far as Marybone-street, and Warwick-street end; and crossing the same and Swallow-street, falls into Glasshouse-street, which leadeth into the fields on the back side of Burlington Garden, and thence to Albemarle Buildings. This Knave's Acre is but narrow, and chiefly inhabited by those that deal in old goods and glass bottles. On the south side is a small place called Spur-alley, and another called Prince's-court. And on the north side is Walker's-court, with a pretty Freestone pavement, which falls into Peter-street, and a little beyond this court is another small place called Cymball's-alley, which also leads into Peter-street." From the places named, such as Brewer-street, Windmill-street, Swallow-street, Glasshouse-street, Burlington Gardens, &c., we are enabled to form a pretty accurate idea of the locality of Knave's Acre. Strype, however, says nothing as to why it was so called. Perhaps some of the readers of the *Freemason* may be in a position to explain the reason. Dealers in "old glass bottles" neither were, nor are, "knaves" of necessity. According to Stow, "the company of Masons, being otherwise termed Freemasons, of ancient standing, and good reckoning, by means of affable and kind meetings, divers times, and as a loving brotherhood should use to do, did frequent this mutual assembly in the time of King Henry IV., in the twelfth year of His Most Gracious Reign. These arms granted by William Hauckiston Clarencieux King-at-arms, 13 Edw. IV."

Benet, Abbot of Winral, Master to the Reverent Bede, first brought Masons, and workmen in stone into Britain among the Saxons in the year 680, A.D.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1310).—This "front rank" lodge held its July meeting on Monday afternoon last in the Zeland Room, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and as this was the last occasion upon which Bro. Edward Swanborough would occupy the chair of K.S., his brethren showed up in strength, considering at this season of the year so many of them are called away from town by reason of their professional engagements, as, for example, is the case with the popular Secretary, Bro. E. Stanton Jones, P.M., Z., whose duties are temporarily and assiduously filled by Bro. J. M. Chamberlain, P.M. Although the Lodge of Asaph meets at two o'clock, and has but a brief space of time wherein to transact Masonic business, a vast amount of work is always got through, and the dispensation of charity occupies a considerable portion of its time, for No. 1310 is quite a board of benevolence in itself, every deserving appeal, when properly introduced and recommended, being met with a hearty response, and it is astonishing the number of cases relieved in the course of the Masonic year. Amongst those present at the opening of lodge and during the subsequent proceedings were Bro. E. Swanborough, W.M.; Charles Wellard, S.W.; Harry Cox, J.W.; Charles Coote, jun., Treasurer; J. M. Chamberlain, P.M., acting as Secretary, in the absence of Bro. E. Stanton Jones, P.M.; W. Meyer Lutz, S.D.; John M. Leon, J.D.; F. Delevanti, I.G.; Charles Ernest Tinney, Organist; Abraham Henson, Steward; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The following are the Past Masters of the lodge: Bro. Charles S. Jeykell, Grand Organist; James Weaver, P.P.G.O. Middx.; George Buckland, I.P.M.; William A. Tinney; and E. Frewin. The following members of the lodge were present: Bro. J. D. Beveridge, A. Woodhouse, J. G. Taylor, G. Humphrey, H. Snyders, Harry Bracey, W. J. Kent, H. Baker, H. J. Calcott, G. R. Egerton, Alfred Phillips, Harry Ashley, Joseph Perry, W. Roll-

