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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening. The presiding Principals were Comp. S. Rawson, as Z.; Comp. Ernst Emil Wendt, as H.; and Comp. Peter de Lande Long, as J. The other companions present were Comps. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Scribe E.; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, as Scribe N.; C. A. Murton, as Principal Soj.; R. F. Gould, 1st Assistant; Frank Richardson, 2nd Assistant; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Sword Bearer; Magnus Ohren, Director of Ceremonies; Thos. Fenn, James Lewis Thomas, H. J. P. Dumas, A. J. Duff-Filer, Joshua Nunn, J. M. Case, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Robert Grey, John Henderson Scott, Grand Standard Bearer; Henry G. Buss, Assistant S.E., Past Standard Bearer; Thomas S. Carter, P.Z. 403, P.P.G.H., Herts.; George Haldane, P.Z. 349, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; G. Tidcombe, jun., M.E.Z. 1549; M. Gamble, Z. 13; George Lambert, P.Z. 7 and 21; Thos. Massa, H. 1293; Wm. Stephens, P.Z. 862 and 874; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 957; Neville Green, Z. 1524; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; William Dodd, P.Z. 975; F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; John Mason, P.Z. 73; C. Pulman, Z. 157; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.Z. 10, H. 141; H. E. Frances, P.Z. 857; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason).

After Grand Chapter had been formally opened the minutes of the convocation of the 4th August were read and confirmed.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was as follows:

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 22nd July to the 19th October, 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To balance, Grand Chapter	£1670	14	1
To " Unappropriated account	176	2	1
To subsequent receipts.....	276	4	0
	£2123	0	2
By disbursements during the quarter	£174	3	6
By balance	1767	9	1
By " in unappropriated account	181	7	7
	£2123	0	2

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch. The Committee having reported that they had received a petition from Comps. Richard Boggett, as Z.; Thomas Cook, as H.; Charles William Cheesman, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the De la Pole Lodge, No. 1605, Hull, to be called the De la Pole Chapter, to meet at 53, Charlotte-street, Hull, in the County of York, North and East Ridings, Col. CREATON moved, and the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD seconded, "That the prayer of the petition be granted."

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Col. CREATON moved, and Comp. R. GREY seconded, the granting of a petition from Comps. William Swallow, as Z.; Thomas Fryer, as H.; William Harling Sissons, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 1447, Barton-on-Humber, to be called the St. Matthew's Chapter, to meet at the Masonic Hall, Barton-on-Humber, in the County of Lincoln.

This motion was also carried.

Col. CREATON likewise moved, and Comp. ROBERT

GREY seconded, the granting of a petition from Comps. Edward Dean Davis, as Z.; Addison Potter, as H.; John Straker Wilson, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Northumberland Lodge, No. 685, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to be called the Northumberland Chapter, to meet at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland.

The motion was carried.

Col. CREATON also moved, and Comp. JOSHUA NUNN seconded, the granting of a petition from Comps. George Penn, as Z.; Samuel Henry Parkhouse, as H.; William John Murlis, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, London, to be called the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, to meet at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, in the County of Middlesex.

There being no further business before the companions Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, and adjourned.

GRAND BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

The following brethren received invitations, but were unable to be present:

Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., R.W.G.M. Berks and Bucks; the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, R.W.G.M. Bristol; the Right Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, R.W.G.M. Cambridgeshire; the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.G.M. Cheshire; the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, R.W.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, R.W.G.M.; Derbyshire; the Right Hon. Lord Ebrington, R.W.G.M. Devonshire; the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne, R.W.G.M. Gloucestershire; Thomas Fred. Halsey, M.P., R.W.G.M. Herts; the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, R.W.G.M. Kent; the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, R.W.G.M. Leicestershire; Major William H. Smyth, R.W.G.M. Lincolnshire; His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, R.W.G.M. Nottinghamshire; H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., R.W.G.M. Oxfordshire; Col. Alex. Wm. Adair, R.W.G.M. Somerset; the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, R.W.G.M. Suffolk; the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W.G.M. Yorks N. and E. Riding; John Fawcett, Past G.M. Durham; Haughton C. Okeover, P.G.W., Dep. G.M. Derbyshire; Wm. Augustus Fred. Powell, P.G.D., Dep. G.M. Bristol; Right Hon. Col. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Dep. G.M. Lancashire; L. P. Metham, Past D.G.M. Devon; the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Past G.W. of England; the Right Hon. Lord Donoughmore, Past G.W. of England; the Right Hon. Lord C. Beresford, M.P., Past G.W. of England; Very Rev. Arthur Pury-Cust, Dean of York, G. Chap.; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past G. Chaplain of England; E. T. Carlyon, G. Sec. Cornwall; Wm. James Hughan, Past G. Deacon of England; Erasmus Wilson, M.D., Past G. Deacon of England; John Gibson, F.R.I., B.A., G. Supt. of Wks. England; John Coutts, Past G.P. England; Thomas Boord, M.P.; Lord Carrington; Major Gen. Clerk, F.R.S.; Sir Michael Costa; Gen. Sir Charles Danberry, K.C.B.; Rev. Charles Raikes Davy; Justice Field; A.L. Fernandes, Lodge No. 1; Earl of Fife; George Findlay; J. W. Fuller, Lodge No. 1; Edmund J. Furner, M.D.; Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart.; Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P.; A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P.; Sir Harcourt Johnstone Bart., Lord Kensington, M.P.; Lord Lindsay; Col. Hon. R. J. Loyd Lindsay, K.C., M.P.; Lord Londesborough; H. Mapleson, 1; J. H. Mapleson, 1; J. Daniel Moore, M.D.; W. P. Nettleship; Rev. Sir Fredk. Gore Ousley, Bart.; Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., &c.; Earl Percy, M.P.; Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Peterborough; Francis Robinson; Col. Hon. Sackville-West; G. H. Salisbury, 1; Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bart.; J. W. Sewell, 1; T. Speechley, 1; M. W. Thomas, 1; Henry C. Vernon, 1; and Edmund Yates.

Among the guests present we omitted to mention the names of Bros. Thomas Fenn, Sec. Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, Past G.D., and Montagu Williams.

GRAND MASONIC FESTIVAL AT LIVERPOOL.

Certainly the most enjoyable, unique, and successful social Masonic gatherings which have been witnessed in Liverpool for many years, took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, the special occasion being the opening of the Grand Banqueting Room, which has been magnificently decorated at a great expense. The exceedingly pleasant *re-union* comprised a dramatic, literary, musical, and scientific soiree, conversatione, *recherché* supper, and a grand ball as a "wind up;" and the arrangements for this series of pleasant specialities, carried out by a numerous and willing body of brethren, were of the most satisfactory and complete character.

Before detailing the thousand and one "features of the entertainment, however, it may prove interesting to our Masonic readers to give a description of the most artistic and elaborate decorations of a room which probably has no equal in any Masonic building in the kingdom. These decorations were entirely designed by and carried out under the superintendence of Bro. Francis Smith, P.M. 201, P.G.S. of W., P.G.J. Cheshire, whose work must elicit the universal and hearty admiration of all *connoisseurs*, and add greatly to the very high reputation he has already acquired in this and other departments of decorative art. The *ensemble* of the interior is charming in the extreme,

and the *motif* of the whole decoration must form an interesting study for the thoughtful Mason. Bro. Smith, who is a Master in Masonic art, published a short descriptive summary of the elaborate decorations, in which he says—"Whoever attentively considers the nature and tendency of the Masonic Institution must readily perceive its general utility. Masonry is an art, useful and extensive. In every art there is a mystery which requires a progress of study and application before we can arrive at any degree of perfection. Without much instruction, and more exercise, no man can be skilful in any art; in like manner without an assiduous application to the various subjects treated in the different lectures on Masonry no person can be sufficiently acquainted with the true value of the Institution. To endeavour clearly to illustrate some of the great principles of Freemasonry has been the object of the decoration hereinafter described."

The grand banquet hall is fifty-two feet in length by thirty feet wide, and is twenty-five feet high, with a spacious ladies' gallery. On the entrance side of the room is the grand entrance door, with lesser doors on either side. Above these are placed the balcony to the gallery. The opposite side walls have three lofty windows, and the wall formed into panels by double pilasters, whilst at the end of the room are single pilasters only. The capitals to the pilasters are composed of the acanthus leaf, with Masonic emblems. Above the pilasters is the architrave, frieze, and entablature. Above this is a lofty cove nine feet high. The ceiling is set out into a centre panel nearly square, with oblong panels at sides. These panels are separated by a double guilloche border style, fourteen inches wide, running round entire ceiling, separating the same from the cove, and passing down the cove to the capitals of pilasters—thus setting out the said cove into one large panel, with two lesser ones at either side, whilst the end coves have one large panel. In the centre of the ceiling is placed a richly-designed centre flower, from which is suspended a magnificent chandelier of brasswork, and at each end of the room are fixed two handsome bracket lights, also of brasswork. The panels on the walls are on a blue ground, with a massive enriched gold framing around same, and an inner gold moulding on the panel. These panels are embellished with an original design, painted in gold and colour tints, with the Grand Master's jewel (the compasses), also the double triangle device, or emblem, &c. A style surrounds these panels connecting pilasters, under which is a dado of a deep Sienna marble, with a band or cresting on top of same, composed of Masonic emblems, finishing with a deep moulded skirting. The pilasters are of light Sienna marble, with the capitals richly etched in gold. The several members of architrave and cornice are relieved with gilding and tones of colour with diaper work, whilst the frieze has an ornamentation painted on a blue ground, with medallions bearing jewels of the various Orders in Freemasonry. The work on doors and architraves is executed in enamel, with enrichments in the panels, &c. At the windows hang rich tapestry curtains, with valances embroidered with ornamentation and the five-pointed star, &c.

The centre flower is perforated for ventilation, and composed of ornamentation, with Masonic symbols, placed at intervals, with stars, &c. Around this centre flower is the guilloche moulding before named. From this is painted on the ceiling rich ornamentation with leaves of the acacia. At the corners of the panel is elaborate ornamentation, in which are encircled medallions with figures, emblematical of geometry, astronomy, grammar, and arithmetic. At either side of the above medallions are seated figures bearing emblems and trophies in Masonry; they are seated on a tapestry banner, which is placed on an enriched style border on a blue ground, running around the entire panel. At the sides of this panel are placed medallions showing the "square," "compasses," "level," and "plumb rule." Around the medallions are clustered ears of corn and grass, leaves, &c., the whole of which have their several symbolic meanings.

Around the side panels on ceiling is an enriched border style on a blue ground, with elaborate ornamentation in gilding, &c. At the four corners are the medallions bearing the devices appertaining to the office of the Chaplain, the Deacon, the Organist, and the Steward. Within the above the panels are set out with large shaped panels in the centre with allegorical subjects. At the sides of the above panels are placed shaped panels with the globe in centre, supported at each side with figures representing the Genius of Freemasonry with Masonic emblems. These figures are seated on cornucopias with scroll ornamentations, &c., and all have symbolical significations. The side panel or ceiling, left hand of entrance, being a counterpart of right hand panel, it is only necessary to describe the panel in its centre, which represents architecture, painting, sculpture, music, and poetry. In the four large panels on the cove at ends and sides of room are shown in the centre the "All-seeing Eye," under which is placed the "Circle and Triangle," and under the above is an altar, in the centre of which is a mystical emblem. At the sides of the altar is a figure of "Truth," from which springs a rich scroll ornamentation, with ears of corn, &c. Here also is shown the pot of incense. This ornamentation terminates with a pendant trophy composed of the "Mirror of Truth," the Tuscan column and serpent. At the ends of this cove panel are suspended Masonic trophies, in which again are grouped the Tuscan column, the "Mirror of Truth," and serpent. To those who can see below the surface, the emblems depicted on the walls and ceiling of this banquetting-room will be a constant study, and the designer hopes that many a useful lesson will be learned from the work, incomplete though it be, whilst his brethren are enjoying themselves around the well-spread board.

The object of the festive gathering was not only to cele-

brate the opening of a hall, but also for the purpose of raising funds towards defraying a part of the expense which has been incurred in carrying out the work of decoration. The arrangements in connection with the conversation, which were of the most satisfactory character, were carried out by a thoroughly representative Committee, of which Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., was President; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823, Vice-President; I. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas., Treasurer; and Richard Brown, P.G. Treas., and A. C. Wylie, P.G.S., Secretaries.

The following were the members of the General Committee:—

Bros. W. B. Ackerley, J. Atkinson, F. J. Bailey, J. W. Ballard, J. Beesley, J. Bell, Charles Birch, Thomas Birch, J. Bottomley, J. Boyle, George Broadbridge, J. P. Bryan, J. W. Burgess, R. Burgess, Robert B. Burgess, J. Capel, Thomas Clark, William Cottrell, L. Courtenay, J. Duncan, jun., T. O. Dutton, F. Emery, W. E. Erwin, Thomas Evans, R. H. Exton, H. Frith, J. A. Forrest, R. P. France, P. B. Gee, J. R. Goepel, J. H. Gregory, E. Grindley, J. Hayes, L. Herman, A. D. Hesketh, John Houlding, D. Jackson, J. Johnson, W. Laidlaw, J. P. MacArthur, J. B. Mackenzie, Thomas McCracken, R. Martin, S. Mattison, H. M. Molyneux, John Newall, A. Paterson, Lewis Peake, J. Pemberton, J. H. Parker, David Ramsay, R. Reader, J. C. Robinson, R. Robinson, Thomas Salter, A. Samuels, W. W. Sandbrook, T. H. Sheen, J. Skeaf, Francis Smith, J. K. Smith, J. Stoddart, C. P. Titherley, H. A. Tobias, H. Trevitt, George Turner, G. G. Walmsley, R. Washington, Thos. Whalley, F. Wilkinson, W. Williams, James Winsor, Robert Wylie, and R. Young.

The following brethren formed the Sub-Committees:

DRAMATIC COMMITTEE.—Bros. L. Courtenay, Chairman; J. B. Mackenzie, F. Emery, F. Wilkinson, J. Atkinson, J. K. Smith, J. Bell, and A. Woolrich.

ART AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.—Bros. Dr. J. Kellert Smith, Chairman; E. Grindley, J. A. Forrest, H. A. Tobias, H. Firth, W. Cottrell, S. Mattison, J. W. Ballard, J. R. Goepel, F. Smith, D. Ramsay, J. H. Parker, T. H. Sheen, R. Washington, and Ralph Robinson.

MUSIC COMMITTEE.—Bros. Joseph Skeaf, Chairman; R. Burgess, H. M. Molyneux, J. P. Bryan, W. Williams, W. Laidlaw, and J. B. Mackenzie.

BALL COMMITTEE.—Bros. H. M. Molyneux, Chairman; Thos. Salter, H. Firth, Geo. Broadbridge, Robert Wylie, D. Jackson, J. H. Gregory, Robt. Martin, and R. Robinson.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE.—Bros. John Houlding, Chairman; J. W. Burgess, John Pemberton, Peter B. Gee, Thos. McCracken, Geo. Broadbridge, Lewis Peake, J. Beesley, T. O. Dutton, R. Young, and S. Mattison.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Bros. Robert Wylie, Chairman; Geo. Broadbridge, J. Hayes, T. Clark, R. P. France, J. R. Goepel, and J. B. Mackenzie.

The works of art, literary and scientific exhibits, &c., contributed by numerous brethren, included exhibits lent by the Polytechnic, Numismatic, Microscopic, and other learned societies. The art exhibition was specially superintended by Bros. Edward Grindley and Washington, and the scientific department by Bro. H. A. Tobias. Among the many items with which the Committee were favoured were the following: Contributed by Bro. Richard Washington—Oil Paintings and Water-Colour Drawings, including examples by C. R. Leslie, R.A., Thomas Creswick, R.A., John Burr, W. J. C. Bond, Sam. Williamson, Albert Hartland, J. D. Watson, and many others; also Naval and Military War Medals, Gold and Silver Coins, Napoleons, Medals, Bronzes, &c.; contributed by Robert Ker, Esq.—Paintings by Daniels, J. D. Watson, W. J. Grant, Wm. Watson, T. Faed, R. S. Bond, John Sinclair, James Webb, Dyce, R.A., Opie, R.A., &c.; Water-Colour Drawings by H. McAllum, John Parker, Birket Foster, T. Huson, R. P. Richards, A. Hartland, Clarkson Stanfield, John Faed, &c.; contributed by Bro. Edward Samuelson—Works by J. D. Watson, W. E. Cooke, J. Finnie, James Whaitte, J. W. Oakes, W. Huggins, &c.; contributed by Bro. Silvester Mattison—Paintings by Burnett, W. Oliver, Marshall, Rolfe, and Prout; contributed by A. Broadley, Esq.—Picture by Daniels; contributed by Bro. J. A. Forrest—Graphoscopes, Kaleidoscopes, Revolving Stereoscopes, &c., &c.; Contributed per Bro. Tobias, as follows:—A magnificent display of Coins and Zulu Ornaments, by A. L. Benas, Esq.; Model of Steam Ship "Britannic," by White Star Co.; Japanese Curios and Cases, by F. R. Cross, Esq.; Bronzes, &c., by Elkington and Co., per Bro. R. A. Davies; Pack of Silver Playing Cards, 4000 years old, by Bro. M. P. Tueski; Zulu War Implements, by F. Smith; and South American Spears and Trophies, by Bro. J. St. Clair Purdey. Contributed by Bro. G. G. Walmsley—Stereoscopes, Photographs, Illustrated Works in Art and Literature, &c. Continued by Bro. John Sewell—Water-Colour Drawing, by G. C. Kilburne, George Shalders, and others. Contributed by Bro. Francis Smith—A Summer Shower, and East Indian in a Gale, painted by himself; Paintings, on Velum, of the Entombment, &c.; Fan, painted by Richard Wilson, R.A.; and Masonic Curios, including Hogarth's Satire. Contributed by Henry Ellis, Esq.—Paintings by H. G. Evans, and Edwin Hayes, R.H.A. Contributed by Bro. Richard Brown—Art and Literary Works. Contributed by A. H. Mason, Esq., F.C.S.—Specimens of Rare Chemicals, &c. Contributed by Mrs. Bucknall—Interesting Collection of Curiosities from the Brazils. Contributed by Bro. Edward Carter and Microscopical Society—Microscopes with very interesting Living and Inanimate Objects, by members of the Microscopic Society, in the Rooms of the Art Exhibition, &c., and Microscope with Living Animalculæ; and many items of varied interest, by a number of the brethren, including a Crown for an African Prince, kindly sent by Bro. George Kenning.

A performance of the petite comedy "A Kiss in the Dark," was given in the new lodge room, by members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609; Bro. Frank Emery and Bro. Lindo Courtenay, P.M., assisted by Miss Florence Courtenay and Miss Marie Weiss. The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. R. Burgess, Organist, 1609. A most attractive concert was subsequently given in the same room, the artistes being Madame Parkes, Miss Florence Hayes, Mrs. Skeaf, Bro. Webster Williams, Bro. W. Quayle, Bro. Thomas Foulkes, Bro. J. Muir, and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist. The grand banqueting room was thrown open shortly before ten o'clock, and the supper provided by Messrs. Galt and Capper, Lord-street, was certainly worthy of the occasion, and elicited the heartiest approval of the 500 or 600 guests who partook of it.