G. C. Pritchard, I. Silberberg, George Jenkinson, C. Harper, jun., A. Morten, Max Klein, G. W. Trout, and H. J. Hitchens. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. A. H. Sitwell, J.W. 127; R. Raid; T. O. Harding, 859; John Wood, 1470; F. Gruggen, 1670; and Ernest E. Smith, S.W. 1559.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the lodge of 7th June were read and confirmed, after which Bro. G. Trout was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The W.M. rendered the ceremony in a manner befitting its solemn character, and the candidate was visibly impressed when he retired, after being invested with the badge and entrusted with the secrets and mysteries of the Degree. Bro. Sec. next read the bye-laws, during which trying ceremonial the brethren maintained strict silence. Next in order on the agenda paper came the election of W.M., Treas., and Tyler for the ensuing year. The W.M. remarked that it had been customary with the brethren comprising the Asaph Lodge to elect their S.W. to the chair, and that, too, by an unanimous vote. He sincerely trusted that on the present occasion the custom would be observed. He might, however, observe, as a matter of form, that all Past Masters and himself were eligible for election; but that he was instructed to say, on behalf of the Past Masters, that, if elected, none of them would serve, and he was quite certain he would not accept re-election. That the remarks of the W.M. were unnecessary was proved by the result—every voting paper being in favour of Bro. C. Wellard, S.W., and the announcement was well received. The W.M. briefly and formally made Bro. Wellard acquainted of the fact that he had been unanimously elected by the officers and brethren of the Lodge of Asaph as their head during the ensuing year. The W.M. elect, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him, and assured them that he would do all in his power to further the interests of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Charles Coote, jun., P.M., was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gilbert re-elected Tyler. The President, Vice-President, and Committee of the "Lodge of Asaph Benevolent Fund" were re-appointed, and Bros. H. Ashley, H. J. Hitchens, and Fairchild elected to serve as Auditors during the ensuing year. The W.M. then vacated the chair and withdrew from the lodge. Bro. George Buckland, I.P.M., having assumed the chair of K.S., addressed the lodge: This, brethren, is the last occasion upon which we shall see our present W.M. in the chair of this lodge, for his year of office will have expired when we next meet. I have now to move that, in accordance with our usual custom, Bro. Swanborough be presented with a suitable Past Master's jewel, in token of our appreciation of the way in which he has discharged the duties of his office in this lodge, and that the said jewel be purchased from the lodge funds, and presented to him at the installation meeting in November. There can only be one opinion as to Bro. Edward Swanborough's attention and assiduity; it might have been supposed that, in consequence of the claims and pressure of his business, he might now and again have been absent; but no, Bro. Swanborough had never once missed an attendance, but, on the other hand, was always punctual to his time, ready cheerfully to meet with and dispose whatever business was on the summons, and he might add, that during his year of office he had had a very large number of initiates to deal with in the different Degrees, and right well had he acquitted himself of the arduous tasks imposed upon him. Bro. J. Weaver, P.P.G.O. Middx., P.M., had the greatest possible pleasure in seconding the proposition, for, of his personal knowledge and observation, Bro. Swanborough had been at great pains to acquire proficiency in the ceremonies, in order that he might sustain the prestige of No. 1319 in the Craft. The proposition was carried unanimously, and the W.M. having returned and resumed his place in the chair, was addressed by Bro. George Buckland: Worshipful Master, during your short absence from the lodge, the brethren have unanimously decided to present you with a Past Master's jewel, in token of their thorough appreciation of the manner in which you have fulfilled your duties during the year. We have all a high sense of the assiduity you have always evinced. You will receive this mark of esteem at the installation meeting in November, and we trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will long spare you to wear it. (Applause.) Bro. Swanborough, in reply, said: Bro. Past Masters, officers, and brethren, I thank you sincerely indeed; I feel that I cannot thank you sufficiently for this great kindness; it is far more than I deserve. If I have pleased you during my year of office your approval would suffice without further reward, but this additional testimony of your satisfaction of my feeble efforts I shall ever prize and remember as a memento of a highly-enjoyable year of office. I must take this opportunity of thanking you all for your kind attention since I have occupied the chair, which I should leave with feelings of regret were it not for the fact that I know I have such a worthy successor in Bro. Wellard. Brethren, once more I thank you for this mark of distinction. (Applause.) Several cases of charity were then entertained, and the applicants retired, and Bro. Sec. read the names of two candidates for initiation and a joining member. The Masonic business now being exhausted, the lodge was closed in due form and solemn prayer.

Most of the brethren at the close of the lodge proceeded next door, where Bro. Dawkins had a capital repast awaiting their discussion, and to this succeeded an hour's chat and gossip over affairs in general, and Masonic matters in particular.

GATESHEAD - ON - TYNE. — Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The midsummer meeting of this old and thriving lodge was held at 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 25th June. The proceedings commenced shortly after seven p.m., when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Wood, assisted by the following officers: Bros. R. Whitfield, I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, S.W.; E. Liddell, J.W.; W. B. Elsdon, Treasurer; J. E. Robson, as Secretary, J. Duckett, as S.D.; J. Macintyre, J.D.; M. Corbett, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Organist; A. Rhagg, S.S.; W. M. Pybus, J.S.; and J. Curry, Tyler. The other members present were Bros. P. B. Ord, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; W. Dalrymple, C. Green, W. Whitfield, J. C. S. Liddell, J. Allen, W. J. Reed, W. B. Slee, E. Shewbrooks, and others. Amongst the visitors we observed Bros. G. A. Allan, P.M. 991; J. Cook, P.M. 481; J. Duckett, S.W. 481; C. B. Ford, J.D. 481; J. Page, I.P.M. 20; W. E. Carmon, 481; P. W. Thomson, I.G. 991; C. Read, S.S. 991; A. E. Gibson, 424; and W. Smith, J.W. 1342, &c.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed,

after which the ballot was taken for Bro. E. Nichols, as a joining member, and for Mr. Joseph Ivison for initiation. The result was satisfactory in both cases. Mr. Ivison, being in attendance, was in due form admitted as an E.A. by the W.M.; the working tools and the charge of the First Degree were explained by the J.W. Bro. M. Corbett, P.M., was again elected to represent the lodge on the Charities Committee of the province. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and, after some formal business, the lodge was closed at 8.30 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room for the remainder of the evening.

SALFORD.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 325).—The first meeting of the members of this lodge in their new home was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi-street, on Thursday, the 24th ult. The change of residence has certainly been made for the better, as any brother must admit who has visited the old quarters of the lodge at Islington-square, and whose eye is gratified by the sight of spacious and nicely furnished rooms and the general comfort and convenience everywhere observable. The lodge room is capable of comfortably seating sixty brethren, as is also the banquet room, which is directly under it. In place of the wooden chairs that were used at the old hall the brethren can now be seated on horsehair chairs with mahogany frames. The floor of the lodge room is covered with a rich carpet, and the banquet room with linoleum, while in both the gas-fittings are at once tasteful and substantial, in fact in every room throughout the building a general air of comfort and completeness is at once apparent to the visitor. Facing the lodge room is an ante-room, which overlooks Peel-crescent and part of the Irwell, and is spacious enough for any purpose the brethren may require it for, and particularly as a cloak room, for which it is at present used. The culinary department on the ground floor is quite equal to any of the resources that may be made upon it, and, under the able superintendence of Bro. Phillips (whom we were exceedingly pleased to find installed at the head of affairs), the brethren will, we feel sure, never have any cause of complaint, either with the quality of viands placed before them or the slow movements of himself and his attendants. We understand the premises have been taken on a fourteen years' lease, and that the Newall and St. John's Lodges (who formerly held their meetings at Islington-square) have joined the Harmony, and will for the future assemble at their new abode.

The lodge was opened at 6.15, and the following brethren were present: Bros. J. Southern, W.M.; Thos. Hall, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; Thos. R. Shaw, Treas.; Wm. Ollier, Secretary; G. H. Slack, S.D.; T. Wibberley, J.D.; J. M. Graham, I.G.; Edmund Simpson, P.M., acting Tyler; Henry Holder, P.M.; James Daniels, John Close, John Bentley, Frank Roberts, James Fife, Thomas Graterex, Samuel Sykes, Richard Robinson, Wm. Rothwell, D. Galloway, W. Pilling, W. F. Raynor, W. Ashton, James Cook, and F. Armstrong.