The decorative silver for the supper was kindly lent by Bro. J. G. Jacobs and Messrs. Elkington and Co. Bro. Ellis Brammall, jun., 1609, created the liveliest amusement by his graphic character delineation, entitled "The Showman," with special drum and cornet accompaniments. The performance of Byron's celebrated piece of absurdity, "The Rosebud of Stinging Nettle Farm," by several well-known amateurs, also caused great laughter; and the long list of varied and attractive amusements closed with a grand ball in the new lodge room and chapter room. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, acted as M.C., and the music was supplied by a band acting under the direction of Bro. G. A. W. Phillippis, Mr. E. C. Osborne kindly fulfilled the duties of stage manager for the Byron burlesque. The plants for the decoration of the hall were gratuitously provided by Bro. R. H. Exton, W.M. 1350; and the ornamental vases by Messrs. Bennett and Sons; and the marble columns by Mr. Jones, Mount-pleasant, per Bro. J. E. Jackson. The elegant stage fit-up was furnished by Messrs. Robinson and Burkinshaw. The re-union was generally voted one of the most enjoyable Masonic gatherings ever held in Liverpool, and the financial result is likely to be of the most satisfactory character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the county Palatine of Lancaster was held in the Town Hall, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Thursday, October 21st, at 2 o'clock, presided over by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.M.M., and R. W. Prov. G. M.M.M., supported by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, V.V. Deputy Prov. G.M.M.M., and a large number of Prov. Grand Officers and brethren, upwards of ninety being present, amongst whom were: Bros. Thos. Entwistle, 11, P.P.G.M.M. Lancashire; C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.M. 34, P.G.W. England; J. R. Goepel, P.M. Lebanon, T.L., P.G.M.O. England, P.M. 65, P.P.G.M.O. Lancashire; C.R. N. Beswicke, Roydes, Callender, 123; John Hayes, P.M. 66, P.G.J.D.; Sylvester Mattison, 65, G.J.D. England; W. Byrom, P.M. 158, P.G.S.W.; W. Beswicke, P.M. 24, P.G.J.W.; A. A. Bagshawe, 32, P.G. Chap. England, P.P.G. Chap.; A. Middleton, 34, P.G.S.O., G.S.B. England; J. Startup, P.M. 34, P.G.J.O.; James Horrocks, P.G.J.O.; Thos. Wilson, P.M. 158, P.P.G.M.O.; Richd. Rushton, 159, P.G.J.O.; G. Edwd. Hanmer, P.M. 161, P.P.G.S.O.; Jos. Chas. Lunt, W.M. 161, P.P.G.S.O.; Alf. Beattie, P.M. 143, P.G.S.B.; Jos. L. Thorpe, 56, P.G.A.D.C.; A. R. Wylie, W.M. 65; C. M. Jones, P.M. 20, P.P.G.D. of C.; Thos. Hindle, P.M. 159, P.P.G.J.O.; J. W. Kenyon, 125, P.P.G.S.O.; Jas. Holroyd, P.G.S.B.; C. T. Woodall, 32, P.P.G.T.; J. Crompton Lees, 171, P.P.G.S.D.; Jos. Harrison, 171, P.G. Chap.; John Clayton, P.M., P.G.R.; Henry Thomas, P.M. 171, P.G.J.W.; E. Milligan, 249, 34, P.P.G.M.O. Lan., P.G.J.W. Leics.; J. D. Murray, 158, P.G.S.; H. L. Hollingworth, 171, P.P.G.S.O.; James Shaw, 123, P.J.W.; H. J. Jackson, 141, P.P.G.R.; Walter Newton, W.M. 141; G. Travis, M.O. 141; Thos. Peak, S.W. 141; Jno. C. Atkins, S.O. 141; Alfred L. Coeks, 141; C. Walmsley, 141; James Kershaw, 141; Josh. Burton, 141; J. Gartside, J.W. 141; Thos. Hannam, 141; Josh. Lush, 141; H. Heap, Tyler 141; E. Yield, 171; W. Edwards, W.M. 171; Chas. Claber, 171; Jas. Holt, W.M. 20; Wm. Davies, 10; E. Woodcock, 24; Thos. R. Cue, W.M. 34; Jno. E. Lees, S.O. 34; W. Benn, W.M. 18; T. J. Hooper, W.M. 32; Jno. Holt, W.M. 113; Mark Cooper, R. of M. 159; E. Knowles, W.M. elect 159; R. Stanton, J.W. 149; Jas. Wilson, 158; James Platt, W.M. designate 268; Joseph F. Roberts, 268; Jas. Metcalf, W.M. 123; W. F. Parkinson, J.W. 32; Joseph Wood, 65, P.P.G.S.W. (*Freemason*); and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge being duly opened by the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., the roll of lodges was called over, when every lodge in the province was represented. On the roll of Prov. Grand Officers being called over, several letters of apology were read accounting for their absence, which were accepted. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, held at Wigan on the 5th of November, 1879, were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were read and passed, showing a balance to be carried to next year of £13 13s. 10d., after having given during the past year £57 10s. to the Charities. Two auditors for the ensuing year were appointed.

Bro. C. F. MATIER proposed, and Bro. J. R. GOEPEL seconded, "That Bro. Thos. J. Hooper, Union Lodge, 32, be the Treasurer for the ensuing year," which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Sly was re-elected Tyler for the ensuing year.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie	Prov. D.G.M.
" C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds	Prov. S.G.W.
" James Kershaw, 141	Prov. J.G.W.
" A. C. Wylie, 65	Prov. G.M.O.
" Geo. Lamb Campbell, 158	Prov. G.S.O.
" Henry Longman, 146	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. Josh. Harrison, 171	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. C. H. Knowlly, 268	Prov. G.A. Chap.
" Thos. J. Hooper, 32	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. Woodcock, 24	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick, 156	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. J. Parkinson, 32	Prov. S.G.D.
" Orlando Startup, 142	Prov. J.G.D.
" E. Knowles, 159	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. L. Thorpe, 56	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. R. Peel, 34	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Walter Newton, 141	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" John Greaves, 171	Prov. G. Std. B.
" W. Balmer, 123	Prov. G. Org.
" John Holt, 113	Prov. G. Purst.
" Jno. C. Atkins, 141; Bro. Alfred L. Coeks, 141; Bro. Chas. Walmsley, 141	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Sly	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. J. R. GOEPEL invited the Prov. Grand Master to hold his next Prov. Grand Mark Lodge at Liverpool, and several other brethren having giving similar invitations for other towns, the P.G. MASTER stated that he would take the whole into his consideration.

After other formal business the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due and proper form, and the brethren adjourned to the Pitt and Nelson Hotel, where about sixty sat down to

a most substantial banquet, presided over by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and a very enjoyable few hours were spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was held on Thursday week, the 28th ult., at the Town Hall, Marlborough, the receiving lodge being the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1533, of that town. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, presided, and was supported by (amongst others) the following Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers of Wiltshire: Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney, M.P., D.P.G.M.; F. H. Goldney, P.S.G.W. and P.G. Treas.; W. H. Long, M.P., P.J.G.W.; Rev. A. Headley, P.G. Chap.; William Nott, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Reg.; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Sec.; A. R. Browne, P.G. S. of W.; John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; Chas. Gauntlett, P.G.A.D.C.; H. E. Bishop, P.G. Purs.; Robt. Stokes, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. H. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W.; John Toomer, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Graham, P.P.J.G.W.; C. F. Marshall, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Turner Payne, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.J.G.W.; Major Henry Calley, P.P.G.D.; J. Campbell Maclean, P.P.G.D.; A. Plummer, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. P. Fulcher, P.G.R.; R. S. Edmonds, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. J. New, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Affleck, P.P.G.P., and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Marquis of Aylesbury, Lord F. Bruce, Rev. T. C. Lyons, P.G. Chap. Somerset, and others.

The roll of the various lodges in the province was called, and Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the Treasurer's accounts, which had been duly audited, were afterwards read and passed.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. HENRY C. TOMBS, P.G.D., then read the minutes of a meeting of the Charity Committee, which had been held immediately before the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, from which it appeared that having in view a recommendation for the establishment of a Benevolent Fund, which would that day be made by the Committee appointed on that subject, a grant of £50 to such Benevolent Fund should it be established was recommended by the Charity Committee.

The Charity Committee also called attention to the heavy burden which fell upon Bro. Nott, the Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee, in carrying out the objects of that Committee, as well as in expenses actually out of pocket, a great deal of his clerk's time being occupied, and otherwise, and recommended that he should be remunerated in these respects.

Such recommendations were approved and confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. W. NOTT, P.P.J.G.W., read his annual report, by which it appeared that the number of lodges in the province was practically the same as last year, standing at 448, as against 455. The general working expenses, including rent, Tyler's and refreshment, stood at an average of 15s. per member, the amount devoted to charity averaging 5s. 6d. per member, varying from quite a nominal sum in one lodge to 14s. 5d. per member in another. The Registrar's report again, as last year, called attention to the large amount of arrears of subscription outstanding in one or two lodges, and also to the repeated laxity in sending in the necessary returns shown by some lodges.

This report was adopted.

Bro. NOTT then, as Secretary to the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee, rose to read his report of the work done by that Committee during the past year. Before doing so, however, he took the opportunity of thanking the Provincial Grand Master and brethren for their adoption of the recommendation of the Charity Committee, that his expenses should be paid, and said that as regards actual expenses out of pocket, such as railway fare, printing, &c., he considered it nothing but fair that these should be paid out of the provincial funds, but beyond that, he should not think of accepting a penny. He then read the report showing that the province, during the past year, had been successful in carrying the election of two candidates for the Girls' School. As the result of this, the Committee stood pledged to an extent which would require all its available votes for the next election or two, but the Committee felt sure that it would not lack for the support of the province in this direction, seeing what success had been achieved. The report further stated that the Committee had received from the lodges and Masons of the province during the year 1132 votes for the various Institutions, and it mentioned that the province was now working on intimate reciprocal terms with no less than eleven other provinces. In addition to this report, the Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee stated that he felt personally indebted to Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, who had rendered him, and therefore, the Province of Wiltshire, very great assistance at the recent Girls' School election on the 9th of last month, when he, the Secretary, was personally unable to be present. His place, however, had been kindly, and well, filled by Capt. Homfray, with the result of securing the success of their candidate, and he trusted that the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire would join with him in expressing its thanks to the D.P.G.M. of Monmouth for his valuable assistance.

On the motion of Bro. TOMBS, seconded by Bro. AFFLECK, the report was approved and the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge voted to Bro. Homfray.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, LORD METHUEN then alluded to the next subject on the agenda paper, namely, the consideration of the report of the Committee appointed at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, as to the establishment of a Provincial Benevolent Fund. He, the Provincial Grand Master, had read such report, and had no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that it was well worthy of adoption, although at first sight he thought there might have been some objection to it, on the ground of causing a collision between the Provincial Lodge and the General Masonic Charities. The Provincial Grand Master then said that printed copies of the report having been circulated amongst the brethren, it should be taken as read, and he called upon Bro. F. H. Goldney the Chairman of the Committee, to introduce the subject to the meeting.

W. Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, P.G. Treasurer, said that after a considerable amount of discussion the Committee, at a very large meeting—where every lodge in the province he believed was represented—had come to the unanimous

decision to present to this Provincial Grand Lodge the report as it there stood.

A considerable amount of discussion took place, chiefly on minor points, the principal one of importance raised having reference to one of the objects of the proposed Benevolent Fund.

As recommended by the Committee, there was to be power to make grants to "benevolent and charitable purposes generally."

Bro. STOKES, of Salisbury, objected to this wide range, and read a letter from Lord Harry Thynne, who was unfortunately prevented from being present, also taking this view; the principal reason being that, whilst such powers were vested as now in the Provincial Grand Lodge, they were unnecessary in the case of the proposed fund; and Bro. Stokes proposed the insertion of the word "Masonic" before the words quoted.

Bro. HENRY C. TOMBS strongly opposed this, as savouring too much of selfishness, and urged that as Masons it behoved them to show to the world at large that Masons were large-hearted, and did not confine their charity to themselves.

However, after some discussion, the conclusion was come to that as the fund would for the present have but little to spare in the direction indicated, and as an alteration could at any time be made, the word "Masonic" should be inserted, as proposed.

And it was then, on the motion of Bro. SIR GABRIEL GOLDNEY, Bart., D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. STOKES, P.P.S.G.W., resolved unanimously "That the powers of the present Provincial Charity Organisation Committee be increased, and that its name be altered to that of the Provincial Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund Committee, and that it consist, as at present, of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Treasurer, the Registrar, and the Secretary for the time being of the province, and a representative from each lodge, together with the addition of Life Governors, to be constituted by the fund; that the fund to be at the disposal of such new Committee be composed of grants from Provincial Grand Lodge, subscriptions from each lodge in the province willing to subscribe, and other voluntary subscriptions and donations from lodges and brethren; that for the present, and until further direction by Provincial Grand Lodge, not less than three-fourths of the annual income be capitalised and invested; and that the fund be applied by the Committee for (a) the relief of aged or necessitous brethren of this province or their indigent widows; (b) the relief, education, and advancement of the children of Freemasons of the province; (c) the support of the general Masonic Charities, subject to the approval of Provincial Grand Lodge; (d) Masonic benevolent and charitable purposes generally."

A set of rules for the carrying out of the recommendations contained in the report had been prepared by the Committee, and accompanied its report.

These rules, with the necessary alterations to make them in accordance with the foregoing resolution, were also unanimously adopted, on the proposition of Bro. SIR GABRIEL GOLDNEY, seconded by Bro. STOKES.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then called attention to the valuable work, descriptive of the history of Freemasonry in this province, which had been since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge completed by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. Goldney, who, entirely at his own expense, had presented a copy to every brother in the province. He was sure that such a handsome and valuable contribution to Freemasonry in the province deserved some substantial mark of appreciation, and he, therefore, begged to propose "That a jewel be presented to the author by this Provincial Grand Lodge, and that he be asked to accept the warmest thanks of the brethren for his liberality."

This was seconded by Bro. E. T. PAYNE, P.G.D., and carried by acclamation.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER briefly returned thanks.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then referred to the trouble taken by Bro. Nott in relation to preparing the report and draft rules as to the establishment of a Benevolent Fund, as well as to his services as Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee, and to the very liberal way in which he had treated the Provincial Grand Lodge as regards his expenses in connection with that Committee, and proposed "That a jewel should be also voted to Bro. Nott, as some recognition of those services." The P.G.M. further proposed "That the Provincial Grand Secretary and two Wardens should act as a Committee for carrying out this and the preceding resolution."

This proposition was seconded by Bro. SIR G. GOLDNEY, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. NOTT subsequently tendered his thanks to the Provincial Grand Lodge for this unexpected token of its appreciation of his services.

The next business on the agenda paper was to consider the bye-laws and Charity rules of the province, with a view to the amendment thereof if found necessary; and on the proposition of Bro. H. C. TOMBS, seconded by Bro. W. NOTT, it was resolved that it be referred to a committee, composed of the same members as that to which the question of the Benevolent Fund had been referred, to consider the necessity for the revision of such bye-laws and rules, and to report thereon to the next Provincial Grand Lodge. And further, that it be a direction to such committee to consider the desirability of increasing the Fees of Honour.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then declared all offices vacant, and Bro. F. H. Goldney having been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:

- Bro. Charles F. Marshall, 335... .. Prov. P.S.G.W.
- " Alfred Plummer, 1533 Prov. P.J.G.W.
- " Rev. John A. Lloyd, 1533 Prov. P.G. Chap.
- " F. H. Goldney (re-elected), 626... .. Prov. P.G. Treas.
- " William Nott (re-appointed), 663 Prov. P.G. Reg.
- " Hy. C. Tombs (re-appointed), 355 Prov. P.G. Sec.
- " Alderman R. N. Fowler, 626 Prov. P.S.G.D.
- " Thos. S. Tucker, 586 Prov. P.J.G.D.
- " E. B. Merriman, 1533 Prov. P.G.S. of W.
- " John Chandler (re-appointed), 355 Prov. P.G.D.C.
- " Thos. R. Lavington, 632 Prov. P.G.A.D.C.
- " John Carter, 1533 Prov. P.G.S.B.
- " W. S. Bambridge, 1533 Prov. P.G. Org.
- " J. Hammond, 1533 Prov. P.G. Purst.
- " John Savoy (re-elected) Prov. P.G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER before closing the lodge, said he was happy to congratulate the W.M. and members of the Lodge of Loyalty on the success which it had attained after an existence of only five years; and stated how pleased he was to hear that its finances had been so carefully managed that it was out of debt, a good example for other lodges. He could not doubt that the Lodge of Loyalty must flourish with the countenance and support of such eminent men as the Marquis of Aylesbury and his sons, and of Bro. Merriman, and others. There was one event which had occurred during the past year that he could not refrain from alluding to, and he took the opportunity of congratulating the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., upon the high and distinguished honour Her Majesty had been pleased to confer upon him in making him a Baronet, for his assiduous attention to his public duties, as an acknowledgment of his general work. It was most gratifying to him, the P.G.M., that he should have selected two brethren as D.P.G.M. who had proved such good men and true, and had made for themselves such marks in the world as to entitle them to receive, as they justly deserved, such approval at the hand of Her Majesty, namely Sir Daniel Gooch, formerly D.P.G.M. of this province, and now the P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, and his successor, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart. The P.G.M. alluded to the irregularity in sending in the returns from the various lodges, alluded to in the report of the Registrar, but stated that he was very pleased to be informed that arrangements had been made by which such delay would not again occur. There was one occurrence during the year to which he could not allude without the deepest regret and that was the great loss the Province of Wiltshire had sustained in the death of Bro. W. H. Poynder, who in all his activities was a bright example of charitableness and liberality.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER alluded with gratification to the establishment of a Benevolent Fund for this province, and personally desired to thank Bros. F. H. Goldney, W. Nott, and Henry C. Tombs for the active steps they had taken in the matter.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER concluded by expressing his regret at his absence last year, and thanking the brethren for the warm consideration ever shewn to him.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed the brethren dined together in another part of the same building, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, who was supported by the Marquis of Arlesbury, and his son, Lord F. Bruce, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., Bro. W. H. Long, M.P., and others. An excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Carter, to which the Marquis of Arlesbury had contributed a bountiful supply of game, was done full justice to by the brethren, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts brought a pleasant and successful gathering to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Thursday week, when there was a large assembly of brethren. The Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, was opened at twelve o'clock, after which the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Major Tudor, acting as P.G.M., and the officers of P.G. Lodge entered the lodge, and the business of the day commenced. The following officers of the P.G. Lodge were present:—Bros. Chas. Fendelow, 526, S.W.; Thomas Turner, 460, Registrar; E. C. Berry, P.G.C., 726; J. Bodenham, 726, Treasurer; W. Cartwright, 460, Secretary; S. Briggs, 624, S.D.; B. C. Cale, J.D.; T. J. Barnett, 526, Superintendent of Works; T. Unwin, 637, Pursuivant; J. B. Ward, standard-bearer; T. Wood, W.M., 726; T. E. Fowke, I.P.M., 726; C. H. Dudley, 726; Edward J. Mousley, I.G., 726; J. B. McCallum, 726, and W. G. Bagnall, 726, Stewards. The following also signed the Tyler's book:—Bros. Foster Gough, P.D. P.G.M.; W. H. Hales, 418, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Taylor, 418, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Newman, 539, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Parker, 451, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Steen, 536, P.P.G.R.; C. A. Newham, 526 and 419; T. M. Humphries, 539, P.P. Superintendent of Works; H. Woodhouse, 726, P.P. G.S.D.; J. Rodgers, 418, P.P.G.J.D.; F. Derry, P.P.G.W.; A. G. Prince, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Webberley, P.P.G.P.; W. Vernon, 456, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Dain, 98, P.P.A.D.C.; E. C. Perry, P.G.C., 726; A. Caddick, 662, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; G. Higham, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; W. Bayliss, 539, P.P.G.J.D.; S. T. Tozer, P.P.G.C.; J. M. Darwin, J.W., 546; T. H. Griffiths, W.M., 546; E. R. Kimpton, S.W., 482; J. Powell, W.M., 347; R. Hilditch, W.M., 98; J. Thorburn, P.M., 98; J. H. Rowley, J.D., 98; G. W. H. Tudor, I.G., 1838; W. Brown, J.D., 347; J. Sidaway, 1031; F. A. Jones, 347; R. Tooth, P.M., 637; W. T. Beetsenson, W.M., 637; D. Smith, S.W., 637; J. G. Bakewell, P.M., 546; J. W. Thomas, P.M. and Treas. 637; F. Mountford, J.D., 460; J. Stubbs, 637; F. S. Hooper, Sec. 1520; R. Tolson, P.M., 1060; W. H. Bucknell, S.W., 460; J. Bryan, W.M., 526; Rev. Chas. Bullivant, W.M., 1520; T. Barton, 1520; J. B. Morgan, Sec. 1838; G. W. Walker, S.D., 1838; W. E. Proctor, 526; D. H. Dunning, Sec. 637; R. Barton, I.G., 1520; G. Blagg, 1520; E. H. Thorne, W.M., 1858; C. W. Graham, J.W., 1838; G. Pitchford, P.M., 418; G. Meanley, 419; S. Parkes, 419; J. C. Evans, 526; Rev. J. Birch, Chap. 98 and 451; W. H. Bailey, W.M., 624; J. Baker, S.D., 726; E. H. Croydon, J.W., 460; G. W. Martin, Org. 460; A. L. Broad, W.M., 460; W. Southall, 726; J. Senior, 526 and 726; J. P. Pritchard, 539; R. Heath, 726; J. H. Smith, S.W., 539; W. L. Armstrong, S.D., 539; W. J. Boys, W.M., 539; J. Rowley, P.M., 539; J. Griffin, 539; H. Farington, 539; S. Scott, 726; T. B. Mottram, 726; E. Tildesley, P.M., 419; J. J. Perkins, J.D., 1039; R. Thomas, J.D., 456; F. Dally, W.M. elect 526; R. Tomlinson, 726; W. A. Phipson, J.D., 1792; W. B. Tatlow, P.M., 662; C. Round, 347; D. Round, J.W., 347; T. Ryder, 1792; W. E. Parkes, P.M., 482; M. Barker, W.M., 1792; F. Greatrex, 726; R. A. Willcock, W.M., 419; J. H. Parkes, P.M., 482; J. F. Pepper, P.M., 482; J. Warrillow, 482; J. Deeley, W.M., 482; E. Piddock, S.W., 1792; E. W. Bradley, Sec. 482; J. R. Lee, D.C., 1792; F. J. Turley, J.W., 1792; G. Thonger; S. W. Wainwright, S.D., 1792 and 482; J. N. Moss, 1792; F.

Garner, Tyler 347; J. G. Horder, J.W., 1039; W. Davis, Tyler 539; K. Macrae, P.M., 624; S. S. Plant, 726; G. Greenslade, W.M., 456; J. Mottram, J.D., 726; E. W. Taylor, Org. 726; Thos. Rigby, 726; George Griffith, 726; B. T. Oswald, 726; A. F. Whittome, 726; J. Woolridge, 726; J. Nutt, 726; Alfred Ward, 726; and W. D. Batkin, 726.

Bro. CARTWRIGHT having read the minutes of the last meeting of the P.G. Lodge, the following brethren received appointments for the ensuing year:—

- Bro. W. Bayliss, 539 Prov. G.S.W.
- " M. Barker, 1792 Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. E. C. Perry, 726, and the } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " Rev. J. Birch, 98 and 451 }
- " R. Tooth, 637 Prov. G. Reg.
- " J. Bodenham, 726 Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. Cartwright, 460 Prov. G. Sec.
- " Dr. W. E. Parkes, 482 Prov. G.S.D.
- " G. Pitchford, 418 Prov. G.J.D.
- " K. Macrae, 624... .. Prov. G.S. of W.
- " F. N. Seyde, 419 Prov. G.D.C.
- " T. E. Fowke, 726 Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " E. Tildesley, 419 Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " T. Bedsmore, 1039 Prov. G. Org.
- " R. Tolson, 1060 Prov. G. Purst.
- " T. Parton, 662... .. Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " H. Bagguley, 460 Prov. G. Tyler.

Dr. BODENHAM then submitted the statement of accounts, which he explained was for more than twelve months. The total receipts were £251 3s. 6d., and the expenses £153 10s. 5d., showing an excess of receipts over expenditure amounting to nearly £100, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands at the present time of £227 17s. 5d. The accounts having been audited, were adopted and ordered to be printed.

Bros. Tudor, D.P.G.M., Foster Gough, P.D.P.G.M., and Frank James, P.D.P.G.M., were appointed trustees of the invested funds of the P.G. Lodge.

Bro. TUDOR observed that in 1870 there were 700 subscribing members of the Masonic lodges in Staffordshire, but at the present time there were 1048 subscribing members, and there had been an increase of four in the number of lodges. He then alluded to the quarterly meetings instituted by the late Earl of Shrewsbury, and said when he (Bro. Tudor) was appointed to his present office he gave an intimation that he did not intend to continue those meetings. Several lodges had asked him to renew them, and it was suggested that only members of the P.G. Lodge should attend, and that there should be no banquet. There were many who misunderstood the object of those quarterly meetings. He explained why they were instituted by the late Earl of Shrewsbury, which was to bring the brethren from different parts of the province together, and to acquire information as to what they could do and were doing. But his (Bro. Tudor's) notion from the first was that the brethren would not travel about to different parts of the province to attend the meetings regularly, and that the P.G.M. could accomplish his object better by visiting the lodges at intervals. Before he died, the Earl of Shrewsbury acknowledged to him that the quarterly meetings did not carry out his views so fully as he had expected. Bro. Tudor, as Charity Steward, proceeded to thank the P.G. Lodge for the contribution of fifty guineas, which had previously been voted to the Charities, and said that the last year's contributions to the Masonic Charities from Staffordshire amounted to £600, and gave the province 120 additional votes. He made an earnest appeal to the brethren to support the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, through whose organisation they could be almost sure to carry any candidate for admission to the Charities that they wished. At the same time, he reminded them that the numbers of lodges and of new members kept continually increasing all over the country, and it was necessary to do their utmost to keep pace with the increasing voting power of other provinces.

The brethren then adjourned in order to attend Divine service at St. Mary's Church, in their regalia, the procession being marshalled by Bro. T. E. Fowke. The volume of the Sacred Law was carried by four lewises, sons of Bros. Fowke, Scott, Mouseley, and Masters, of 726 lodge. The prayers and lessons were read by the rector, and the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry. His text was taken from Hebrews xiii., 1, "Let brotherly love continue." He pointed out that the charity eulogized in the Scriptures was not limited to the giving of alms, but included everything that flowed from the love of God and the love of man—everything that contributed to the happiness of mankind. He enforced this view with much earnestness. Brotherly love would prompt a man to make some provision for those who were to come after him, and who would otherwise suffer in a temporary sense by his departure. It would induce a sense of reconciliation with mankind. Every man, and every set of men, had some duties, some good works so peculiarly belonging to their place and circumstances that all others would be useless if these were omitted. After describing what he considered the virtues which Christians in general ought to possess, he said if his brother Freemasons desired to know how they might sow in righteousness so as to reap a sure reward, he could no better direct them than to the Masonic Schools for Boys and Girls, where the bodies and souls of the poor were provided for, and where parents received both relief and comfort in the care which was taken of their children. By these Charities hundreds had already been, and many thousands were likely to be, rescued from extreme poverty and the consequences of it. Their efforts would be that a great many families would in all probability (gratefully remembering the method and the way by which they were raised) hereafter contribute towards the continuance of brotherly love to future generations. Meanwhile, he explained, a good seed was being sown by supporting the Masonic Schools. At the close of the service the brethren returned to lodge, when it was announced that the collection at the church amounted to exactly £8. Of this sum, £3 was voted to the Rector of St. Mary's for his schools, and £5 to the Chaplain towards the funds for building a vicarage at Seighford.

In the evening a banquet was held in the Assembly Room, the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Tudor, presiding. The caterer was Bro. J. Nutt, of the North-Western Hotel, and the dinner, both as to quality and the manner in which it was served, was in every respect satisfactory.

The first toast after the repast was "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," proposed by Bro. TUDOR, who said he had seen His Royal Highness occupy the chair

on many occasions, and it was evident that he had the interest of Freemasonry at heart, and did everything that he could to promote it.

These toasts were heartily received, as was that of "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," which was proposed by Bro. TUDOR.

Bro. BODENHAM, in proposing "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire," said while Bro. McIntyre, the Grand Registrar, who at present ruled over the Craft in Staffordshire, was a hearty, genial, and good Mason, it was to be regretted that they had not one living in the province to take the position formerly held by the late Earl of Shrewsbury.

The toast was cordially received.

Bro. BAYLISS, P.G.S.W., proposed "The W.D.P.G.M. of Staffordshire," remarking that Bro. Tudor on the present occasion deserved their warmest sympathy, for he was suffering very considerably from illness, and made a great sacrifice of his personal comfort and convenience to fulfil the duties attached to his office.

The toast was drunk with much warmth of feeling on the part of the brethren.

Bro. TUDOR, in acknowledging the toast, said he had had an opportunity of presiding more or less over the province ten or twelve years, during a good deal of which time they had had no Grand Master, so that he had had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the working of the lodges, and also with many of the brethren. But the duties were quite sufficient for a P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. At the same time, he had done his best in the position which he had occupied. (Applause.) Unfortunately the last few years his health had not been so good as he could have wished it to be, and the Grand Master would not give him the assistance of a Deputy, and he had not been able to visit so many of the lodges as he should like to have done. He had received the greatest possible assistance from Bro. Cartwright, Bro. Bodenham, and other officers of Prov. Grand Lodge; but, at the same time, he felt that one occupying his position ought to personally visit the brethren in different lodges in the province, and unless he had assistance he was afraid he should have to ask to be relieved from his office.

Bro. THORNE, Wolverhampton, in an eloquent and complimentary speech, which was well received, proposed "The Health of the P.G. Wardens and other Officers of P.G. Lodge, Present and Past," for whom the P.G.S.W. responded.

Bro. JOSEPH ROWLANDS, P.P.G.J.W., gave the toast of "The W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province," for whom Bro. WOOD, 729, and Bro. DAVY, 1060, responded.

The following toasts were also drunk: "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. BARKER, P.G.J.W.; "The Provincial Grand Stewards," proposed by Bro. CARTWRIGHT, in highly complimentary terms, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. T. FOWKE, and Bro. BAGNALL; "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. CARTWRIGHT; and "The Host," proposed by Bro. FOWKE and acknowledged by Bro. NUTT. The proceedings were enlivened by the excellent singing of a glee party.

Much credit is due for the complete success of the meeting to the activity of the Provincial Grand Stewards, and the admirable arrangements which they made.

PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The Annual Communication of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the Grand Hotel, at Scarbro', on the 20th ult., under the banner of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200. The weather was fine, and there was a large muster of the brethren. A special train was ordered at York for the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master, but at the last moment was countermanded, a telegram having been received from his Lordship, who was confined to his room at Upleatham by a severe feverish cold. The meeting was, therefore, presided over by his Deputy, W. Bro. Dr. Bell, of Hull. The Board of Benevolence met at 12.30, and transacted its business, and at two o'clock the brethren having assembled in the lodge room, a procession was marshalled, and the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the apartment and took their places, and the lodge was opened. Amongst the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers present on the occasion were Bros. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Grand Chaplain of England; Sir Charles Legard, P.P.S.G.W.; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, P.G.J.W.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; R. W. Hollon, Prov. G. Treasurer; Sir James Meek, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Lawton, P.P.G.R.; J. March, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Woodall, P.P.S.G.W.; I. Murray, P.G.S.D. (China); J. W. Taylor, Prov. G.S.W.; T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. (West Yorkshire); R. Mitford Taylor, Prov. G. Chaplain; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Balmford, P.P.G.O.; C. W. Cheeseman, P.P.G.O.; F. A. Hopwood, Prov. G.S.B.; John Trotter, P.P.J.G.W. (Durham); J. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Atkinson, P.P.G.J.D.; J. H. Handyside, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Sissons, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Green, Prov. G.R.; H. B. Anderson, P.P.G.S.D.; J. S. Moss, P.P.G.S.B.; T. S. Camidge, P.P.G.O.; F. Foster, Prov. G.D.C.; G. Ayre, Prov. J.G.D.; A. Farmer, P.P.G.D.C.; T. C. Davison, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Delamere, P.P.J.G.D.; Rev. L. W. Heath, P.P.G.C.; A. Fraser, P.P.G.S.B.; H. O. Piercy, P.P.G.W.; W. Tesseyman, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. H. Rose, Prov. J.G.W.; R. J. Field, Prov. G.S.B.; T. Marshall, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Thompson, P.P.S.G.D.; W. G. Long, P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. H. Blane, P.P.G.C.; J. Todd, P.P.G. Reg.; R. G. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Teale, P.P.G.D.; and many W.M.'s, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of lodges.

The Grand Officers and visitors having been saluted, the business of the meeting was pursued, and the bye-laws of the newly-formed Charity Association of the province were brought up and confirmed.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611, was unanimously appointed Charity Steward for the province, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. John Thompson, P.M., of Hull, who had served in that capacity for a number of years. The Treasurer's statement was read and adopted.

On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, a sum of twenty-five guineas was voted to the fund being raised for a testimonial to Bro. M. C. Peck, Prov. Grand Secretary, and it was arranged that the presentation should be made to that brother at York early next year.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed as follows:

Bro. Ivor Murray	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. S. Cumberland	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. L. Tew	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. Greeves	
" G. Bohn	Prov. G. Reg.
" M. C. Peck	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Toozes	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Buckle	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. Palliser	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. Huntley	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Hogg	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" R. Boggett	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. G. Padel	Prov. G.O.
" J. Coulson	Prov. G.P.
" W. Dunn	Prov. G.A.P.
" F. J. Lambert	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Lowe	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

W. Bro. R. W. Hollon was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. Subsequently a banquet was held, at which the D.P.G.M. presided, and of which about 100 brethren partook. The toasts were interspersed with selections of music, performed in an excellent manner by the Scarbro' Masonic Band.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT HANLEY.

A neat building just erected in Cheapside, Hanley, to be termed the Freemasons' Hall, was opened on Tuesday evening, the 19th ult. It has been erected by Bro. C. Butters, by arrangement with the Menturia Lodge of Freemasons, No. 418, the object being to secure for the brethren a permanent and convenient place exclusively devoted to Masonic meetings. This has been effected by the appropriation of the first floor for the use of the Menturia Lodge, the ground floor being reserved for business purposes. Bro. E. E. Scrivener, P.P.G.S.D., has designed and personally superintended the erection of the building, the arrangements of which are admirable. The first floor, as already stated, has been especially constructed for Masonic purposes. On entering the building from Cheapside there is a spacious vestibule the floors of which are formed with encaustic tiles inlaid with Masonic devices and emblems. The staircase forming an approach to the Masonic rooms is a stone one of ample dimensions, divided from the entrance hall with glass partition and doors, the glass being richly engraved with emblems. On landing, the lodge room is approached through an ante-room, to the left of which, and in connection, are Tyler's and retiring rooms fitted up with every convenience. The lodge room is a very handsome apartment in the style called Queen Anne, forty-one feet by twenty-two feet, and fifteen feet high. The walls to a height of five feet six inches are plain, and above are divided into panels with richly moulded pilasters and cornice, the ceiling panelled between the main roof timbers, which are moulded and painted. The room is lighted by five windows on one side, which are fitted with blinds, curtains, and cornices of rich character. The furniture is principally new, being of oak and morocco made to design. The artificial lighting is three star pendants suspended from centre panels of ceiling. The ventilation has received great attention, and bids fair to be a perfect success, the circulation of air being constant, and, so far as we could see, entirely without draught. The rooms are all heated with small hot water pipes, by Bro. T. Bickley, P.P.G.J.D., of Hanley.

About fifty brethren, including several visitors from other lodges, assembled at the Hall on Tuesday evening, the 19th ult., and after the transaction of the ordinary monthly meeting they adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a supper was held by way of celebrating the opening of the new premises. Bro. Spencer Lawton, W.M., presided. During the evening the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Butters," to whose energy and brotherly feeling he said the members of the Menturia Lodge were indebted for having secured them an admirable building, which was in all respects convenient for their meetings. The rooms had been well planned, and the whole building was a credit to all concerned in its erection. The toast was heartily received.

Bro. BUTTERS, in acknowledging the toast, said, in purchasing the land for the new building he had two objects in view—one was to provide suitable premises for property sales free from the excessive drinking practices associated with such sales, and the other was to secure for the Menturia Lodge a permanent place suitable in all respects for their meetings. Those whom he was addressing were interested directly in the latter object, and they now had a building in which they could meet with comfort for the transaction of their Masonic meetings. Other congratulatory remarks were made by different speakers, and it was felt that Hanley Freemasons' Hall was equal, if not superior, to any building of the kind in the Province of Staffordshire.

THE GRAND LODGES OF SCOTLAND AND QUEBEC.

We are informed that the difficulties which have existed between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland are about shortly to be ended, in view of which the following proclamation from Grand Master Graham has been issued:—

RICHMOND, P.Q., October 14, 1880.—To all brethren of obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, and to all whom the following may concern:

Be it known unto you all, that it has been duly communicated to me that the Committees recently appointed by the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and by the R.W. the District Grand Lodge of Montreal Scottish Constitution, have met, and have happily and unanimously agreed upon proposals for the adjustment of differences hitherto existing; and embodying among other important principles of final settlement of the same, that the three private lodges in the said city, heretofore under the jurisdiction of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland, do become of obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec. And it having been further officially communicated to me that the aforesaid District Grand Lodge has unanimously approved of the said terms and conditions of final settlement, and that the aforesaid private lodges, under its immediate jurisdiction, namely, the Elgin, the Argyle, and the King Solomon,

have happily declared their adherence to, and acceptance of, the aforesaid proposals of adjustment and final settlement of the said differences, on the conditions therein set forth, upon the same being duly ratified and confirmed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Therefore, be it known unto you all, that by virtue of the power vested in me as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, I do hereby revoke and annul the Proclamation and interdict ament the said differences issued by the Grand Master of Quebec, of date June 21 1878, and the said edict is hereby revoked and annulled until such time as further action thereon shall be taken by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master of Quebec.

Of all which, you, and all others whom the said proclamation and interdict may in any way concern, shall take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the attestation of the Grand Secretary thereof, at Richmond, P.Q., this 14th day of October, A.L. 5880, and A.D. 1880.

(Signed,) J. H. GRAHAM,
Grand Master G.L. of Que.

Attest,
(Signed,) JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Sec. G.L. of Que.

CONSECRATION OF THE SHAKESPEARE MARK LODGE, No. 40, AT WARWICK.

At the consecration of the above lodge, the following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. W. Randall:

Most W.G.M.M. and Brethren: We are taught, and well taught, that Masonry is progressive. The terms constantly used in one ritual indicate this. We speak of Degrees, besides our various grades of office, of initiating, passing, raising, exalting, advancing, perfecting. So we learn that in the First Degree we are instructed in the duties we owe to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves. In the Second we are admitted to participate in the mysteries of human science, and to trace the goodness and majesty of the Creator by minutely analysing His works. The Third, we are told, is the cement of the whole; it is calculated to bind men together by mystic points of fellowship, as in a bond of fraternal affection and brotherly love; it points to the darkness of death and the obscurity of the grave, as the forerunner of a more brilliant light which shall follow at the resurrection of the just. Then we are expressly reminded that the Royal Arch is not a Fourth Degree, but the completion of the Third. Now it will be my aim, in the few remarks I shall address to you, to shew that the Degree of M.M.M. is very fitly regarded as the Fourth, that it is one of the most, if not the most legitimate Degrees of the Order, that, if I may so express it, whereas the first three are more or less contemplative, it is practical—that, in a word, it leads us to put in operation every day of our lives the great precepts which they invited us to think upon. And if this be so, I am sure that we shall feel ourselves under great obligations to those enlightened and zealous members of the Order who have asserted the place and dignity of this Degree, often against what I must term the unenlightened and prejudiced opposition of rulers in the Craft. And further, I trust that we shall be stirred up to promote its extension among our brethren so that we may witness many a repetition of the auspicious ceremony engaging us to-day. All will admit that the origin of our Order was operative, and I think it is well to add, that it was not simply or commonly operative, but always religiously so. Through all the traditions of the Order, which are of any historical value, this is apparent. However far back we go in the annals of the East, of Ancient Greece, or Ancient Rome, we find that colleges of artisans existed, that they were bound together in guilds or lodges, with secrets restricted to themselves, and using symbols, pledges, or marks, which were regarded as sacred bonds of union and sympathy. But without entering into details of these (which time does not permit), let me call attention to the fact that this particular form of Masonry not only existed, but of necessity existed, at the great era of the building of K.S.'s Temple, about 1000 years before Christ. When we bear in mind that 150,000 workmen, or thereabout, were employed in that great and glorious work, and that it was completed in little more than seven years, while works of far less magnitude and splendour have occupied as many centuries, we must see that it needed, and that there must have been, wonderful organisation to control this vast multitude, to inspect their work, to pay their wages, and to fulfil all those other requirements for preserving harmony, rewarding the diligent, and punishing the idle. Such an organisation we see in the formation of lodges with their graduated Degrees and officers, and above all in the rule that every Mason should be provided with a peculiar mark to be placed on his work, thus distinguishing it from that of any one of his fellows. By the aid of these marks the Overseers were enabled, without difficulty, to trace any piece of defective work to the faulty workman, and every attempt at imposition would be effectually prevented. Subsequent history confirms this; showing clearly that a similar usage has always been kept up among the operative Masonic lodges. These marks are found at Spire, Worms, Strasburg, and many other places, and on the great cathedral of Cologne, just completed. They are found in the far East on the walls of the fortress of Allahabad (built, 542); and they abound in the ancient buildings of Great Britain, France, and other countries. Almost all the sacred edifices of any note in Europe were built by these bodies of Masons, who in the Middle Ages were encouraged by Emperors who became their patrons, and by Popes whose Bulls conferred great privileges on them. One of these declares that the regulations were made "after the example of Hiram, King of Tyre, when he sent artisans to King Solomon for the purpose of building the Temple of Jerusalem." From these the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, Germany, France, and Italy, have all regularly descended, and in all of them the peculiar system of marks was maintained. In taking a retrospect of this kind, however brief, we must not pass over the singular fact that the early Christians carried similar marks whereby they became known to their fellow Christians in their travels, and there can be no doubt that it is to this custom allusion is made in the last book of the Sacred Volume, where it is said, "To him that overcometh will I give a white stone, and in it a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." But further, I am persuaded that this use of marks owes

its origin to a higher source than the intention or invention of man—that in fact it was derived from the example of the G.O.T.U. Himself, who from the first set His mark of approval or disapproval on men—the works of His hands: witness Cain, witness those spoken of by Ezekiel, and those seen by St. John having the seal of God in their foreheads. And I see much reason for thus interpreting the words of that "wise master-builder" St. Paul, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus," as far more in accordance with his mind than the meaning assigned by puzzled commentators. Perhaps nothing shows more the importance attached to this marking than its assumption by the Beast who "causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads." Hence we cannot be surprised to find that this distinguished body of builders, our Masonic ancestors, became strictly ecclesiastical in their constitution, and that, like their ancestors of Jerusalem, they devoted themselves to labour for the House of the Lord. Nor can we fail to see by how easy a gradation and transition, while they were so engaged, they spiritualised their works and tools, and though operative became also speculative. Employed upon the grandest piles of sacred architecture, "they dreamt not of a perishable home who could and would thus build." We are not then so severed from our operative forefathers as some would have us think. Many, and the best of them, thought, amid their daily tasks, of higher things—of duties to God as well as to one another; of His glorious works throughout the hidden mysteries of nature, and of their end which would be also a beginning of "*Mors janua vite*," knowing that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved they had a building of God—an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. In this, surely, they have left us an example. Not operative in the ordinary sense, we are, or ought to be, still truly operative. And he is but a sorry Mason who does not see in what direction, to what end, and on what work, every part, point, and letter of our ineffable mysteries would direct his energies. Each one has to labour for himself and his fellows that they may as lively stones be built up a spiritual house. Each one should work under the exalting assurance that he is a Temple of the living God, that each of his brethren is, or should be so, that they are rearing a glorious edifice on a sure foundation, upon a chief corner stone, elect, precious, "in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord." Believe me, this is the wisdom, this the strength, this the beauty, of our Order in whatever Degree; and the consecration of the heart of every member to the love and service of God and man. Let us hope and pray that the G.A.O.T.U., who is with us, whose all-seeing eye observes us, will to-day set His mark on each of us, as tried and approved stones, to be in His good time transferred from the quarries here below to "the Mountain of the Lord's House" above.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. A. WITTER.