Visitors: Bros. Ellis Jones, P.M. 1147, P.G. Treas.; J. Barker, P.M. 1134, 1345, P.P.G.T. E.L.; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Fredk. Guttridge, P.M. 1055; Alfred H. Allen, P.M. 325 and 1773; J. Pollitt, P.M. 1055; Evan W. Williams, P.M. 325 and 1773; B. Toulson, P.M. 1134; John Roberts, I.P.M. 204; Elias Nathan, W.M. 1798; Henry Paulden, 204; Benjamin Taylor, 204; Henry Mainwaring, 1104; Chas. Turner, 1011; F. C. Roscoe, 934; F. Armstrong; James Whittaker, 277; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been opened in the usual manner the dispensation granted by the Provincial Grand Master for permitting the lodge to remove to their present address was read. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a gentleman was balloted for and unanimously elected to become a member of the lodge, and afterwards duly initiated into Freemasonry with all due rite and ceremony. At the conclusion of this ceremony Bro. James Fife was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. unassisted, and the greatest praise is due to him for the great ability he displayed. We understand that he has been three times W.M. of the lodge, and the brethren may justly be proud of having at their head one so well qualified to perform any and every duty that devolves upon him "sans peur et sans reproche." At the proper time "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.45.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial supper, which had been prepared for them under Bro. Phillips' able guidance. At the conclusion of the repast the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. In responding to the toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Ellis Jones, P.G. Treas., said he thanked the W.M. very heartily for his kind invitation that evening, and expressed the pleasure he had felt in being with them for the first time in their new abode, with the working he had witnessed, and the general satisfactory arrangements that had been made for all present. He also thanked the brethren of the Harmony Lodge for the kind assistance they had rendered him when aspiring to the P.G. Treasurership. "The Health of the Initiate" was next proposed by the W.M., and heartily responded to. A glee was then sung. The initiate replied in such an able manner which showed that he will prove a valuable acquisition to the lodge when any speechmaking is required. "The Health of the Newly-raised Bro. Fife" was next proposed and duly responded to. Bro. Fife, after a song, acknowledged the compliment. In proposing "The Health of Bro. Southern, W.M.," Bro. Evan W. Williams, P.M., said it gave him very great pleasure to do so, inasmuch as the brethren were, in his opinion, mainly indebted to Bro. Southern for the advantageous change that had been made in their place of abode. He trusted it would benefit Masonry, or at any rate that the Harmony Lodge might derive a lasting benefit from it, and he considered it would be a good thing if lodges generally alienated themselves from hotels, and built or leased halls of their own, where they could do as they liked, have better accommodation, and not be subjected to the dictum of landlords and hotel keepers. He felt sure that Bro. Southern had been instrumental in effecting the change, and without further preface he would ask the brethren to drink his health in a bumper. It is needless to say this invitation was warmly responded to, and Bro. Southern briefly replied. The W.M. proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of the Visitors," which was replied to by Bro. Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798. Several other toasts

were proposed and responded to, and after a very pleasant evening the brethren separated at eleven o'clock. Bros. Chas. Turner, Wm. Dumville, and James Whittaker contributed greatly to the brethren's enjoyment by their singing of several choice glees.

MALDON.—Lodge of St. Peter (No. 1024).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall—a very suitable hall in the Church of St. Peter. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. J. Sansom, P.G.S.D.; assisted by Bros. Frank Freeman, S.W.; T. E. Bland, J.W.; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; Edmund Gowers, Org.; D. J. Wright, S.D.; H. Bird, J.D.; and T. J. Cramphorn, I.G.

The rendering of the opening ode, accompanied by the hon. Organist, on a fine organ, recently added to the lodge, added considerable effect to the working. The minutes and communications (including one from the R.W.P.G.M., the Rt. Hon. Lord Tenterden, C.B., expressing his regret that he was unable to be present) were read, and the lodge having been closed and resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Frank Freeman, S.W., was duly presented for the benefit of installation. The duties of Installing Master were admirably performed by W. Bro. F. G. Green, and the Board of Installed Masters having completed their office, and placed the W. Bro. Freeman in the chair of K.S., the brethren were re-admitted, and saluted and greeted him in strict accordance with custom. The new W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. E. Bland, S.W.; D. J. Wright, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, Chap.; F. G. Green, Sec.; H. J. Sansom, Treas.; E. Gowers, Org.; F. Bird, S.D.; T. J. Cramphorn, J.D.; and John Hutley, I.G. Among the other members present were the following: W. Bros. Dr. Nicholl, P.M.; T. Oldham, P.M.; E. Humphreys, P.M.; and twenty others.

The visitors included W. Bros. J. S. Brown, W.M. 276; A. Durrant, P.M. 276, P.G. Treas.; W. Basham, W.M. 433; T. Eustace, W.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Dorling W.M. 1779, P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk. Bros. F. P. Sutherly, H. C. Bowles, 276; S. W. Ellis, D. Smith, A. Richardson, 677. Business concluded with the closing ode.

The brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Blue Boar Hotel. Here a sumptuous banquet awaited them, the pleasures of which were not a little enhanced by the music of a string band, stationed in the ante room, under the conductorship of Mr. Allen, Bandmaster of the 1st Essex Volunteers. After the cloth was removed, the usual toasts were duly proposed and responded to. Bro. Gowers, Org., had prepared a pleasing selection of vocal and instrumental music for the delectation of the brethren during the evening, including flute and pianoforte duets, by Bro. Donaldson and himself, part songs, in which the voices of two young gentlemen, Messrs. Ramplin and Camping (leading soprano and alto at the church of All Saints) were introduced in conjunction with Bros. Gowers and Bird, with an effect calling forth much evidence of appreciation. One of the most warmly received toasts was that of the indefatigable Secretary, and if such terms be allowed in Masonry, the "husband" and "prompter" of the lodge, W. Bro. F. G. Green. In proposing the toast, W. Bro. Dorling declared it almost necessary that in every lodge, he it never so well worked, there should be one experienced brother to whom could be referred, with the certainty of an authoritative decision; any of those frequently arising little questions about which the brethren generally had not had experience. In Bro. Green the lodge had that brother. The toast was received with a perfect ovation, the subject brother being very popular in local Masonry. "The Musical Brethren" also came in for hearty reception, music having recently become a considerable feature in the proceedings of the lodge. The Tyler's toast, which completed the list, was given at eleven o'clock, and the brethren separated, after spending a very enjoyable evening.

EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).—This flourishing lodge celebrated the feast of St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, the 20th ult., it being the wind up of like festivals in Cumberland for the present year. Lodge was opened at two o'clock in the spacious and well appointed hall belonging to the local lodge of Oddfellows, Bro. Rowland Baxter, W.M., being in the chair, supported by Bros. Jonas Lindow, S.W.; W. L. Towerson, as J.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. F. Kirkconnel; E. Chapman, Treas.; E. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M., P.G.S.W.; J. Muncaster, P.M.; J. J. Robson, W.M. elect; and about a score of others. The following visitors attended: Bros. G. Dalrymple, W.M. 1660; G. B. Roxby, 962 and 1100; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg.; and others.

The first business was the election of Treasurer and Tyler, and the two brethren whose names are subsequently appended were re-elected. Bro. J. J. Robson was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. E. Clarke, P.M., after which the officers were invested as follow: Bros. R. Baxter, I.P.M.; J. F. Kirkconnel, S.W.; J. S. Wilson, J.W.; Rev. W. E. Strickland, P.M., Chap.; E. Chapman, Treas.; R. Tyson, Sec.; W. Speirs, S.D.; Dr. Braithwaite, J.D.; W. L. Towerson, D.C.; W. Sharp, Org.; J. Black, I.G.; W. Worsnam and J. Lewthwaite, Stewards; and S. Braithwaite, Tyler. The address to the W.M. having been delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. Barr, P.M. 119, gave those to the Wardens and brethren of Lodge 1267.

The lodge being closed, an adjournment was made to the Wheat Sheaf Inn, where an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Douglas.

EPWORTH.—Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The installation banquet of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Thursday, July 1st. The honoured gentleman to be installed, and who had been unanimously elected W.M., was Bro. W. G. Winter, of Goodcop. The solemn and interesting ceremony was performed by Installing Master, Bro. Walker, of St. George's Lodge, Doncaster. After Bro. Winter had been installed he invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. C. Wood, S.W.; J. Hemmingbrough, J.W.; R. Wood, S.D.; T. Staniforth, J.D.; A. Taylor, P.G.J.D., Treasurer; Mason, I.G., Secretary and Organist; and Naylor, Tyler.

The business of the lodge being opened, the brethren adjourned to the hotel, where their hostess (Mrs. Girdham) had prepared a sumptuous spread. The room was pleasantly cool, and decorated with plants and flowers, which made the "refreshment" all the more enjoyable. The programme of toasts was the general one, and it was

gone through with that precision and smartness usual among the "brethren of the Craft." The musical portion of the "after proceedings" were also of a harmonious and gratifying character. There were visiting brethren from Gainsborough, Doncaster, Carlisle, &c. This lodge was instituted in 1875, and the high position it holds in the province may best be understood when it is mentioned that there are among its members four Grand Provincial Officers, three of them invested within this last year or two. When a young lodge has received such distinguished honours from the Prov. Grand Master it proves that its members are making progress deserving the special mark of distinction. The brethren to whom we allude are—Bros. Parkin, P.G. Supt. of Works; Bell, P.G. Supt. of Works; A. Taylor, P.G. Junior Deacon; and Kirk, P.M.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys. The brethren assembled at six o'clock, and at twenty minutes past partook of tea. At 7.15 they assembled in the lodge room. The following were present: Bros. A. Painter, W.M.; A. B. Whittaker, S.W.; Geo. Macfarlane, J.W.; W. Bostock, P.M., Treas.; G. Gates, Sec.; S. D. McKellen, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; Wm. Byway, S.S., acting I.G.; W. P. Hayhurst, J.S.; J. Burrows, Tyler; W. H. Leigh, I.P.M.; Thos. Cavanah, P.M.; A. F. Forrest, Wm. Dunkerley, C. Fairbank, A. Clarke, Wm. Lyon, Beddoes Peacock, W. Craven, Dr. W. G. Martin. Visitors: Bros. W. F. Fairweather, 950; E. Puenyer, S.W. 1213; Jno. N. Squirrell, 1387; Joseph Lytle, 16, Ireland; John Cavanah, P.M. 1357, P.P.G.D. of Cheshire; Dr. F. B. W. Quin, 1055, 262; A. H. Jeffries, 1161; James A. Lyon, Treas. 188; Wm. Hollins, I.P.M. 152; R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. C. Curtis as a member of the lodge, and that gentleman was declared unanimously elected. The ballot was also taken for Bro. Joseph Lytle, and the credentials from his mother lodge being highly satisfactory, he was duly elected a member. Mr. J. C. Curtis was next initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. in a masterly manner, and he was assisted by Bro. W. Bostock, P.M., who gave the corner stone address with his well-known ability, and also by the S.W., Bro. A. B. Whittaker, who presented and explained the working tools. Bro. S. D. McKellen, S.D., delivered the charge in such grand style, as is very seldom heard, and no visitors could fail to be greatly impressed with it. At the conclusion of the ceremony, and no other business being on the tapis, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.45.