At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Bede Lodge, 1119, held in the Mechanics Institute on Wednesday, the 27th ult., previous to the closing of the lodge, the W.M., Bro. M. H. Dodd, said: Before closing the business of the evening a most pleasing duty has been deputed to me, and it is one of the proudest moments of my Masonic career to have to present to my I.P.M., Bro. J. A. Witter, this beautiful gold P.M. jewel and craftsman's collar, with silver jewel attached. A more worthy brother, or one more devoted to the Craft, you cannot meet; not only as a Mason, but as a citizen. His straightforward and manly conduct has caused him to be universally respected and admired by the Craft. It gives me much pleasure, Bro. I.P.M. Witter, in presenting you with this P.M. jewel and collar, on behalf of the brethren of St. Bede Lodge, and trust that you may be long spared to wear them and to aid us by your excellent counsel. Bro. Witter in reply, said: I had hoped and expected that this last and greatest trial had been spared me. What I have done for our ancient and honourable Institution has been prompted by love and love alone; and I had so ardent a desire to stand before you as a Mason to whom no mercenary motive could be attributed in any shape, that I tried to prevent this; but when I see such a demonstration of genuine feeling accompanying this magnificent gift, I find that I was wrong, and I shall henceforth wear these jewels with more pride than I should wear a coronet. Freemasonry has convinced me that a body of men may live in harmony, even in this mercenary age, and unite in the grand design of trying to please each other, and to live a higher and holier life, and it has placed an effectual barrier between me and misanthropy. For this I am grateful, and I am doubly grateful to you for the esteem which has prompted this present, and for the spirit you have all displayed ever since I became a member of your lodge—a spirit which has enabled all of us to live in perfect love and harmony for many years. Brethren I thank you, and hope we may continue so to live, that we may meet in the Grand Lodge above where love and harmony will have a wider field.

MIXED MARRIAGES.

PARIS GOSSIP.

Paris, Monday.

The Freemasons, who have always played an important part in every political manifestation of opinion, and whose strong anti-Clerical ideas have brought them into collision with their English brethren, have undertaken to replace the ceremonies of the Church. The pomp with which each event under the auspices of religion has been celebrated has been regarded by the Freemasons as an appeal to the passions and feelings of humanity, and the gentlemen who have become the feeble imitators of those who invented the mysteries of Isis have made up their minds to introduce a certain portion of their ceremonial to the outer world, adapting it to the exigencies of every-day life. The Code requires that the marriage shall take place after due publication of banns, and with the expressed consent of parents or guardians, in the Mairie. The ceremony is very prosaic indeed. Bride and bridegroom feel that marriage loses much of its romance when they are surrounded by friends in the bare room entitled "Salle des Mariages" in the presence of the *greffier*, or clerk, who is writing out the declaration each party has to sign. They have to wait for Monsieur le Maire, a podgy, snuffy gentleman, girt about with a tricoloured sash, who came up from the provinces and made his fortune in trade, without forgetting

the uncoutness of his early training, rendered more conspicuous by the paltry pride and idea of self-importance which generally distinguishes the *parvenu*. The ceremony at the Mairie is most prosaic. The Code prescribes the duty of husband and wife, both are formally warned of all the obligations they assume, and when the final question is put to them and answered, they feel as if there was no appeal and as if they had been irrevocably condemned. The nuptial benediction given afterwards at the church was considered as the only thing which could restore the mind to its equanimity, and reconcile persons to the idea that there was something holy and imposing in the state of matrimony. This portion of the ceremony has been replaced by the Masonic Lodge, which has been substituted for the church, and several marriages have taken place in the presence of senators, deputies, municipal councillors, &c. A detailed account has been given of the manner in which the blushing, or perhaps unblushing, bride stood before the dais under which the Worshipful Master and his guests had gathered, while speeches were made denouncing the superstitions of the age, and telling the woman that the traditions of her cradle were old women's tales. The ritual of the Church was replaced by a concert, and Madame Agar spoke a piece. We are told that these ceremonies are in time to supersede those of the Church; but infidelity, like religion, has its weak point, and requires that certain nuptial manifestations should accompany each expression of the articles of its creed.—*Globe*.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS.

As the Grand Conclave is now finally fixed for December, and as every conclave no doubt would wish to be represented, any conclave not having made its returns should do so at once to the Grand Recorder, Dr. Woodman, Ford House, Exeter, to enable members of such conclave to be present on this important occasion.

France.

ORDER OF MISRAIM OR EGYPT.

L'ARC-EN-CEIL LODGE.—This ancient lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Thursday evening, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Temple, Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau. Although the hour of meeting was marked on the summons eight o'clock rigorously precise, it was not until a quarter to nine that the lodge was opened in the name of the G.A.O.T.U. by the Ven. Bro. Osselin, père, assisted by Bros. Doyen, First Assessor; Maulois, Second Assessor; Debray, Orator, and Bazergue, Secretary. There were some thirty other brethren present, and among the visitors were Bros. Mesnier, Venerable of the Lodge Franchise Ecosaise S.R., and G. C. Dickey, 1744, England. Lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and unanimously confirmed. The Venerable then read the correspondence, which consisted of invitations to the brethren from other lodges, and two communications from lay schools, each announcing a meeting to be held and enclosing tickets for a lottery to be drawn, after such meeting, for the benefit of the school. The Venerable ordered the tickets to be handed to the Second Assessor, from whom any brother, wishing to do so, could purchase them. He then called upon Bro. Chassard to read a paper, the subject of which was announced as "What the romance is, and what it should be." Bro. Chassard commenced by stating that what he intended to speak of more especially was the Roman feuilleton (romances published and continued from day to day in the French daily papers). The speaker mentioned in favourable terms Dumas, père, Eugene Sue, and some others less known, defended Rabelais, Voltaire, and Rousseau, and severely condemned Zola, Dumas fils, X. Montepin, and those writers who have contributed to that disgraceful literature which has outraged public decency in Paris for some three months past, and to which literature the expressive term pornographic has been applied. The speaker added that it was deeply to be regretted that the worst offenders were soi-disant Republican papers. Other speakers followed, and while all were very sensible of the cankerous evil, none could propose other remedy likely to be efficient but a vigorous and impending application of the law. The subject being closed for the evening, the Venerable called on the brethren for a warm battery in thanks to Bro. Chassard and others who had spoken. This having been heartily responded to, the "Tzedaka" was circulated, and the lodge then closed in the usual form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

The Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Renfrewshire East, was held on Saturday evening, the 30th ult., in the hall of Renfrew County Kilwinning Lodge. There was a large attendance. Bro. Sir Arch. C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. James Caldwell, S.M.; Geo. Fisher, S.W.; and George Hart, R.W.N. 153, acting J.W., were in their respective chairs.

The Benevolent Fund Committee reported that they had had five applications for grants from the Benevolent Fund under consideration—four from widows, and one from a brother. They had resolved to recommend grants to the amount of £13 in four of the cases, and decline to receive one. Their report was adopted.

The Treasurer, Bro. ALEX. MACPHERSON, reported that the amount at the credit of the General Fund was £20 3s. 13d., and Benevolent Fund £97 19s.

Bro. GLEN, R.W.M. 426, submitted the report of the Committee recently appointed to devise a scheme for assimilating the working of Degrees in the various lodges of the province, but as the report was not in accordance with the remit it was sent back to the Committee.

The annual visitations of the various lodges were arranged.

The SECRETARY submitted the annual report of the Provincial Grand Master to Grand Lodge, in which the P.G.M. states that he felt warranted in saying that in his province the brethren were taking a deep interest in Masonry, and that its spirit was extending in a manner that gave great hope for the future.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of the Lodge of Asaph was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edward Swanborough, W.M., presiding. The attendance of brethren was very large, including the names of Bros. Edward Swanborough, W.M.; Charles Wellard, S.W.; Harry Cox, J.W.; William Meyer Lutz, S.D.; John Maclean, J.D.; Arthur Swanborough, D. of C.; Frederick Delevanti, I.G.; Abraham Henson, Steward; Charles Coote, Treas.; John Gilbert, Tyler; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M.; J. Weaver, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; George Buckland, I.P.M.; Edward Frewin, P.M.; Charles S. Jekyll, P.M.; William A. Tinney, P.M.; William H. Crumer, Henry Baker, Charles Harper, jun.; Joseph Perry, John M. Ball, Henry Snyders, Henry J. Tinney, Julian Egerton, Joseph Baker, Frederick Burgess, William J. Castell, William Graves, Leopold Silberberg, Henry Lazarus, Gustavus R. Egerton, Ambrose Austin, Frederick Kendall, William Lewis Barrett, Arthur Thomas, Robert Soutar, William J. H. Waud, William Jones Hill, James Charles Hambleton, Victor Tussaud, Charles George Alias, Charles Francis Fogarty, Alfred Phassey, Walter Hopkins Smith, Henry James Carter, Robert Dodson, Jules Guillon, Andrew McElaney, Pietro Le Conte Castell, Charles Ernest Tinney, Org.; Edwin James F. Bell, William John Kent, James Beveridge, Henry James Calcott, Alfred Morton, Henry Ashley, Lestock Boileau Woodbridge, Richard Temple, Harry James Hitchins, Edward Humphrey, George Edwin Fairchild, James G. Taylor, Henry Marsh Edsall, Charles Millward, Edward H. W. Wright, Charles J. Taylor, Robert D'Albertson, Henry Parry, John L. Simon, H. Bracey, W. Rolls, A. Woodhouse, G. W. Strout, and Max Klein.

Visitors: Bros. E. E. Davies, P.G.S., 23; J. Healy, P.M., 59; J. B. Spence, P.P.G. Surrey, 1049; J. Hart, 59; W. E. Gaze, 1351; E. H. Harrison, 369; H. C. Davey, 716; H. R. Baker, 1641; J. Read, 13, P.M. 720; H. M. Clemow, St. Dunstan's; J. H. Gruggen, 1670; A. H. Sitwell, J.W. 1826, D.C. 127; J. Carter, 4, Glasgow; G. F. Hammond, 1765; H. A. Greenwood, G. Swd. B.; G. W. Verry; L. Norden, W.M. 205; J. H. Maybrick, W.M. 1706; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; J. Stone, 704; J. Kenet, P.M. and G.P., La Tolerance; G. Duxfield, I.G. 613; E. P. Albert, P.P.G., 188; E. E. Smith, S.W. 1559; W. Hilton, P.M. 1351; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1777, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; R. Hammond, Western Lodge; Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; C. E. Cooper, S.D. 1494; J. Wood, W.M. 1470; F. J. Ash, P.M. 1343; W. H. Blackman, P.M. 140; H. Thompson, W.M. 969; J. Sandelands Ward, 1, P.M. 172; J. Blyth Well, 173; J. Finch, W.M. 795; E. Smith; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; Barfotte Schartan, 1549; E. H. Strong, P.M. 435; H. Mackintosh, P.M. 4; W. H. Thomas, I.P.M. 1491; J. Lloyd, S.D. Eclectic; E. J. Cobby, P.M. 134; C. T. May, P.M. 780; H. Brocklehurst, 862; C. Watkins, 1670; J. Blyth, W.M. 173; G. Perkins, P.M. 140; R. W. Dunn, P.M. 1670; J. Llewelyn Innes, P.M. 657, P.P.G.B. Middx.; C. Bending, 1706; A. Tisley, J.D. 8; W. Smith, 1706; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Edward Swanborough having presented to Bro. Buckland Bro. Charles Wellard, S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Buckland duly installed Bro. Wellard, performing the whole ceremony in excellent style. The following brethren were appointed and invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices: Bros. W. Meyer Lutz, S.W.; John Maclean, J.W.; Charles Coote, Treasurer; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Secretary; F. Delevanti, S.D.; Arthur Swanborough, J.D.; C. E. Tinney, I.G.; Henson, D.C.; W. J. Kent and H. Ashley, Stewards; H. Tinney, Organist; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Harry Cox, who was appointed J.W. last year, resigned his privilege of being appointed to the S.W.'s chair. Bro. Buckland delivered all the charges, and when he resumed his seat was rewarded with general applause for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Letters were read from Bro. the Lord Mayor, C. H. Stephenson, and E. Stanton Jones, expressing their regret at being unable to be present, after which the W.M. said the brethren had all heard of the lamented death of Bro. Charles Harcourt, who was initiated in that lodge, of which he must say he was an ornament. It would not be right to let that meeting pass over without expressing the brethren's regret at the melancholy occurrence, and their deep sympathy with Bro. Harcourt's widow in her bereavement. He would, therefore, propose a motion to that effect, and that a letter of condolence with Mrs. Harcourt should be written to her. Bro. Edward Swanborough, I.P.M., in seconding the proposition, said that having been an old friend of the late lamented brother, he could inform the lodge that Bro. Harcourt was the first to do a kindness, and the last to do an injury to anyone, and it gave him (Bro. Swanborough) a melancholy pleasure to second the proposition. The motion was carried unanimously, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards repaired to Freemasons' Tavern, where a splendid banquet was provided in the large hall by Bro. Best. The usual toasts were proposed, and honoured, after the banquet. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M." said it was a matter of congratulation to Freemasons, that amidst the numerous engagements and calls upon the time of the Grand Master, he was enabled to devote so much time as he did to Freemasonry. Whenever there was Masonic work to be done, he did not spare himself, but went here and there to plead for the Charities, or to add a red letter day to the Masonic calendar, such as that when he laid the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral. At that grand ceremony he was happy to say the Asaph Lodge had the honour of being represented. The toast of "The Pro Grand Master" followed. In giving the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," the W.M. said, those brethren, whose privilege it was to attend Grand Lodge, could bear testimony to the able and efficient manner in which the Grand Officers discharged their duties. At the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge a glance at the agenda paper would show that a large proportion of the work fell upon the Grand Secretary. It would be impossible for any man to administer that department in a more able and efficient way than it was administered by Col. Shadwell H.

Clerke. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to the Grand Officers to have their services and position recognised so kindly as they had been that evening, but more especially did they thank the brethren of the Asaph Lodge for the privilege of being then present, and enjoying the princely hospitality of the lodge. The performance of the installation ceremony had shown some very excellent work, and he must congratulate the W.M. and Bro. George Buckland, on the admirable and impressive style in which the latter had installed the former, weighted, as he knew he was, by a very heavy and severe cold. So long as they had Past Masters in the lodge who could perform the ceremony in the way Bro. Buckland had, so long must the Lodge of Asaph hold up its head among the working lodges of London. It was a great pleasure as well as a great honour to be present at a good working lodge, and particularly so when the members of that lodge belonged to a profession so distinguished as that of the drama and music. They were both most charming professions; and it was a treat to see that, while the time of those gentlemen was occupied with their callings, they yet secured sufficient leisure to discharge the duties of Freemasonry well and ably. Bro. Edward Swanborough, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which, he said, was a toast that would appeal to the heart of every member of the Asaph Lodge. As he had stated when he presented the W.M. elect to the Installing Master, Bro. Wellard had endeared himself to every one of the members of the lodge by his genial and gentlemanly behaviour. He had fulfilled the duties of every office so far, even passed the S.W. chair, with a great deal of ability, with credit to himself; and in electing him unanimously to fill the Master's chair the brethren had done a good thing, for he would maintain and uphold the good name this lodge had among the lodges of the Craft and the brethren generally. The W.M., in reply, said he felt very highly the compliment paid to him by Bro. Swanborough and the cordiality of the brethren in their adoption of his sentiments. He trusted that with the assistance of the Past Masters, and with Bro. Swanborough as his Immediate Past Master, he should discharge the duties of his year of office in such a way as to merit the approbation of the brethren. He then proposed "The Health of Bro. Swanborough, I.P.M.," and said it was a great pleasure to him to have to convey to Bro. Swanborough a testimony of the appreciation of the brethren of the way in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office. To most of the brethren Bro. Swanborough had been known very much longer than to him (the W.M.); but he (the W.M.) gave place to none of the brethren in the value he set upon Bro. Swanborough's good qualities and his generous disposition in everything connected with the lodge. Addressing Bro. Swanborough, the W.M. said: In presenting to you, Bro. Swanborough, this handsome Past Master's jewel which has been granted to you by the lodge, and in placing it on your breast, I trust the Great Architect of the Universe will grant you many years of health, happiness, and strength to wear it. Bro. Edward Swanborough, in acknowledging the toast, which was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the jewel, said if he did not think he had quite done his duty the present the brethren had made him, and the way in which they had drunk his health, at least showed they thought he had. He was very proud of his lodge. It had been remarked by Bro. Edward Terry, when he received a Past Master's jewel, it was a red-letter to be presented with a jewel of his lodge; to him (Bro. Swanborough) it was a diamond in his life, because it would reflect such a brightness in his future that he should never forget it. He had tried to do his duty to this lodge. He was present at the laying of the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral by the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and met the Grand Secretary there. He did that for the lodge. When he was installed W.M. of the Asaph Lodge he found he could have gone out to lodges three times a week, and frequently twice in one night; but his health and his professional duties would not allow him; in fact, if he had done so the lodge would have had to enlarge the Master's chair. He only trusted that their dear old Master, Bro. Wellard, would represent the Lodge of Asaph, and keep up its dignity in the same manner as he (Bro. Swanborough) had tried to do; and, as one of the esteemed Past Masters of his mother lodge said he ought to have been at the Mansion House the previous Monday to have closed a very glorious Masonic career to his year, he might inform the brethren that he ought to have been there, because the Lord Mayor, on his installation as Master of the Grand Master's Lodge, told him he should be present, and he (Bro. Swanborough) felt a little bit disappointed when he found he was not invited. However, the Lodge of Asaph was represented by Bro. Jeykell, Grand Organist, and he (Bro. Swanborough) was not so much disappointed, especially as while the Lord Mayor was entertaining the Grand Master, he (Bro. Swanborough) had the honour, in his mother's name, of entertaining the beloved Grand Mistress, the Princess of Wales, the same evening. He begged to assure the brethren that though he had quitted the Chair of the lodge, his heart would always be with the brethren. Bro. W. A. Tinney, P.M., Secretary of the Lodge of Asaph's Benevolent Fund, in reply to the toast of that Fund, said that though the Fund amounted to £400 it did not increase in proportion to the number of members of the lodge, which was now 115. He thought the amount was far short of what it ought to be, and he would like to see it made up to £1000, so that they might meet all the demands which might be made upon it. He said "might," because, fortunately, up to the present time, there had not been many calls on it. Year after year the same brethren's names appeared on the subscription list, but by far the larger number of brethren's names did not appear there at all. He did not think this was right, as all ought to subscribe a small amount. He did not ask them for more than they could afford; but if all were to subscribe the fund would be largely increased. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. said the brethren would agree that the working that day by P.M. Buckland could not have been more able. The Past Master took much pleasure in instructing the young officers, and there was no greater pleasure to Bro. Weaver, P.M., than to have the brethren up at his house and make it a lodge of instruction. Bro. J. M. Chamberlin replied, and regretted that so many P.M.'s of the lodge were absent through professional engagements, and all the brethren must also regret the circumstance. Bro. E. Terry sent a telegram with his good wishes. The W.M. had spoken of the good work of the P.M.'s, and a speci-

men of it had been given by Bros. Frewin and Weaver before. All the P.M.'s tried to do their work well. He was happy to see Bro. E. Swanborough among the Past Masters. Before sitting down he must pay a sad tribute of respect to the late Bro. Charles Coote, whose genial face they missed, and who was one of the brightest ornaments of the lodge. He had, however, passed away to a better place, and the brethren mourned his loss. This was the first gap among the ranks of the Past Masters, and he hoped it would be many years before there was another. He trusted that the Past Masters who assisted in the formation of the lodge would live to see a long list of Past Masters by their side. Bro. E. Swanborough said he had omitted to thank Bro. Buckland for so cheerfully complying with his request to instal the W.M. "The Health of the Visitors" was then proposed, and was responded to by Bros. Dr. Mackintosh, Capt. Finch, and Maybrick. Bros. Lutz and Delevanti replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the W.M. then gave "The Health of the Musical Brethren, Bros. G. T. Carter, Montem Smith, Thomas Lawler, T. Baxter, and H. Bracey." The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The music during the evening was of a choice description, and in addition to the above musical brethren, who sang under the direction of Bro. C. G. Jekyll, Grand Organist, Bro. E. Frewin's band performed the overture to "Gazza Ladra," and a selection from the Grand Ballet in "Saturnalia."