BUXTON.—Buxton Lodge (No. 1688).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Palace Hotel. There were present Bros. W. C. Moore, W.M.; T. E. Jones, acting S.W.; A. Sanlans, J.W.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, Chap.; Dr. G. Lorimer, Sec.; A. L. Straus, J.D.; J. Dewar, acting I.G.; and Albert Pyle, Tyler.

Lodge being opened, the business proceeded with reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting. Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe then moved, in the absence of Bro. R. R. Duke, "That the installation meeting should be held in November instead of October, and that the necessary alterations be made in the bye-laws." The motion being duly seconded by Bro. A. L. Straus, was carried unanimously. Letters of apology were then read from the absentees, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).

—A well attended convocation of this old encampment took place on Thursday, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights Charles Driver, E.C.; T. C. Walls, 1st Captain; W. Paas, Treas., acting I.P.E.C.; D. M. Dewar, Rec., acting Expert; Larsen, S.B.; Driver, Herald; Glenn, D.C.; Rosenthal, P.E.C.; Rawles, Equerry. Sir Knight Anderson, of the Harcourt Preceptory, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Comps. J. H. Dodson, 1589, &c.; Alfred Tisley, 1589; and Kidder, and it proving to be unanimous in each case, the first two named companions were duly installed Knights of the Order by the E.C. The encampment was then formally closed, and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened by Sir Knight D. M. Dewar, who installed Sir Knights Dodson, Tisley, and Anderson, as Knights of that Degree. The priory was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to a collation. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Christian Masonry," "The E.C.," and "The Newly Installed Knights."

The summer banquet in connection with this distinguished preceptory took place at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the following evening, when there were present among others Sir Knights Driver, E.C.; T. C. Walls, 1st Captain; A. Williams, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, Almoner; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; Dr. Saunders, C. of Lines; Larsen, S.B.; Driver and Graveley, Heralds; Glenn, D.C. Among the visitors were Sir Knights Matier and Spice, and the proceedings were graced with the presence of several ladies, among them being Mrs. C. Driver, Mrs. Jenkins, Madame Wells, and others. The latter lady by her charming instrumental and vocal contributions greatly enhanced the very successful proceedings, which were only marred by the severe thunderstorm which raged for several hours, and prevented the company from inspecting the picturesque surroundings of the village of Chingford, and the adjacent country.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel. In the absence of the M.P.S., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, through indisposition, Bro. T. B. Whytehead presided. A success-

ful ballot was taken for a candidate, Bro. John Oates, of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, Darlington, and a few minor matters having been disposed of the conclave was closed. The members afterwards supped together, amongst those present being Bros. C. G. Padel, V.E.; L. Murphy, Prelate; G. Simpson, S.G.; A. T. B. Turner, and others.

Grand Council of Allied Degrees.