ORPHEUS LODGE (No. 1706).—On Saturday evening last, the annual meeting for the installation of the Worshipful Master of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, was held at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Hodgson, W.M., presided, and in an impressive manner installed Bro. Michael Maybrick, the musical composer, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Joyce Murray was appointed Senior Warden, and Bro. J. L. Hodges, Junior Warden. The other officers were Bros. Blyth, P.M., Treas.; Golden, P.M., Sec.; Willey, P.M., S.D.; Eaton Faling, J.D.; the Rev. W. Stainer, Chap.; George Benson, I.G.; Caston, P.M., D.C.; Frederick Smith, jun., Org.; Wm. Smith and Kenson, Stewards; and Potter, Tyler.

Before the installation, Bro. Maybrick proposed, and Bro. J. Joyce Murray seconded, the gift of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. S. Hodson, in token of the brethren's appreciation of the admirable way in which he had discharged the office of W.M. during the past year. After the installation, Bro. Golden, Secretary, read the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, which showed a balance of £50 13s. 7d. in hand. Notwithstanding this large balance, although the fund had only been established eighteen months, the Committee regretted that the fund was much less supported than formerly by the subscriptions collected in the lodge. On the motion of Bro. F. Davison, seconded by Bro. Hodson, the report was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The handsome silver alms box was then sent round, and realised £6 3s. 7d. The attendance of brethren was very large, about 130 being present. Among them were several Grand Officers, Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; H. C. Lavender, Grand Secretary of the Province of Middlesex; the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Past Grand Chaplain; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Past Grand Senior Warden Surrey; Frederick Davison, Hyde Pullen, Past Grand Sword Bearer; and Wilhelm Ganz, Past Grand Organist.

When the business was concluded the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice banquet was provided in the large hall. After banquet the Worshipful Master proceeded with the toasts. He first gave "The Queen," without adding "and the Craft." The next toast was "The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge." Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, responded, and said he felt he was somewhat out of his place in doing so, because there was present a reverend and very distinguished brother on his left (the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw) who was senior to him in Grand Lodge, and whose privilege it should have been to respond to this toast. With the modesty, however, which was peculiar to him, he had retired from the position to which he was entitled, and had left it to him (Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke) to perform that duty. All the Grand Officers were grateful for the fraternal way in which the brethren had received the toast. All the Grand Officers, no doubt, deserved well of the Order, because they had in various capacities and at various times done a great deal to promote the prosperity of Freemasonry. He hoped and believed that that was admitted. On the other hand, he need scarcely say it was very gratifying to be remembered at Masonic meetings. He could not help referring to the Masonic banquet at the Mansion House the previous Monday, when there were 142 Grand Officers who rallied round the Prince of Wales. For the Freemasons he did not ask sympathy on that account, because they were not very badly treated. Nevertheless, their going in such large numbers showed they had not forgotten their position. When they arrived at their high distinction they gave up all consideration of convenience, and the result was that there were 142 G. Officers the previous Monday round the Prince of Wales; and, as he had said, they were a band who had done good and were still ready to do good to Freemasonry. He could not help echoing the words of the M.W.G.M. on that occasion. His Royal Highness said: "I regret that the many duties I have to perform do not enable me to see so much of you, brethren, as I should like; but of one thing you may be sure, that I shall always take the deepest interest in everything that concerns the welfare of the Craft. I have taken that interest from the day I became one of you, and I hope that I shall do the same till the day of my death." In his position of Grand Secretary he (Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke), of course, had peculiar means of knowing what His Royal Highness's feelings were with regard to Freemasonry, and he could assure the brethren that the Prince of Wales really felt the greatest interest in everything that appertained to the Order. Many brethren thought the Prince of Wales was only an ornamental Grand Master. That really was not the case. The W.M. next gave "Prosperity to the Craft in General and the Orpheus Lodge in Particular," which was heartily responded to. Bro. J. S. Hodson, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said the work of a W.M. was not, in his opinion, completed until he had installed his successor in the lodge and proposed the health of the new Master at the banquet table. Before he retired into private life as a superannuated W.M. he had this pleasing duty to perform. In proposing the health of Bro. Maybrick, he might say that brother possessed in a very high degree those qualities which went to make a

good Master—courteous and genial manners, skill and ability as a Mason, and a determination to do the right always. He might also say that the prestige of the lodge as a musical lodge would be enhanced in his hands, and that he would do his work during his year "with a long, long pull, and a strong, strong pull." The W.M. (who was received with immense applause) said it was his wish to do the work of the lodge as it had been done, and to keep up the prestige of the lodge in every shape and form, both Masonic and musical. He undertook the duty of the Mastership of the lodge not only fully prepared to carry out his programme, but, what was more, determined to do it. He looked upon the chair of a lodge as a very important post, because he considered that in the hands of the Master of a lodge rested everything appertaining to the lodge, and if the Master was lax in his principles or his duties, the lodge grew rusty and fell into disrepute. Therefore, he called upon every member of the Orpheus Lodge to support him during his year of office in fulfilling the programme he wished to carry out. Having thus explained his ideas as to the lodge, he had only to say that his great desire was to see the lodge successful. He was one of the founders of it, and he was still a very young Mason; but, at the same time, he was a very ambitious one. He would do all he could to make the lodge a success, and while thanking the brethren very sincerely for the very loyal manner in which they had supported him that evening, he trusted that at the end of his year they would give him the same hearty welcome and cordial reception as they had given him that evening. In proposing "The Past Masters," Bro. Maybrick said he would first perform a very grateful task. Since they were kind enough to vote in the lodge the I.P.M. a jewel as the reward for his labours, or rather as a memento of his labours, he had put the jeweller's art to its fullest task, and he was happy to inform the brethren that the jewel had arrived—in the space, he thought, of three hours—in the case which included this very wonderful task. (Laughter.) Bro. Hodson was well entitled to wear it. Its intrinsic value was small, but its true value was truly great, because it represented a year of office famous for good work. Might Bro. Hodson be spared many years to wear it, and to receive the thanks of the brethren. There were only two P.M.'s in the Orpheus Lodge, Bro. Gadsby and Bro. Hodson, present that evening. Bro. Barrett had been at Market Drayton, and as he could not arrive till the banquet was half over he was too good a Mason to be present at the dinner if he could not be at the lodge. Bro. Hodson, I.P.M., in reply, said no one could recognise more fully than he the fact that the Master's collar was the greatest honour a lodge could bestow on any of its members. Presiding over a lodge of so distinguished and intellectual a character as the Orpheus was, to his mind, a reward, and more than a reward, for any labour that might be necessary, and might, one would think, satisfy the desire of the most exalted ambition. The lodge, however, not contented with this, had, in the plenitude of its generosity, been pleased to present him with this very handsome jewel; and he could assure the brethren that he felt quite unable adequately to thank them for this great mark of their esteem. But he wished them to believe most heartily that he was very much impressed with the kind feelings which had dictated the gift, and with which it had been presented. The Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C., in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said that while thanking the brethren for their hospitality he had to thank them for the delightful feast of music placed before them. He might be allowed to congratulate them on their selection of a W.M.; a brother popular in himself both in and out of Masonry, who had made himself popular to thousands who had never set eyes upon him, and who besides that had shown by the manner in which he had taken part in the work that night that he meant to set an example to future Masters of the lodge. It was very seldom one heard the Master of a lodge at any time, and especially upon the night of his installation, throw himself into the work as Bro. Maybrick did. He said his words not as if he learned them by rote, but as if he felt the importance of every word he spoke. He wished him a prosperous year of office, and did not doubt he would have it, and out of the lodge that he might have a "Nancy Lee" to suit his mind, and many "Midshipmites" to follow. (Laughter.) Bro. J. Joyce Murray, S.W., responding for "The Officers," said he thought every officer of the lodge must be proud of their W.M. In him they felt they had a very able general. With an able general soldiers always fought well together. Under Bro. Maybrick's generalship they would all be most anxious to serve loyally, and they intended as far as possible to show him they would make this a very remarkable year for their very remarkable lodge. It was only three years old, and yet it had an enormous number of visitors, most of whom were true and earnest Masons. He felt quite sure that all the officers would work together in the greatest harmony, and at the end of the W.M.'s year of office they would be found to merit the kind consideration of the brethren. Bros. Golden and Blyth responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the evening closed with the Tyler's toast. A superb selection of music was performed during the intervals between the toasts by the members of the lodge.

JARROW.—St. Bede Lodge (No. 1119.)—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held in the south room of the Mechanics Institute, on Wednesday, the 13th ult., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Building Committee as to the proposed Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. M. H. Dodd, W.M., assisted by the officers and brethren present. Bro. Sedcole, Secretary, then read the following report: Your Committee report that they have held several meetings for the purpose of promoting a scheme for the erection of a Masonic Hall, and that, as a result of their labours, plans of the proposed hall have been prepared by Bro. Morton, architect, the carrying out of which will entail an outlay of capital to the extent of £1000. A description of the building is set out in the annexed report by Bro. Morton. Your Committee, in submitting the plans for your approval, beg to state that, with the view of obtaining the required accommodation for the brethren, and a fair revenue from the shops, great care has been exercised in designing the building. The plans have been approved by Mr. Spain, agent for Lady James. With regard to the question of capital your Committee are of opinion that the lodge should borrow it from a building society, on the security of the building, with twelve brethren as Trustees, and repay the principal and

interest by monthly instalments over as long a term of years as possible. Your Committee therefore recommend: 1. That the plans prepared by Bro. Morton be adopted; that the Masonic Hall be erected in Grange-road, adjoining the Water Company's Officers, at an estimated cost of £1000, and that Bro. Morton prepare all necessary contract drawings, and invite tenders for the erection of the building. 2. That the capital be raised by way of loan from a building society on the best terms obtainable. 3. That Bros. W. H. Dickinson, J. T. Dickinson, R. E. Huntley, T. Renton, John Pryce, H. Golder, J. H. Dale, John Armstrong, Jas. Armstrong, T. S. Salter, Thos. Kirk, and Ithuralde be respectfully asked to be trustees. 4. That the consideration of this report be referred to a lodge of emergency. Architect's Report.—Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I have the honour of laying before you a design for your proposed Masonic Hall, to be built in Grange-road, a brief description of which may be found useful in considering the general arrangement. The style of architecture I have adopted will be amply illustrated to you by referring to the perspective view. The site is in every way an eligible one, having a frontage of fifty-two feet, and so situated that the hall may be placed due east and west; the advantage of which must be obvious to all of the initiated. The ground-floor consists of two spacious and handsome shops, each 23 ft. by 20 ft. 6 in., by 12 ft. high, that on the west having a show-room behind 17 ft. by 14 ft. There are also convenient yards in the rear. In the centre of the site is the main entrance to the Masonic portion of the edifice; consisting of entrance hall and vestibule, 8 ft. wide, the floors of which will be of black and white Mosaic pavement, and the walls will be relieved by Ionic columns. At the rear of the entrance hall easy stairs, 5 ft. wide, will lead up to the lodge-room above the shops. The first or principal floor is arranged with an ante or robing-room, 14 ft. 6 in. square, with an inner preparation-room, 14 ft. 6 in. by 8 ft., for the use of candidates. Separate doorways from each communicate with the Masonic Hall. The hall will be 35 ft. by 23 ft., by 13 ft. high, the walls of which will be relieved by Ionic columns and panelling. The dais and fireplace will be designed as special features, adding greatly to the general ornamentation. The windows will have double sashes to deaden any sound arising from the street traffic. Continuing up the staircase we arrive at a well-fitted up lavatory, containing all the necessary conveniences. From the stair landing, wide folding doors will give access to the Banqueting Hall, which will be similar in size to the lodge beneath. Adjoining is the kitchen, 18 ft. by 13 ft., with convenient store-rooms and other fittings. Regarding the income to be derived from the business premises I have to state that there is little doubt that £50 per annum (a very moderate estimate), could easily be obtained for the two shops. This would be a good percentage on the cost of the whole building, which I estimate at £1000. In conclusion, I may say that my best endeavours will be used to render the premises cheerful and appropriate in character and also convenient and complete in every detail. It was moved by Bro. Bodd, Worshipful Master, and seconded by Bro. Witter, I.P.M., and it was resolved that the report of the Building Committee be received. Moved by Bro. Thos. Ramsay, seconded by Bro. Witter, that the report be adopted. A discussion then took place as to the mode proposed for raising the capital for the new hall, when it was moved by Bro. Sedcole as an amendment to clause two of the report, and seconded by Bro. Ramsay, that the capital be raised by shares of £1 each, to bear interest at £4 10s. per cent, per annum, to such an amount as can be subscribed by the brethren of this, or any other, lodge in the neighbourhood, and that the remainder, if any, be borrowed from a building society, and that the lodge take up such a number of un-advanced shares in a building society as will enable the lodge within a reasonable period to pay off the shareholders by allotment. On the amendment being put, it was declared carried, and the report of the Committee was amended accordingly. It was resolved on the motion of Bro. Cameron, seconded by Bro. A. McDougall, S.W., that a circular, setting out the whole scheme be issued to the brethren of this lodge inviting them to take shares. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The usual monthly meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 21st ult., Bro. W. C. Erwin, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Robt. Leeson, I.P.M.; John Price, P.M.; John Houlding, P.M., P.G. Registrar; H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; R. H. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Sammons, P.M.; McCarthy, P.M.; Dr. B. Price, S.W.; Jas. Pilling, J.W.; R. Kynaston, Sec.; W. H. Jewell, S.D.; M. Callaghan, J.D.; J. J. Smith, I.G.; T. Pierrepont, S.S.; R. Stockton, J.S.; M. Williamson, Tyler; J. W. Povate, J. Gillett, L. J. Smith, jun., W. T. Oversley, T. Roberts, Robt. Perry, W. J. Henderson, A. Gillfillan, and others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. R. T. Leslie, (Chaplain of Walton Workhouse), W.M. 1713; Jos. Boyle, W.M. 823; T. Turner, P.M. 1322; H. Hindle, P.M. 1620; R. Warriner, P.M. 1547; Dr. Robt. Wood, 1713; Dr. A. Soldat, J.D. 1547; C. Wadsworth, J. D. 292; John Reed, 78; R. T. Brittan, 823; W. Stooke, 1086; John Kellith, 1676; John C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 6 p.m. by the W.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting, also of a lodge of emergency, had been read and confirmed, Bro. Povah was passed to the Degree of F. C. The S.W. presented the working tools. Bro. Gillet was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who gave a traditional history and explained the Tracing Board also the working tools. Capt. McIntosh and Mr. Andrews were proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. Bro. J. Houlding, P.M., P.G. Registrar, responded in an effective speech upon behalf of "The P.G. Officers," and advocated the cause of the Masonic Charities with good effect, the sum of ten pounds being subscribed to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution before the brethren separated. Bro. P. M. Leeson then rose, and on behalf of the members of the Hamer Lodge of Instruction presented to Bro. Jackson, P.M., a handsome oak writing desk, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services as Preceptor for the last three years. Bros. Leslie and Warriner expressed their regret at losing the services of so able a Preceptor,

and hoped that he would receive the desk not for its intrinsic value but for the good wishes it conveyed. Bro. Jackson expressed his thanks to the brethren for the present and his gratification that he had been able to perform the duties of his office so as to give satisfaction to the brethren of the Lodge of Instruction. The Health of the W.M. was proposed, and Bro. Erwin having briefly returned thanks, the remaining toasts, including "The Officers and Visitors," were duly proposed and responded to. During the evening some capital songs were sung by Bros. Gillfillan, Roberts, and Evans.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 29th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. There were present Comps. W. F. Lamony, M.E.Z., P.G. 1st A.S.; E. Tyson, H., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Atkinson, J.; J. Barr, P.Z., P.G.J.; Dr. Henry, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.G. 2nd A.S.; E. Fearon, P.Z.; J. Rothery, S.E.; J. J. Braithwaite, as S.N.; G. Dalrymple, P.S., P.G. Steward; F. Hodgson, 1st A.S.; J. Cooper, Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. Jackson and E. Clark, Stewards; J. Casson, C. Mossop, R. Baxter, J. F. Kirkconnel, J. Milligan, and G. Sparrow. Comp. J. M. Salisbury, of True Blue Chapter, I.G., kindly acted as Janitor in the place of Comp. G. Fitzgerald, through illness. Comp. J. Pearson, M.E.Z., No. 327, was present as a visitor.