YORK.—Ebor Council (T.I.).—A meeting of this council was held on Monday evening, the 28th ult., in the grand saloon of the Grand Stand Hotel, the Kuavesmire. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, W.M., was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. Christian G. Padel, S.W.; George Simpson, I.P.M., as J.W.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., G.J.W., Recorder; A. T. B. Turner, S.D.; Capt. L. Murphy J.D., W. P. Husband, I.G.; Capt. J. Hanly, K. of G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; together with several other members. Bro. W. M. Briggs having been accepted, was duly received and installed a member of the Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr. The W.M. said that since their last meeting the formation of the Grand Council had become an accomplished fact, and he hoped the Orders included under its rule would be strengthened thereby. He was of opinion that if a Degree was worth working at all it was worth doing well, and he was pleased to know that ever since his connection with the St. Lawrence Degree the Ebor Lodge had worked thoroughly and conscientiously, and was one of the best worked of the lodges in the country. Bro. T. B. Whytehead read over the Constitutions of the Grand Council, which seemed to meet with the approval of the members. Letters were also read from Bros. F. Binckes and D. M. Dewar, thanking the lodge for the compliment of being elected honorary members. A Committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing up a code of bye-laws for the government of the council, which was then closed, and the members adjourned to the dining room, where a cold collation was served, after which a number of toasts were duly honoured. It was intimated that meetings of the council would shortly be held for the purpose of conferring the Degrees of Grand High Priest, Knight of Constantinople, and Red Cross of Babylon.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT.—We are requested to announce that in consequence of the numerous calls at present on the time of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex he trusts the W.M.'s and brethren of lodges in the province will not accuse him of any want of courtesy if he has not replied to the numerous summonses and kind invitations that he is constantly receiving, not only in but out of the province, but he hopes in a short time to be able to reply and attend to them as he has hitherto done. He also hopes that the brethren of the Mark Province of Middlesex and Surrey will accept this explanation and forgive his absence from their lodges. During this month he will be a great deal from home, and probably in August and September.

LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.—Bro. W. T. Rickwood, W.M.—The brethren of this lodge held a summer banquet at the Royal Crown Hotel, Sevenoaks, on Wednesday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

MISS HOPEKIRK.—In our report of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Crystal Palace last week we inadvertently included Miss Hopekirk's name among the vocalists. This talented lady is so well known as a pianist that the correction is scarcely necessary, but we think it right to call the attention of our readers to the error.

The marriage of the Lady Elizabeth Campbell (second daughter of the Duke of Argyll) with Mr. Clough Taylor is fixed for Saturday, July 17. The ceremony will be performed at St. Mary Abbott's Church, Kensington.

MARK MASONRY.—The election meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Masters will be held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, this day (Saturday), Bro. C. P. McKay, W.M., at half-past six o'clock. Prior to the meeting there will be a meeting of Royal Ark Mariners, when Bro. Geo. Clark will be installed W.C.N. by Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., and Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.S. of W.

Madame Albani has accepted an engagement from Mr. Kuhe to sing at ten concerts to be given during the winter season in the provinces.

A marriage is arranged between Lady Victoria Edgumbe, eldest daughter of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and Lord Algernon Percy, second son of the Duke of Northumberland.

The summer banquet in connection with the Royal Order of Scotland was held at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 2nd inst., when there were present among others Bros. Lieut.-Col. S. Clerke, P.G.M.; Captain Philips, D.P.G.M.; Giddy, S.; the Rev. T. Ravenshaw, Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg, Major-Gen. Clerk, Major Arding, the Rev. S. Moses, Dr. Ramsey, H. C. Levander, Matier, Glover, T. C. Walls, Paul, E. Thiellay, Anderson, and others.

The Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, who are in Germany, return home about the 18th inst.

The Printing, Stationery, and Paper-making Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall was opened on Monday last, and will last for a fortnight. There are upwards of sixty exhibitions, including many eminent English, Colonial, American, and Continental firms. There are no prizes to be awarded. A portion of the net profit is to be presented to the Printers' Pension Corporation.

The brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, had their usual meeting at the Ladbroke Hall, on Thursday last, and proceeded afterwards to Castlebar, Ealing, where a banquet took place in a marquee, erected by kind permission of Bro. Penn, P.M., on the lawn of his estate.

Mr. J. C. Stevens sold by auction, at 38, King-street, Covent-garden, Wednesday, the collection of orchids, the property of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., of Avenue-road, Regent's Park.

The summer festival of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Bro. H. N. Bowman Spink, W.M., and the brethren who acted as Stewards on the occasion may be congratulated on the successful carrying out of a well arranged and successful programme.

ERRATA.—Owing to a printer's error, in the Stewards' list for the Boys' School, which appeared in our last issue, the name of "Bing" was inserted instead of "Byng."

The Master and Wardens of the Leathersellers' Company invited their colleagues and a select party of friends to dine with them at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Wednesday last.