The chapter having been opened with the customary formalities, and the rest of the companions admitted, the minutes of the previous quarterly convocation were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then invited M.E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z. 129 and 248, P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmorland, P.P.G. St. Br. West Lancashire, and an honorary member of this chapter, to perform the ceremony of installation, and the Three Principals were severally placed in the chairs as follow: Comps. E. Tyson, M.E.Z.; T. Atkinson, H.; and G. Dalrymple, J. The other appointments were Comps. J. T. Ray, S.E.; E. Clark, S.N.; J. McKelvie, Treasurer; F. Hodgson, P.S.; W. Jackson, 1st A.S.; R. Baxter, 2nd A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; C. Mossop and J. Casson, Stewards; and G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the installing Principal, in recognition of the impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day, Comp. Lamony, P.Z., presented the chapter with a suitable chart, on which to place the lights, and he received a vote of thanks. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned below to dinner, and spent a couple of hours very harmoniously together.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and although there was no work for the esteemed Principals to do, yet a very pleasant evening was spent by the companions present, among whom were Comps. A. Penfold, Treas., and P.G.D.C. Kent, who, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Butter, filled the chair of Z.; T. D. Hayes, H.; W. B. Lloyd, J.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.S. Kent; J. McDougall, P.Z., P. Std. Br. Kent; H. Pryce, Scribe E.; H. Mason, P.S.; W. T. Vincent, 1st Asst. S.; R. Edmonds, 2nd Asst. S.; H. Mabbett, Janitor; G. Frost, W. Rees, A. H. Letton, G. R. Nichols, C. W. Russell, J. F. Randal, D. C. Capon, W. A. Tucker, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

The chapter being opened by the Principals, and the companions admitted, the minutes of the last chapter were read and passed. Comp. Penfold then spoke of Comp. Hagers, he having seen the widow of their late esteemed Treasurer, and conveyed to her the vote of sympathy and condolence of the companions, passed at the last meeting, and a letter of thanks was read from her for that vote. He expressed his regret that Comp. Butter, their M.E.Z., should have been called away on important government duties, and also that Comp. Coupland, P.Z., who was at the present time desporting himself at Brighton, was unable to attend. He then referred to the Holmesdale Testimonial, and said his lordship had now been nearly twenty-one years the head of the Freemasons of the Province of Kent, and it had been determined to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary, now close at hand, by presenting his lordship with a testimonial suitable to and worthy of the occasion. It had been agreed by the Committee that the subscriptions should be restricted to the following sums, viz.: five guineas for lodges, two or three, he did not know exactly which, for chapters, and half a guinea for members of both Craft and chapter. He would now ask them to vote the amount—either two or three guineas—from this chapter to the fund. Comp. Hayes seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. In answer to one of the companions as to what shape the testimonial would take, Comp. Penfold said the Committee had intended to have presented his lordship with his portrait in full Masonic costume, but found that they had been forestalled in that idea by his lordship's tenantry, and, as they would not give way, the Committee had to fall back on something else; what it was to be had, however, not yet been determined on. He earnestly invited the companions to subscribe, as the Masonic majority of his lordship would take place in a few months, and the Committee were anxious to see how the fund was progressing. They might depend upon it that whatever shape the testimonial took it would be worthy of the recipient and of the Masons of Kent. The subscription list after passing round the chapter realised nearly £12.

The chapter was then closed in solemn form, when the companions adjourned to supper, and then to the social banquet, where the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were given by Comp. Penfold, and responded to heartily by all present. In proposing the toast of "The Second and Third Principals," Comp. Penfold said the H. and J. regretted very much that they had no work that night. They were very anxious to show that they had not been idle since the time they were placed in their respective chairs, and were fit to do their duty. Their swords were sharpened, but the enemy did not come; but they were at their post, and that showed they were prepared. The chapter did not intend to let their swords rust or keep them idle, but to find plenty of work for them before they got to the end of their year of office. The toast was drunk heartily, and Comp. Hayes briefly responded. "The Officers of

the Pattison Chapter" was the next toast, and Comp. Mason returned thanks. Comp. Penfold then proposed "The Health of Comp. Butter," who, although not with them in person, was with them in spirit, and had he been present that night they would have spent a very happy evening, for he had the knack of making every one around him happy and comfortable. Comp. Butter was at the present time at Shoeburyness, watching the experiments with the 100-ton gun, and he felt sure they wished him every prosperity. "The Health of Comp. Penfold" was drunk with acclaim, and after Comp. Tucker, the host, had been complimented, the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Scotland.

GENERAL GRAND CONCLAVE OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of Scotland of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine was held in Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the Illustrious Grand Sovereign, the Earl of Kintore, the throne was occupied by the Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, Captain Charles Hunter and there was a good attendance of Knight Companions.

The minutes of last General Grand Conclave and of the Executive Committee were read and adopted, as was also their report for last year, which showed satisfactory progress in the Order. The following Ill. Sir Knights were appointed members of the Grand Council, and were elected to fill the undermentioned offices for next year:

- Ill. Sir Kt. Capt. Hunter ... G. Viceroy.
- " J. Crombie ... G. Senior General.
- " J. Crichton ... G. Junior General.
- " Rev. T. N. Wannop ... G. High Prelate.
- " Dr. G. Dickson ... G. High Chancellor.
- " Dr. J. Carmichael ... G. Treasurer.
- " R. S. Brown ... G. Recorder.
- " W. Edwards ... G. High Almoner.
- " J. H. Balfour, W.S. ... G. Marshal.
- " Col. Robeson ... G. Sword-Bearer.
- " J. Dalrymple Duncan ... G. Standard-Bearer.
- " J. Todd Stewart ... G. Chamberlain.

Sir Knights D. Henderson and Dr. Thomas Milne were elected members of Grand Senate; J. Melville, A. M. Bruce, and G. Barrie, members of the Grand High Almoner's Fund Committee. Letters of apology for absence from the Earl of Kintore, M. Ill. G. Sov.; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G. Sov.; the Rev. T. N. Wannop, Grand High Prelate; J. H. Balfour, Grand Sword-Bearer; and W. Maclean, Grand Asst. Marshal, were read. After the transaction of the ordinary business the knights adjourned to the Waterloo Hotel, where they dined together—the Most Eminent Viceroy, Capt. C. Hunter, in the chair, with V. Ill. Sir Knight J. Crombie, Grand Senior General, as Croupier, and the company being augmented by a number of knights, some of them from a distance. The chairman was supported by W. Mann, S.S.C., Treas. General, Supt. Council for Scotland of Antient and Accepted Rite, Major Rintoul, 16th Lancers; Lindsay Mackersy, Reg. and Treas. Chapter General of the Order of the Temple, W.S.; J. Dalrymple Duncan and Col. J. Todd Stewart, R. S. Brown, J. Crichton, D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec. of Grand Lodge of Scotland; W. Hay, Grand Architect, and others.

Dinner over, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and introductory toasts, which were heartily drunk, the navy being replied for by Dr. Byrne of Elshieshields, the army by Major Rintoul, and the auxiliary forces by Col. Stewart. The next toast was that of "The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore," which was proposed by the Chairman. He explained that unforeseen circumstances had prevented the Earl of Kintore from being present. The Earl, he said, was genial and good, and he had suffered from the loss of an amiable and good father, and, under such circumstances, one and all of them must feel for him, and consider that at present it might not be easy for his Lordship to come amongst them. There was no one who had the interests and welfare of the Order more at heart, and they would join cordially in drinking his Lordship's health. The toast was received with enthusiasm. The other toasts comprised—"The Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, Capt. Charles Hunter," by the Croupier, "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," by the Chairman, and acknowledged by R.W. Bro. W. Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden; "The Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple," by the Chairman, and responded for by Bro. Lindsay Mackersy; "The Past and Present Members of the Grand Council," coupled with the names of J. Crombie and J. Dalrymple Duncan; "The Representatives of Sister Grand Councils," proposed by Bro. Crichton; "The Sovereigns and Viceroys of Conclaves," by Bro. R. S. Brown, and "The Grand Recorder." Several songs were given by several knights, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

A "Lunatics' Newspaper" is one of the curiosities of a madhouse at Pesaro. Entitled *The Diary of a Hospital*—for the word "madhouse" is carefully avoided—the journal is written entirely by the patients themselves, each treating of his particular mad-point, while the head doctor edits the periodical, and adds a sketch of the chief patients. The journal is then sent to other Asylums, several of which intend to undertake a similar publication, and to those doctors and scientific men interested in the working of Lunacy. We remember a somewhat similar paper called *The New Moon*, which used to be published many years ago at the Crichton Asylum, Dumfriesshire.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Dangerous Chest Complaints.—The enumeration of these diseases is scarcely necessary, as, unfortunately, most Englishmen know them to their cost. Coughs, common colds, influenza, bronchitis, asthma, pleurisy, inflammation of the lungs, and even consumption in its early stages, are best treated by rubbing Holloway's Ointment upon the chest and upon the back between the shoulders. It penetrates internally, checks the cold shiverings, relieves the over-gorged lungs, gradually removes the oppression from the chest, and restores the obstructed respiration, hitherto so distressingly disagreeable and highly dangerous. In treating this class of diseases, Holloway's Pills should always be taken while using his Ointment; they purify the blood, promote perspiration, and allay dangerous irritations.—[Adv't.]

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The largely increased circulation of the *Freemason* necessitates our going to press at an earlier hour on Thursdays.

It is therefore requested that all communications intended to appear in the current number may be sent to our offices not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Advertisements and short notices of importance received up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursdays.

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREEMASON has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe. In it the official Reports of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland are published with the special sanction of the respective Grand Masters, and it contains a complete record of Masonic work in this country, our Indian Empire, and the Colonies.

The vast accession to the ranks of the Order during the past few years, and the increasing interest manifested in its doings, has given the *Freemason* a position and influence which few journals can lay claim to, and the proprietor can assert with confidence that announcements appearing in its columns challenge the attention of a very large and influential body of readers.

Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to 11 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

To Correspondents.

HERMES.—Under consideration.

QUATUOR CORONATI.—A note "thereabout" has been received, and shall appear in our next.

Owing to pressure on our columns the following reports, &c., stand over:—

Lady Freemasonry in Spain; Prov. G. Lodge of Somerset; Correspondence, Bro. Tudor Trevor; Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839; Creation Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791; Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602; West Smithfield Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1623; Zetland Chapter, No. 236; Shakespeare Mark Lodge; Faith Lodge, No. 141; Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777; Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585; Sun, Square and Compass Chapter, No. 119; Derby Lodge, No. 724; Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "Croydon Guardian," "Jewish Chronicle," "Egyptian Gazette," "The Wallington and Carshalton Herald," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Die Bauhutte," "The Baltimore News," "The Stock Keeper and Fancier's Chronicle," "Where shall I Get the Most for my Money?" "Voice of Masonry," "The Freemason's Repository," "Selected Readings," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Masonic Review," "Boletin Oficial," "Masonic Token," "Der Long Islaender," "The Nassau Guardian," "The Nassau Times," "The Bridgwater Mercury."

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SATURDAY, NOV. 6, 1880.

THE more we think over, and read over, the proceedings at the LORD MAYOR'S banquet, the more we are struck with the kindness and friendliness of the great gathering, the more we realize how very well and thoroughly the "idea" has been carried out and brought to a satisfactory and striking conclusion. Freemasonry has had often "hard lines" and bad words to contend with. It has been laughed at, sneered at, persecuted, and anathematized; but here in this good year of light and grace, 1880, under the auspices of the LORD MAYOR, in the Mansion House of the greatest municipality of the world, it is publicly recognized, its work lauded, and its members honoured. If in any quarters there still lingers, in the ineptitude and ignorance of childish prejudice, any doubt as to the real aims and ends of English Freemasonry, if its loyalty be sometimes questioned, its "cui bono" carped at, and its organization held up to suspicion and sarcasm, that assembly on last Monday week in the Mansion House of the City of London is the best reply, if reply be needed or vouchsafed, to ignorant assailants or dubious questioners. The genial hospitality of the LORD MAYOR will long be remembered gratefully by those who were able, happily, to avail themselves of his fraternal invitation for October 25th, 1880.

WE are not surprised to note that some citizens of London are seeking to commemorate the admirable manner in all respects in which our distinguished Bro. SIR FRANCIS WYATT TRUSCOTT, the J.G.W. of England, has carried out the duties of his high office as LORD MAYOR in 1879-80. We

say that we are not surprised at such a movement, for we think any such recognition of the thoughtful and graceful hospitality which has marked his administration as the City's municipal ruler, is alike appropriate and well merited. We as Freemasons can cordially enter into and gratefully re-echo both such feelings of admiration and such words of praise.

A KINDLY discussion is going on about our Charities and Charity returns, Lodge and Chapter subscriptions, Stewards' lists, &c., We hope good will come out of it, and that the result of so many "warm" words may be to benefit our excellent Charities.

ANOTHER amicable controversy is proceeding anent the status of Grand Officers. We do not quite see how it is all to end, but we always think, as a general rule, on such "points" and subjects that "quieta non movere" is a good adage for us Masons to keep before us. We have, as our readers know, never ceased to have but one view, that the "onus probandi" lies upon those who seek to upset the course of English Masonic social courtesy and constitutional precedence certainly for a generation. But as our remarks have been already criticized and found fault with more than once, we think that for the present, at any rate, for us, silence is "golden" and certainly more dignified. Since we wrote the above we have received the following from a distinguished brother of our Order, which, as it throws some light on the "matter," we are glad to append—

The Grand Master (the Duke of Sussex), in a letter to the Board of General Purposes, dated December, 1837, ordered chains, instead of collars, for the Grand Officers of the year; "to be worn only in Grand Lodge, or at such great ceremonials and festivals when the Grand Officers appear in their official capacity. The Provincial Grand Masters, however, being the *Grand Master's Officers* always in function, may be permitted to wear similar collars in the Grand Lodge, in their Provincial meetings, or when officially present at any lodge in their respective districts, or when paying a visit to any other Provincial Grand Lodge."

WE publish elsewhere a correspondence which we think few will read without regret. It seems that the members of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, as they term themselves, deem themselves aggrieved by an official circular of Bro. SANDEMAN'S, written as Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Golden-square, and write hastily and angrily, and not, we venture as Craftsmen to think, in a Masonic temper. It appears to us that the real purport of the "circular," which was intended for, and addressed to, the chapters of the Ancient and Accepted Rite only, complained of has been misunderstood. Having read it ourselves we apprehend that all it professes or seeks to enforce and lay down legally and technically is, that the Ancient and Primitive Rite is not synonymous with the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and is not recognized as such by any jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. It also states that Bro. HILL (32) is not a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. But we confess we do not see that it expresses any opinion of the Ancient and Primitive Rite further than this, that it is not identical with the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and, therefore, to us perhaps calmer and more philosophic Craft Masons, a good deal of this "vis" and excitement of language seems really uncalled for and outside the question. We only write, we think it well to observe, as Craft Masons, and there may be more meaning in Bro. SANDEMAN'S clear and simple words than we are able to discover.

IN answer to the pointed queries of Bro. HILL in our last, with respect to the history, &c., of the so-called Ancient and Primitive Rite, we have thought it well to give a full and friendly answer today, though, to say the truth, the whole matter lies a little outside of our usual routine and course of action. The *Freemason* is a Craft journal, in perfect amity and good feeling with the "High Grades," but by no means wishful to seem to interfere in matters relative to their discipline, his-

tory, order, or practice. We must premise then, for Bro. HILL'S information and that of our many readers, that in all we are now going to say we write and speak simply as "Masonic students," with no pretence of dogmatism or authority on the subject. 1. As regards the authority of the Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square, we hold that, just as in the same way as in England the English Grand Lodge has a "sovereign jurisdiction" over all so-called Craft Masonry, just in the same way the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite has the same "sovereign jurisdiction" over all so-called "Scottish Masonry." And this "authority," as we regard it, is that of "history," "common sense," "needful unity," "necessary jurisdiction," and, according to the old adage, "similia similibus." We do not lengthen out our remarks to-day with any question as to the "character," for that is a matter which concerns the Supreme Council alone; but we lay down this broad Masonic canon, as applicable to "Scottish" as to Craft Masonry—that each "Sovereign State" has a right to a jurisdiction of its own, whether it be Craft or of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. But this point leads to further considerations relative to the existence of early English High Grades which are beside the present question. 2. The Rite of Memphis is a Rite whose origin, progress, and revival are alike most obscure. Hardly any two writers agree as to its real origin, which according to some was very questionable, Masonically speaking. All that we can fairly say of it is, that such a Rite once did exist, and has lately been revived. It is not and cannot be a "Rite sui generis," or an "independent system," being at the best but "a side Degree." However ingeniously composed its oriental origin is of course pure "muthos." 3. In our humble opinion, the Ancient and Accepted Rite dates in its essential grades from the middle of the last century; in its completed or re-arranged form of Thirty-three Grades, from quite the end of the last, or the beginning of this. Please to note that we are again speaking simply as Masonic students. 4. As regards the so-called "Ancient and Primitive Rite," though there is some evidence of a grade called "Rite Primitif" at Narbonne, or "Rite de Narbonne," about 1780, it eventually joined with "Les Philaletes at Paris, in 1784, and by a publication in 1790, it appears to have had three classes, the first two classes consisting of three Grades each, and the third class of four chapters. This Rite was "absorbed" by the Grand Orient of France in 1806. But we are not aware of any other Rite of Ancient and Primitive Masonry. The Rite seems under its present adopted and adapted name to have been revived in America in 1856, and re-arranged and re-organized in 1864-5. We recommend our readers to consult "Kenning's Cyclopædia," though it is fair to say that Bro. MACKENZIE in his "Royal Cyclopædia" seems to admit the early existence of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, which the Editor of Bro. "Kenning's Cyclopædia" clearly does not. We hope that we have answered Bro. HILL'S queries clearly and fully, and in a Masonic spirit of courtesy and goodwill.

THANKS to a kind correspondent we print elsewhere a portion of Paris correspondence which will be read by Anglo-Saxon Freemasons with mingled feelings of pain and amusement. The French Freemasons have distinguished themselves of late years by the perversity of their proceedings, and the childishness of their changes; and we know of several excellent French brethren who have left the lodges rather than share in such indefensible acts. In the contentions about education, and religious funerals, and the like, we have seen many regrettable manifestations of a very untoward spirit, and now this interference with marriage is likely to make them still more objectionable, and still more ridiculous, in the eyes of sensible and serious Frenchmen. Are there no good Masons in France to warn the French Freemasons of the folly of their proceedings, and the dangerous, un-Masonic course they seem bent on taking?

THE BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS has sent to the LORD MAYOR £100 towards the Truro Cathedral Fund. Her ladyship refers to the statement of the PRINCE OF WALES, as the Grand Master of Freemasons, that Truro was the first cathedral the foundation-stone of which had been laid with full Masonic rites, and goes on to say, "Let us hope that this may be a type that the Churches of Christendom may become more united, and carry more perfectly their Master's precepts, embodied in even what the ignorant know of the principles of the Craft."

THE STATUS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

I do not see that the "minute" of "Reviresco" calls for much reply. It is a very lucid and able *resumé* of the arguments of "Bayard," but it is nothing more. We have got, it appears to me—as a great diplomatist once said—into "a vicious circle" of argument. We keep restating statements, and the result is that we have at last to confront "conclusions in which nothing is concluded." The whole point at issue,—let us argue the matter out as much as we like and quote the Book of Constitutions as often as we choose,—is this—

"Are Prov. and District Grand Masters Grand Officers" in the sense in which the "words" are used in the Book of Constitutions? Because if they are, "cedit quæstio;" if they are not, then undoubtedly "Bayard" and that "Puzzled Student" and "Reviresco" are right. And if they be right let us see what consequences must follow. Not only are Prov. and District Grand Masters unable to answer to the toast of the "Rest of the Grand Officers," but they cannot preside in Grand Lodge at all; but assuming no invested officer of Grand Lodge be present, Grand Lodge, though all the Prov. Grand Masters are present, must be presided over by the Master of the senior lodge.

Believing that this is really "construction" of our "Constitutions" run wild, or that it is a Masonic "gloss," which is in no wise warranted by the "context," I venture once more to point out, as it seems to me, how my able and excellent friends are reduced to a "reductio ad absurdum." No one disputes that Prov. and District Grand Masters are not invested officers of Grand Lodge. But what we contend is that, by their office and precedence, they come under that clause which deals with the presidency of Grand Lodge, and are "Grand Officers" in the sense used in the section so often referred to, and as such maintain in Grand Lodge their relative rank and precedence.

For otherwise, let us see what absurdities and anomalies must immediately follow. If they are not "covered" by the word "Grand Officers" then either some Present or Past Grand Officer of much inferior rank must preside in Grand Lodge. The Grand Wardens, if present, cannot leave their chairs, and if the "or" is to be construed severely, Present Grand Officers must be exhausted before Past come in, so that a Grand Officer lower in rank to the Grand Wardens may preside, with a full array of Prov. and District Grand Masters. It appears to me wonderful that my good friends do not see the actual and patent absurdity of their own argument. If this really be the construction of the section, why give the precedence of the Book of Constitutions at all? How can you give the precedence laid down there? If your argument be good, a subordinate officer of Grand Lodge takes precedence of all Prov. and District Grand Masters. This clearly was not intended by the Book of Constitutions. I admit that I have taken an "extreme case," and one not likely to happen; but in argument it is only fair and proper to point out the actual absurdity involved in what seems a very clear piece of reasoning.

The Book of Constitutions approves clearly of no distinction, in as far as precedence and the Grand Lodge is concerned, between the "Grand Officers" and the "Officers of Grand Lodge," except what arises from the "nature of the case," as it is termed, and the precise verbiage of the Book of Constitutions. If, as "Bayard" and others contend, the present position of the Provincial and District Grand Masters is wrong, the common custom erroneous, and their precedence usurped, the sooner we are put right officially the better.

But to upset a long established custom, and throw our whole Masonic system into confusion and doubt by such ingenious "verbal criticism" appears to me most undesirable and uncalled for, and alike an unreasonable and unsound policy. The only effect of such a "change" would be to drive all our Provincial and District Grand Masters from Grand Lodge, as they will be placed in a most invidious position, derogatory, as I hold it, to their own dignity, and utterly subversive of the practice and precedents of Grand Lodge since 1813.

W.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at Marlborough House, on Monday last, presented to Lieut. Graham, R.N., of the Royal yacht Osborne, the medal of the Royal Humane Society, for his gallant conduct in saving life from drowning in Portsmouth Harbour on the night of Sept. 14 last.

Bro. H. R. H. Prince Leopold takes the freedom and livery of the Vintners' Company this (Saturday) afternoon at the Vintners' Hall. H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge is expected to be present.

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 STATUS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The question of the status of Provincial and District Grand Masters, is narrowed, I think, to the consideration of whether they are officers *in* but not of Grand Lodge; or, to vary the expression, whether the Grand office with which they are no doubt invested, in their own provinces or districts, is of a *local* or of a *general* character.

The usage of Grand Lodge (it may be contended), whereby Provincial and District Grand Masters, in the absence of the Grand, Pro, and Deputy Grand Masters, preside at Quarterly Communications, has settled that these functionaries are *deemed* Grand Officers within the meaning of Section 14, p. 23, Book of Constitutions.

But calling a brother a "Grand Officer" will not make him one, and, having regard to the legal maxim, *Expressum facit cessare tacitum*, we are estopped from inferring a meaning or intention which would conflict with two positive enactments in the Book of Constitutions (p. 29, Section 1, and p. 31, Section 7). If, indeed, this position be demurred to, then, to quote the words of "Not Infallible"—what next—and will it not become imperative in future Constitution books, to distinguish by an asterisk (or otherwise) the laws which brethren are expected to observe?

The office of Provincial Grand Master was created in 1726, and during the first half of the last century carried with it neither place or rank in Grand Lodge. There were but four Grand Officers—the G.M., Deputy, and Wardens—and in their absence, and falling also the attendance of their predecessors in office, Grand Lodge was ruled by the "Master of a lodge who had been the longest a Freemason." It may also be stated that for many years after 1717, the "oldest Master" presided over Grand Lodge, even in priority of Grand Wardens. The period 1750-1813 affords no precedent that can be usefully cited. The Masons of England were then arrayed in opposite camps, and during the continuance of the great schism, as the usage of one Grand Lodge generally differed from that of the other Grand Lodge, and as the two Grand Lodges ultimately amalgamated on terms of equality, we are compelled to reject as unconstitutional, any tampering with the laws of Masonry, initiated by either Grand Lodge during their concurrent existence, which was unconfirmed by the first Book of Constitutions published after the fusion of the two Societies* (1815).

The "Moderns" *did* and the "Ancients" *† did not* confer the rank of "Grand Officer" upon Provincial Grand Masters. But the practice of the former was distinguished by so many irregularities, as to deprive its annals, during this degenerate period of English Masonry, of any constitutional weight whatsoever. This Grand Lodge—the body, it may be observed, which expelled William Preston—whilst carefully excluding "Past Masters" (as such) from membership, in 1783 fixed the price of a life seat and vote in Grand Lodge at £25, for which all brethren were declared eligible! Bro. William Birch, Master of the Royal Lodge, afterwards Master of the Lodge of Antiquity (who is referred to by Preston as mainly healing the minor schism of which he himself had been a victim), recording a memorable protest against this action of Grand Lodge as being "subversive of the principles and constitutions of Masonry, by admitting those to have seats and voice in that assembly where none have been, or ought to be, but in their REPRESENTATIVE capacity." The climax of absurdity was achieved by the "Moderns" in their legislation for 1806, when it was gravely enacted that the Masters and Wardens of *Scotch* lodges should have seats and votes in the Grand Lodge of England!! †

The descriptive title of "Grand Officer" was first applied to a Provincial Grand Master in the Constitutions of 1756 ("Moderns"), which stated, moreover, that "he was to take rank immediately after the Past Deputy Grand Masters." The next edition of the Constitutions (1767) shows, however, a marked curtailment of dignity. The P.G.M. is directed "in all public assemblies to walk immediately after the Grand Treasurer." This precedence was confirmed by the Constitutions of 1784, the last published by the "Moderns" before the Union, though at p. 360 the following hazy statement appears: "The proper officers of the Grand Lodge are 'The G.M., His Deputy, Two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Sword Bearer.' All Provincial Grand Masters." Failing, therefore, the attendance of an actual or Past Grand Warden (or of those above them in rank) at Grand Lodge, it seems that the task of presiding would, in their turns, have devolved upon the Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, and Sword Bearer, but whether after the Sword Bearer a Provincial Grand Master was to be called to the chair, or the Master of the Steward's Lodge, it is not easy to decide.

As "Bayard" has pointed out, Provincial Grand Masters in the *first* post-Union Book of Constitutions (1815) are no longer styled "Grand Officers." The Constitutions of 1815 represent a careful "weeding out" of conflicting regulations, and the omission of anything from the revised code which previously appeared in the laws and regulations of either "Moderns" or "Ancients" is significant of its *intentional* rejection.

* By the articles of Union (1813), the then subsisting Provincial Grand Masters and Past Masters of *both* Societies, were conceded respectively the rank in the *United* Grand Lodge, which the "Moderns" only accorded to the former and the "Ancients" to the latter. But the privileges of both classes of brethren were rigorously curtailed in the future. The seventh article of Union ranks Provincial Grand Masters after Grand Wardens, and states: "That it shall be the order of precedence in all time to come!"

† The adjectives "Modern" and "Ancient" were applied by the seceders of 1739-50 to the *practices* of the rival Grand bodies. The (so-called) "Modern" and "Ancient" Grand Lodges were established in 1717 and 1753 respectively.

‡ See last note.—If other examples were wanting, the legislation cited in the text would of itself sufficiently attest the propriety of the nickname which was selected by the "Ancients" for their *elder* brethren.

Your correspondent "W." says, "Otherwise, to push the argument to an absurdity, a Grand Pursuivant might take precedence of a Provincial or District Grand Master." But, with all respect to your correspondent, I fail to see anything absurd in the idea of a brother who is a Grand Officer, taking Masonic precedence of a brother who is not a Grand Officer, unless, indeed, we are prepared to adopt the view propounded by Father Foy and Louis Blanc, "that Freemasonry is but a comedy of equality."

No one, as "Reviresco" has well stated, objects to *Provincial* Grand Masters ruling over Grand Lodge, and if they are not legally empowered to do so (which is my contention), by all means let us amend the Constitutions, and grant them rank as well as place in the Parliament of the Craft.

The presidency of *District* Grand Masters is, however, quite another thing. These brethren are "patented" to preside over Grand Lodges "beyond seas," and there is nothing either in the terms of their appointment, or in the nature of their duties, to justify the guidance of the deliberations of the United Grand Lodge of England, being added to the sufficiently heavy labours which devolve upon them in their own proper capacities.

Rank as well as place in the "great assembly" of the English Craft can hardly, indeed, in fairness be assigned to twenty-nine District Grand Masters, as the representatives of 450 foreign lodges, without at the same time conceding a proportionate representation to the 300 lodges of the metropolis, by the creation of at least twenty Provincial Grand Masters from amongst the Masters and Past Masters of the London district.

Yours fraternally, LEX SCRIPTA.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

We publish the following correspondence by request:—
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask you to find space for the enclosed correspondence, which has a direct bearing on the dictum expressed in your leader of the 16th ult., and I trust will induce you to look a little closer into the matter. We have no fear of scrutiny, and on the other hand no desire to achieve notoriety by newspaper warfare, but although I have written to the G.S.G. of the Supreme Council for an explanation, I have not, it is almost needless to say, been honoured with a reply.

Yours truly and fraternally, JAMES HILL, 33°.

Office of the Grand Expert General of the Ancient and Primitive Rite for America, 424, Broadway N.Y., 9th August, 1880.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your communication of 24th July, enclosing a notice issued by the Golden Square Body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has been duly received, and carefully noted.

I am greatly surprised that any body of intelligent Freemasons should display so little knowledge of the true principles of Freemasonry as they exhibit in the circular referred to. One would naturally suppose that a body which declares itself to be the only legitimate Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree would not be guilty of the gross ignorance of its own history shewn therein.

As to their legitimacy I would respectfully refer them to their own charter, which they obtained from a Supreme Council composed of representatives of bodies which had deserted the Cerneau Council, A. and A. Rite (the only legitimate Supreme body of the A. and A. Rite in America), self constituting and styling themselves the northern jurisdiction. A body of such doubtful antecedents is clearly *not* a Supreme Council, which can legally lay any claim to jurisdiction over the A. and A. Scottish Rite, either in England or elsewhere.

The Ancient and Primitive Rite on the other hand is not of doubtful origin, but possesses a legitimate character that will bear the most rigid scrutiny. That the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Ancient and Primitive Rite for Great Britain and Ireland is unauthorised and unrecognised by any other Supreme Grand Council is a wilful misstatement, and is quite on a par with previous aspersions made by their officers and presumably under their authority.

The ritual of the Ancient and Primitive Rite is far more complete and perfect than that of the Scottish Rite, and to this fact, and the reduction of our Degrees from 96 to 33, may be attributed the jealousy, opposition, and enmity which has been exhibited by the latter body both in this country and in Great Britain.

As to that part of the "Edict" which notifies members of their bodies not to hold Masonic intercourse with us we are satisfied to be placed in the same category with Worthy York Rite, Masons who are also excluded from their chapters. Yet we cannot but deplore that the *legitimate bodies* of the Ancient and Accepted Rite by their close communion principles (which are clearly un-Masonic) have done more harm to the brotherhood than all the persecutions invented by superstition and tyranny for the annihilation of our ancient fraternity.

Fraternally, W. YOUNGBLOOD, 33° A. and P. Rite, 33° A. and A. Rite, and Grand Presentation General.

[We print this letter on the principle of "appeal for a fair hearing," but we cannot, though "Craft Masons," approve of its tone or temper, and we have excised some very un-Masonic passages. We should have taken out more, but thought it better to let the writer "speak for himself." We regret that so much "animus" should exist.—Ed. F.M.]

[Copy.]

19th July, 1880.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A circular letter, purporting to be signed by Hugh D. Sanderman, 33° G. Sect. Gen., and addressed to the M.W.S., under date 7th July, 1880, and with the address 33, Golden-square, W., has been handed to me by a member of our chapter, Rose of Sharon, No. 6, Ancient and Primitive Rite, in the belief that it was sent to him with a view to injure the Ancient and Primitive Rite and myself (to whom special allusion is made) in the esteem of the members of the said chapter.

As I cannot think this could be intended, and imagine there must be some mistake, either in selecting the particular member to whom it was sent, as he is in no way connected with the Ancient and Accepted Rite, or that some mischievous person has taken the same liberties with your name as the copyist has evidently done with the spelling,

Before taking any action in the matter, therefore, I thought it only fair to ask you if this document really emanates from the Supreme Council, and as matter of courtesy I expect a reply.

I may at the same time express my sincere regret that the Supreme Council should have adopted such a hostile attitude to the Sovereign Sanctuary, and thus forcing us into an antagonism which we deprecate, and would gladly avoid. I cannot but think that this hot haste to stir up strife and ill-will is about the last thing that Masons should be guilty of, and must afford considerable amusement to those not concerned in the issue, to see how lightly are regarded those professions of love and charity when selfish class interests are concerned, and how readily the almost exploded ideas of bigotry, intolerance, and persecution are seized upon, when opportunity offers, with the vain hope that they are again available to suppress liberty and truth.

You know that the Ancient and Primitive Rite is derived from the same source as your own Ancient and Accepted, and the antiquity of both is pretty much on a par. Why then endeavour to put a false glamour of imaginary descent on what is confessedly a modern compilation. Let us drop this nonsense of paper warfare; it does not become us as Masons, still less as Christians, and as I said before, offers to outsiders an amusing contrast to our professions. Believe me, we do not want to interfere with your rights, real or imaginary. Let us alone.

Yours truly and fraternally,
JAMES HILL.

We have been requested to publish the following :

[Copy.]
THE CIRCULAR.

This communication to be read at two successive meetings of your chapter.
33, Golden-square, London, W.,
July 7th, 1880.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A notice having lately appeared in the Masonic journals signed James Hill, 32°, under the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, to the effect that the "Rose of Sharon" Chapter, No. 6, is opened weekly as a lodge of instruction in various Degrees, to which Royal Arch and other Masons are invited, I am instructed by the Sup. Co. of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown to acquaint you that the so-called "Ancient and Primitive Rite" is not recognised by this or any other legitimate Supreme Council, by whom it is held to be an unauthorised body.

I am, therefore, to request that you will have the goodness to make known to the brethren of your chapter that no Masonic communion can be held with any bodies or individuals under the said "Ancient and Primitive Rite" under the terms of their obligation as set forth at page 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Order.

The name of James Hill, who signs himself as 32°, is quite unknown to this Supreme Council.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
HUGH W. D. SANDEMAN, 33°,
G. Sec. Gen.

To the M.W.S.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly permit me to ask two questions through the medium of your paper, and to say how obliged I shall be to any brother who will favour me with answers to them, or either of them?

In the "Masonic Magazine" for September, under the heading, "French Freemasonry," I read the following:—"In Paris, 1725, Lord Derwentwater, Sir Nevil Maskelyne, and some other Englishmen, established a lodge in a house in the Rue des Boucheries, belonging to an English restaurateur named Huré; and shortly after, in May, 1829, at an inn in the same street, the first lodge that had a regular constitution was established by Bro. Le Breton, and called the Louis D'Argent. In 1736 there were but four Masonic lodges in Paris."

Now Don Martinez-Pasqualis, writing from Bordeaux to the Grand Lodge of Paris, in the year 1763, says:—

"The Grand Master of London sends me also the general list of legitimate lodges that exist in France, and with which I can associate, to wit: The first lodge, at the sign of the "Town of Tonnerre," Rue des Boucheries, Paris. This lodge was created by warrant from the Grand Lodge of London 15th May, 1732. The second lodge is at Valenciennes, in French Flanders, at the sign "Royal Exchange," founded 27th December, 1733. The third lodge is that of Aix and Marseille, of which my father was Master, 11th October, 1723. The which lodges have all been constituted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Ireland, and London."

What authorities have we on this point that may be considered reliable?

There exist in Spain Freemasons' lodges composed of women, and in at least one other lodge a woman has been initiated in proper form.

Are there known to have existed, or to still exist in any other country, a lodge or lodges composed of women, or that were or are androgynous?

Fraternally yours,
JORGE COLLAS.

[The answer to these historical questions is to be found in the *Freemason* for June 26th, p. 295, in the review of Daruty's Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Androgynous Masonry died out with the past century.—ED. F.M.]

MASONIC TRADING.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I attended my lodge last Monday evening, when a circular letter was opened by the W.M. This circular bore on the left hand corner our Masonic Arms, and on the opposite corner what was no doubt meant to represent the Fourth Degree in Masonry, viz., a champagne cork.

The circular commenced "Dear Sir and Brother," and went on to describe how Mr. So-and-So (of whom few Masons ever heard, at least his name is not familiar to me) was initiated into Mount Lebanon Lodge, and thereupon became so "charmed" with the "grandeur" of our Masonic Charities, that henceforth he determined to carve out his name high in the annals of good Masonry, and in pursuance of this laudable design would give to every thirsty brother of the fruit of his vineyard such quantities of his "grand 1874 vintage champagne" as his necessities

might require. Noble and generous offer! O worthy Mason!! True, our brother does say something about 65s. per dozen, but that is of little importance: the grand point is that with every dozen will be sent a coupon representing 3s. each, "such coupon to be sent to the Secretary of whichever Charity the lodge or brother elects, and endorsed by him, when they are at once payable at my office." So that any brother purchasing seven dozen of this champagne may benefit Bro. So-and-So—I beg Bro. So-and-So's pardon—may benefit one of our Masonic Institutions to the extent of one guinea, and at the same time no doubt increase the charmedness of our excellent Bro. So-and-So. Never look a gift horse in the mouth is proverbial philosophy which would prevent us from daring to compare the celebrated brand of our self-denying brother with the lesser known brands "Crème d'Épernay, 1874; Krug 1st Quality, 'Sec.' 1874; Jules Camuset-Grand Vin Extra, 1874; Moët and Chandon, 1st Qual.; Perrier Jouët, extra quality, 1874; Jules Mumm, extra dry; Duc de Montebello; Clicquot," and many others, all of which can be obtained at about a similar price. Our worthy brother, being a wholesale man, cannot himself sell to individuals, but is prepared to distribute it through his agent, another excellent Mason, who signs his name "faithfully and fraternally" at the bottom of the circular, and whose office is to be found not quite 100 miles from the Mansion House. I forgot to add that to prevent imposition each bottle will bear a label on which will be fully displayed the Mason's Arms.

Now, Sir, I ask you, can anything be more outrageous, more contrary to our professions, more likely to bring disgrace upon our Craft than such proceedings as these? Is our Society (notwithstanding each individual's solemn protestation at his initiation that sordid reasons do not influence him in his desire to join our fraternity) to be used for trade purposes, to be turned into a means for advertising one's wares. If so, then farewell to the purity and virtue on which our Order is founded; farewell to every ennobling sentiment which for ages past has drawn us together in one indissoluble bond of brotherhood, anxious only for the welfare of our fellow creatures, and to emulate each other in deeds of charity and benevolence. Sir, I call upon you as one high up in our Order to use your powerful voice and stem at once this sordid attempt to prostitute and degrade our noble Charities, to demoralise our pure principles, and to bring disgrace and shame upon our Order. Let not our escutcheon be debased by any sinister blot. Demand to know who dares to bear our Arms un-Masonically. Speak boldly. Speak instantly. Speak with no uncertain sound, and you will earn the gratitude of every true Freemason, and among them

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
C. YURRD.

MASONIC TRAMPS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I regret to say within the last month I have come across three Masonic tramps, whose names I shall give to any lodge Secretary who may apply to me.

These cases fully bear out the wisdom of always telegraphing or writing to the Master or Secretary of lodges before giving relief, as by so doing these tramps were found out. Yours fraternally,
JAMES H. NEILSON,
32, Leeson-street, Lower, Dublin,
27th October.

GRAND LODGES OF SCOTLAND AND QUEBEC.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Knowing the interest which the *Freemason* has taken in the late unfortunate differences between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, I am sure that you will join with the brethren in Canada in mutual congratulations that these differences have at last been amicably settled.

It is understood that the lodges in Montreal holding Scotch warrants are to become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but are to be allowed to retain their own mode of "working" and to wear their own regalia.

I enclose you a copy of the proclamation issued by the Grand Master of Quebec.

Yours truly and fraternally,
J. NISBET ROBERTSON.

[We are glad to receive our worthy correspondent's letter, and to publish it. The proclamation referred to will be found on page 490.—ED. F.M.]

ANSWER TO A LETTER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to a letter in your last issue, signed "James Hill, 33°, Gr. Sec. Gen. Ancient and Primitive Rite," in which he complains of having been covertly attacked by the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, may I be permitted briefly to state that a circular was recently addressed by the Supreme Council to Chapters under its jurisdiction, informing them that the Ancient and Primitive Rite, not being recognised by regular Supreme Councils, could not be visited by Rose Croix Freemasons who are attached to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, under the conditions upon which they had taken their Degree.

As the body styling itself the "Ancient and Primitive Rite" professes to give certain Degrees corresponding in their nomenclature with those of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and had, by advertisement, invited Rose Croix Masons generally to attend its meetings, it was deemed advisable by the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree, to put brethren under its jurisdiction upon their guard, lest they might unwittingly be led to forget their duty as members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
HUGH D. SANDEMAN,
G. Sec. General, 33°.
33, Golden-square, W., 1st November.

SWIMMING BATHS.

We have been requested to publish the following:—

My dear Bro. Symonds,—
I was indeed very pleased to receive your letter, and hope ere long to have the further pleasure of seeing you.

In reply to your query, we have not yet established a swimming bath at Wood Green, but hope before long to

mature a scheme by which the subject may be brought before our subscribers.

I am fully alive to the importance of this matter, and will not fail to push it at an early date.