Bro. H. Brassey, M.P., has subscribed twenty guineas to the Mansions House "Atalanta" Fund.

We have been requested to announce that the proceeds from the amateur performance of the Stand Dramatic Club, at the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, on the 23rd April last, and which are to be handed over to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, amount to £77 17s. 9d.

On Saturday last Mr. Alderman Figgins was elected Master of the Stationers' Company, and Mr. Deputy Kelday and Mr. A. H. Baily Wardens.

Mr. Randegger has been appointed successor to Sir Julius Benedict as conductor of the Norwich Musical Festivals.

The forty-second anniversary dinner of the Thames Angling Preservation Society will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond Hill, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., Bro. Alderman Hadley in the chair.

On Monday evening last the King of the Hellenes left London for the Continent. The Prince and Princess of Wales accompanied his Majesty from Marlborough House to Charing-cross.

No less than 3340 persons visited the Hanover Gallery on Sunday last, when it was opened for the last time under the auspices of the Sunday Society.

The National Rose Society's show took place on Saturday last at the Crystal Palace, and exceeded in splendour any previous exhibition.

For the better and more costly kind of Masonic Jewels a great saving can be made by getting them direct from the manufactory. Messrs. J. R. Williams and Son made the most costly badge in the kingdom for the Mayor of Liverpool, and many others, and many of the sheriffs' badges and chains. The firm are now supplying the nobility and gentry (direct) at the same prices as they have for forty years served the best houses in London and the country, and co-operative stores. Messrs. J. R. Williams and Son have always been celebrated for specially fine diamond work and choice gem rings. The two advantages thus offered to the public are far superior quality and an immense saving in price. Manufactory and warehouse, 108, Hatton-garden, E.C. The usual saving is 20 to 60 per cent. Bridesmaids' lockets and all kinds of jewellery for wedding presents. Dealers in diamonds, pearls, and coloured gems, loose or mounted. Elegant designs furnished (gratis) for re-mounting diamond work. Catalogues sent post free on application.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, July 16, 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, JULY 10.

Quarterly Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Hot., Muswell Hill.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.

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, JULY 12.

Quarterly Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Pri. Ro., Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
" 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court.
Mark 239, Royal Naval, 2, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
Camden, 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, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
British Oak Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, a 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, JULY 13.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 Supreme Council 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
 Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1629, United, F.M.H.
 " 1718, Centurion, The Imperial, Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace.
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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Burdett Courts, 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, St. Long Acre, at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, S.
 Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
 " 1623, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.
 Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tav., Hampton Court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 16.

Chap. 1328, Granite, F.M.H.

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.
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Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
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 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 17, 1880.

MONDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bldgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenhall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Liverpool Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 114, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., So. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st.
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 953, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
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FRIDAY, JULY 16.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 17, 1880.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.

Chap. 268, Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 " 1055, Derby, M.R., Bedford-st., Manchester.
 Precep. United, Palatine Hot., Manchester.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.
 " 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.
 " 204, Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester.
 " 288, Harmony, M.H., Todmorden.
 " 852, Zetland, M.R., Peel-crescent, Salford.
 " 854, Albert, Duke of York, Shaw.
 " 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hot., Mossley.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 268, Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 " 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Haslingden.
 " 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hot., Blackburn.
 " 367, Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Rochdale.
 " 816, Royds, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle.
 " 1011, Richmond, Crown Hot., Salford.
 Chap. 204, Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester.
 " 283, Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden.

FRIDAY, JULY 16.

Lodge 152, Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester.
 " 693, Alexandra, Midway Hot., Levenshulme.
 " 1773, Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.

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BIRTHS.

GRAHAM.—On the 4th inst., at 93, Ladbroke-road, Notting-hill, W., the wife of Mr. Peter Graham, A.R.A., of a daughter.
 NEWTON.—On the 3rd inst., at Skelton, near York, the wife of Mr. John Newton, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

RUSHWORTH—STOTT.—On the 12th ult., at the parish church of Whixley, near York, by the Rev. T. N. Jackson, of Acomb, late Vicar of Filey, father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. W. Valentine, vicar, Charles George Golden Rushworth, of 15, Bedford Row, London, to Sara Kilvington Llewellyn, widow of the late Watson Stott, Esq., Rifle Brigade.

DEATHS.

RICHARDSON.—On the 3rd inst., at 60 Acklam-road, Notting-hill, Mr. Henry Richardson, formerly of Taunton, aged 77 years.
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