With kind regards, believe me, always yours,
J. CREATON.

Reviews.

A VISIT TO WAZAN. By R. SPENCE WATSON.
Macmillan and Co.

This is one of the most pleasantly written books we have read for some time, and treats of a matter well known to all who land "on Mauritania's shore." Years ago—yes, years, alas—we visited both Tangiers and Tetuan, and remember hearing there of Wazan, the sacred city of the Moors, where the descendant of Mahomet resides, more mysterious and inaccessible to Europeans than even Timbuctoo. Poor Davidson, who fell in his experiment to reach Timbuctoo, never even thought of Wazan. A Dr. Rolfs has been at Wazan, which he entered as a professed or real Mahomedan, we know not which, but to Bro. Spence Watson must we give the honour of being the first Christian who has lived in and fully seen, and come back from Wazan. The Cherif of Wazan—who is the 33rd in direct descent from "Ali," the nephew, and Fatima, the daughter of Mahomet—has, as it is known, married an English lady, and her second son is now the "Cherif" at Wazan, to the Moors the "representative of God on earth." Bro. Watson obtained letters of introduction to the "Cherifa," the wife of the "Cherif" at Tangiers, and armed with a letter from the "Cherif" to his son at Wazan, was able to perform a most satisfactory and pleasant journey to this hitherto inaccessible region, and to give us an account, alike animated and truthful, of what he saw at Wazan. We ourselves can "vouch" for the fidelity of his account of Tangiers and Tetuan, and, judging from what he tells us so well of what we have seen, we are the more inclined, trustingly and believingly, to accept his description of what we have not seen. We must refer our readers to the book itself, (as our space is limited), for his account of Wazan. One point will interest Freemasonry. It seems that Bro. Watson was in the Franco-German War, and delivered from a "certain peril" by "Freemasonry." We do not know if these lines will meet his eyes, but if they do, we shall be glad to give our readers his account of his deliverance by Freemasonry from the dangers which beset him. He tells us, at page 194, that both the "Cherif" at Wazan and his elder brother, a high official at Fez, talked to him about the "mystic science." He adds, "There are scarcely any Free and Accepted Masons amongst the Moors, though the existence of the Order is well known." Is he quite sure of this? We, on the contrary, have reason to know that Freemasonry exists among the "Santons," or holy men, or "Saints," and it is quite possible that, unknown even to himself, Bro. Watson was in the presence of the G.M. of Moorish Freemasonry, such as it is, and whatever it may be. Their interest in it may be accounted for by this fact. We always understood that it was confined to a very select few, but that it existed, and of its existence, as we said before, we had an indubitable evidence. The writer of the story "Ubique" in our last Christmas number of the *Freemason* gives a good account of the fact, of which we who write this can "vouch for." We commend "Wazan" to all our readers, as a most interesting and pleasant work.

MAGAZINES FOR NOVEMBER.

The Magazines are before us, in their usual profusion, and hopelessness, therefore, of complete reading or satisfactory selection.

"All the Year Round" maintains its position well. "Asphodel" is so far very pleasant reading, and there are many other papers of much interest and effectiveness. An "Unbusiness-like Proceeding" is very amusing.

"Temple Bar" is both varied and readable. "Erasmus Darwin," "Lady Hester Stanhope," and "The Gibraltar of the East" are all well worthy of perusal. "Adam and Eve" is winding up, somewhat sensationally, and "An Experiment in Mesmerism" and "A Little Bohemian" are, we think, almost too painful in their "realism" and "word painting." We do not, we confess, ourselves care very much for "The Rebel of the Family," though we know it has many readers and admirers.

"The Antiquary" pursues the "noiseless and even tenor of its way" with much usefulness, reality, and good effect. All its articles are very readable and valuable of their kind, important to note, and instructive to refer to.

"Scribner" comes up in its "decennial period" with its character and power of literary merit and artistic illustration. We wish it heartily all success. As a monthly magazine it has few equals, and no superiors. Its articles are many and interesting, and its "pictures" of marked finish and excellence. "The Life of the Czar Peter" is too spun out; and we cannot quite agree with the article on "Walt Whitman." But "Zerviah Hope," "Tiger Lily," "Bordanstow and the Buonapartes," "Francois Millet," "Mr. Gladstone," "Artemus Ward," "Elihu Vedder," are all well worth reading.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

"Solomon in all his Glory" is a work about which a good deal has been said. I possess the 2nd edition, with two fine copper plates, published by Robinson and Roberts, No. 25, Paternoster-row, 1768. It is said to be written by a certain officer in the Army, and late master of the Swan Tavern, in the Strand. He signs himself Thomas Wilson in the preface. It contains also a list of lodges to February, 1768. The work is said to be translated from the French, originally published at Berlin, and burnt there by order of the King of Prussia, at the intercession of the Freemasons. This is clearly a mistake, as the work is purely an English work.

An Abstract of Laws for the Society of Royal Arch Masons is printed at London (no printer's name) in 1786. It is signed on behalf of "our Grand and Royal Chapter," 10th of May, 1768, by John Allen, Z.; John Hoody, H.; Francis Coust, J. It contains a very excellent oration, which might well be re-delivered at the consecration of a

chapter, or in a chapter of instruction, and certain laws of constitutions fifteen in number, well worthy of perusal. In Clause ix. it states that whereas the Grand and Royal Chapter is by charter constituted the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Degree of Masonry, stiled the Royal Arch, it claims the allegiance of all chapters, and will receive in future no companions unless exalted in a chapter constituted by us, or in the dominions of some foreign Prince, or unless initiated in or before 1766. Why this date is specified does not very clearly "prima facie" appear. Sir Herbert Mackworth, Bart., is appointed President of the council, James Galloway, John Brooks, James Haseltine, and John Allen, to hold the great seal of our Order in commission, and to be our Inspectors General. Certificates are ordered to be sealed and signed by the "three Grand Masters and the two Scribes, and also by one or more of the Inspectors." James Haseltine is appointed "Correspondent General," and Francis Const, Treasurer. James Galloway is appointed superintendent over Hants, Thomas Dunkerley over Wilts, Devon, Somerset, and Essex; John Allen, over Lancaster and Chester; and Richard Garland over the county of York. The Grand Chapter is declared the final court of appeal on all matters.

MASONIC STUDENT.

CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

There is a curious old book called "Mundorum Explicatio," or the "Explanation of an Hieroglyphical Figure," &c., being a sacred poem, written by S. P. Armiger, and published at London. Printed by J. R. for Lodowick Lloyd, at the Castle, in Cornhill, 1661. The writer is a Samuel Pordage, who was an alchemist and astrologer. The work is based on the philosophy of Jacob Bohmen, as translated by J. Sparrow, and is purely mystical! Probably some hermetic adepts might find allusions in it. It contains at the end a catalogue of some alchemical, magical, and mystical works, as sold by Lodowick Lloyd. Another curious little work is the "Emmic of Idleness." Written by W. F. William Fulwod, and "Imprinted at London by Henrie Middleton, dwelling in Fleete Streate, at the signe of the Falcon, anno 1578." It is dedicated to "Maister Anthonie Radcliffe, Maister of the Worshipful Companie of the Merchant Taylors of London, and others the Wardens and Commonaltie of the same." It practically is a treatise on how to "write letters" of all kinds, the "letters" themselves, as suggested to the writer, being in "black letter." In the letters is found a reference to a work on architecture and the science of building, by Baptista Leo, a Florentine, and to his "secrete and hid discipline," in the same, whatever that may be.

MASONIC STUDENT.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 48.

Bro. Whitfield states that this lodge met for some years prior to the date of its warrant. I should be obliged for any further particulars he can supply respecting this interesting stage of the lodge's history. Incidents such as these are calculated to throw light on that remarkable period of English Masonry, which was distinguished by the great schism. Several instances of lodges being "constituted" long after they were originally "formed" have come under my notice, and I am desirous of adding to the number. Bro. Hughan considers that the present No. 41, Bath, though only warranted in 1733, was a survival of the old Bath Lodge founded in 1724, and probably he is right. The object I have in view is to settle whether the habit or practice of assembling as Masons without the Grand Master's warrant, which we know prevailed for many years after 1717, continued until and over-lapped the period when the organisation—afterwards the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients"—was first set on foot. Through the courtesy of the Grand Secretary of Scotland, I have ascertained that in 1747, when a Scotch charter was granted to the 12th Foot, the charter so issued was one of confirmation only, the lodge claiming to have been established in 1685. The brethren of this military lodge could not very well have paraded any higher antiquity, since the regiment was only raised in the year when the lodge was said to have been established. Still the fact remains, that in 1747, an English charterless lodge, not owning any connection with either "Moderns" or "Ancients," was in active working order. This, of course, decides, that a lodge was in existence in 1747, not formed under any warrant, but I am anxious to trace a continuous practice of the kind, if such there was. R. F. GOULD.

IRELAND.—The history of Freemasonry in Ireland is still very doubtful and obscure. Anderson, in his Constitutions of 1738, though he mentions St. Patrick, A.D. 430, and his building of St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Priory of St. Avog at Lough Derg, says nothing about the Masons, though he would, by implication, have us infer that St. Patrick was connected with the Operative Masons. His first mention of a Grand Lodge in Ireland is under Lord Kingston in 1730. There is a statement to which Mackey calls attention in the Irish Book of Constitutions of 1730 in Spencer's "Constitutions of the Freemasons," p. 39, that "about 370 years before the birth of Christ, the four sons of Milesius the Spaniard, with a fleet of sixty sail, came to Ireland, subdued the kingdom, settled themselves in several parts of it, planted colonies, and erected lodges." This statement we may fairly relegate at once to the prehistoric times. There is evidence to show that a Grand Lodge of Munster was in existence about 1726, and it probably will have dated from about 1720. But the earliest historical evidence so far incontestable is, that in 1729 a Grand Lodge was formed in Dublin, with Lord Kingston as Grand Master. We may observe that some have contended that it was a Prov. Grand Lodge in Munster—not a Grand Lodge—which was set up; and that its records exist from 1726. In 1749 the Grand Master's Lodge was formed, and in 1770 the Grand Lodge of Ireland recognized the schismatic Atholl Masons in London, as also did the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In 1779 Mother Kilwinning Lodge gave a warrant to some brethren in Dublin to form a lodge to be called the "High Knights Templar," to confer the Three Degrees; and though it is quite clear that the warrant of constitution only extended to the Craft Degrees (though why we know not, as there was a Grand Lodge in Ireland), yet this afterwards became, no doubt, the origin of the Grand Encampment of Ireland. Freemasonry has spread gradually, though deeply, in Ireland, and there are under the Irish Grand Lodge over 1000 lodges (not all active) on

the roll, and the high grades also flourish in Ireland. The Irish system somewhat differs from the English, and we confess that we prefer our own arrangement. Freemasonry in Ireland has had much to contend with in consequence of the open opposition and anathema of the Roman Catholic Church, Archbishop Cullen, now Cardinal, having declared it to be a "deadly sin" to be a Freemason. In 1850 the Roman Catholic Synod at Thurles promulgated a Brief against the Freemasons, which after declaring that as Clement's Bull "In eminenti," confirmed by Benedict's "Providus," 1751, by Pius VII.'s "Ecclesiam" in 1821, and by Leo's "Quo graviora" in 1826, had condemned Freemasonry and Freemasons, they practically excommunicated all Roman Catholic Freemasons. Since then the Allocutions of Pius IX. have been used against the Freemasons in Ireland. But they have not lost heart, and are still a numerous, intelligent, charitable, loyal body of men. The list of Irish Grand Masters is as follows:—

- Viscount Kingston, 1730.
 - Colonel Maynard, 1730.
 - Viscount Netterville, 1732.
 - Lord Kingsland, 1733.
 - Lord Kingston, 1735.
 - Lord Tyrone, 1736.
 - Lord Mountjoy, 1738.
 - Arthur St. Leger, Viscount Doneraile, 1740.
 - Lord Tullamore, 1741.
 - Lord Southwell, 1743.
 - Viscount Allen, 1744.
 - Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, 1747.
 - Lord Kingsborough, 1749 (a Baron).
 - Hon. Thomas Southwell, 1753.
 - Earl of Lanesborough, 1757 (as Lord Newtownbutler).
 - Earl of Drogheda, 1758.
 - Sir Edward King, Bart., 1761 (Earl of Kingston).
 - Earl of Westmeath, 1764.
 - Earl of Cavan, 1768.
 - Marquis of Kildare, 1771.
 - Lord Dunluce, 1772.
 - Viscount Dunluce, 1773 (Earl of Antrim).
 - Earl of Mornington, 1777.
 - Duke of Leinster, 1778.
 - Earl and Marquess of Antrim, 1779 (2nd time).
 - 2nd Earl of Mornington, 1782.
 - Baron Muskerry, 1783.
 - Marquess of Downshire, 1785 (as Viscount Kilwarlin).
 - Viscount Glenawley, 1787.
 - Earl of Donoughmore, 1789 (as 2nd Baron).
 - Lord Donoughmore, 1793,
- in whose Grand Mastership the Irish Female Orphan School was established. In 1813 the Duke of Leinster was elected Grand Master, and held it over sixty years, when he was succeeded by the Duke of Abercorn, the present distinguished Grand Master.

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

Obituary.

BRO. T. J. HUGHES, No. 216.

Deep regret is felt by the brethren generally in Liverpool (and more especially by the musical section of the Craft) at the death of Bro. T. J. Hughes, a member of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, which took place at his residence, Queensland-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Bro. Hughes was greatly respected as a Mason, and his fame as a vocalist was known throughout the kingdom. The funeral took place at St. James's Cemetery last Saturday morning. Leaving Queensland-street shortly before eleven o'clock, the funeral procession soon reached the cemetery. The coffin was carried into the mortuary chapel, where the first portion of the burial service of the Church of England was performed by the Rev. Canon A. Stewart, rector of Liverpool, the psalms being chanted by the choir with which the deceased had for so many years been connected, that of St. Nicholas's Church. A second procession, composed of the rector, choir, the chief mourners, and a large representation of the circle of warm friends whom Bro. Hughes had won by his exceeding amiability, followed the body to the grave, where Canon Stewart conducted the final part of the service, the choir singing Hymns 140 and 289 from the new edition of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," "Jesus Lives," and "Days and moments quickly fly." The lid of the coffin bore the simple inscription: "Thomas J. Hughes, died 26th October, 1880, aged 49," and on it lay a beautiful wreath. The chief mourners were William Arthur, Rupert Stanley, Walter Powell, and T. Bickerton Hughes, sons of the deceased; Mr. H. E. Hughes and Mr. W. H. Hughes, brothers; and Mr. T. Nicholson and the Rev. O. L. Davies, brothers-in-law. There were also present the Revs. W. R. Duncan and T. Major Lester, Councillor W. Williams, Churchwarden Price, Bro. Dr. Costine, Captain Evans, Bro. T. Armstrong, Baker, Seth Brooks, A. M. Foulkes, W. Roberts, W. Lee, W. G. Banner, J. E. A. Rogers, J. Thomas, J. Jones, T. Hughes, Gibson W. Lewis, T. C. Jones, J. Mure, C. W. Robinson, H. Shimmin, N. Burt, Bro. A. Child, R. Bleazard, Edward Bell, Archibald Gilfillan, Thomas Roberts, I. E. Bennett, Blanchard, Bro. I. W. Robinson, Bro. J. Beesley, H. S. Alpass, Rogers, W. H. Jude, C. Wilson, T. Soden, Josef Cantor, J. F. Hall, Bro. C. Haswell, Lucas Williams, W. Bennett, W. Parry, T. Crowther, Bro. J. Skeaf, Bro. J. H. Harrison, J. Busfield, Bro. Joseph Queen, S. J. Westerton, Francis, Bro. Thomas Salter, T. H. Harrison, S. Kirkham, Leders, H. E. Hime, Bro. Alfred Woolrich, J. H. Kelly, W. C. Ashlin, Alfred Pooley, I. Foulkes, S. Drielsma, J. R. Alsop, W. Crowe, J. Roberts, T. Roberts, G. W. Phillips, G. H. Fisk, Bro. W. Burnet, J. Robinson, H. Hart, D. Jones, Bro. T. Foulkes, Arthur Newman, Vidiano, James Johnston, Watkins, B. Owens, Bro. J. Wood, John Blade, Bro. T. Yeatman, Bro. W. Forrester, Alltwin Williams, W. E. Williams, and J. Atherton; Mrs. Billine Porter, Mrs. Skeaf,

Mrs. Youds, Mrs. G. Keef, Mrs. Mott, Mrs. M'Ardele, Mrs. M. J. Williams, Miss H. Leders, Miss J. Grieve, Miss Armstrong, Miss A. Williams, Miss Laura Haworth, and Miss Gordon. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. J. Jones, 64, Soho-street. Funeral services were held on Sunday at the pro-Cathedral in the evening, and at the parish church of St. Nicholas in the afternoon. At the afternoon service the canticles were sung to Kelway in B minor, and the anthem was, "Blessed are they that die in the Lord" (Spohr). At the pro-Cathedral, the anthem was Handel's "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and the succeeding choruses. After the sermon, Dyke's "Dies Irae" was sung. Both services were rendered with exquisite taste and feeling. Crowded congregations attended them. The sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, who made a feeling allusion to the deceased gentleman, so long associated with both parish churches. The "Dead March in Saul," and "March Funèbre" (Mendelssohn), were played at the evening service, in respect to the memory of the deceased.

Mark Masonry.

BON ACCORD LODGE. — On Thursday, the 21st inst., the ceremony of installation at the above lodge took place, at No. 2, Red Lion-square, Bro. J. Perry Godfrey, P.M., being raised to the chair. The ceremony (in the absence, owing to ill-health, of the W.M., Bro. E. J. Harty), was most ably performed by Bro. D. M. Dewar, A.G. Secretary. The new W.M. in becoming terms, appointed his officers, viz.: Bros. George Cooper, S.W.; E. B. Florence, J.W.; Ralp. Gooding, M.O.; J. S. Ward, S.O.; A. G. Medwin, J.O.; Spence, Sec.; M. Ohren, Treas.; R. P. Bent, Chap.; Fuller, S.D.; Collins, J.D.; Lemon, Reg. of Marks; and Thompson, I.G. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant where they partook of a well served banquet. The usual toasts were given and responded to in Masonic style, many visitors being present.

BIRKENHEAD.—Joppa Lodge (No. 11).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday evening, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Chambers, where there was a good attendance of brethren. Bro. J.W. Burgess was installed W.M.M. in a most effective manner by Bro. John Pemberton, P.M. (one of his oldest Masonic friends), to whom a hearty vote of thanks was given at the close of the ceremony. Bro. Pemberton afterwards presented Bro. Hugh Williams, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, as an evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the whole of the brethren. On the motion of Bro. Pemberton, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the family of the late Secretary, Bro. Pearson, expressive of the deep feeling of regret felt by each member of the Joppa Lodge in connection with the loss which they had sustained.

The following is a full list of the officers invested on this occasion: Bros. Dutton, S.W.; Bennett, J.W.; Bradshaw, M.O.; Thorburn, S.O.; Robertson, J.O.; Platt, P.M.; Treasurer; Pemberton, P.M., Sec.; Morgan, P.M., M.C.; Gray, Reg.; J.G. Parker, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; Pritchard, I.G.; and Holtway, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. J. P. Platt for his services to the lodge in the capacity of Treasurer for the long period of twenty-one years.

South Africa.

DEDICATION OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS LODGE.

Tuesday, the 28th September, witnessed the dedication and consecration of the new lodge recently erected by the members of the above lodge at Uitenhage. There was a large assemblage of the fraternity, including many visitors from the Bay, mostly members of the lodges here. The proceedings were presided over by P.D.G.S.W. (Bro. John C. Kemsley), acting for the D.G.M., who was unable to be present. Among other rulers and prominent members of the Craft who took an active part in the business of the day, we noticed the D.G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. Doctor Wingman); the D.G.D.C. (Bro. George Madge, P.M.); Bro. J. C. Blakeway (W.M. of the Lodge of Good Will, No. 711); C. Dickinson (W.M. of the Lodge of Good Hope, No. 863); J. M. Gates (W.M. of the Lodge Southern Cross, No. 1,590); and Past Masters Bros. C. Wheelwright, James Kemsley, Thomas Tunbridge, E. R. Smyth Parker, and J. C. Mackay. On leaving the old temporary lodge the brethren, marshalled and directed by the D.G.D.C. (Bro. Madge), marched in procession to St. Katharine's Church, where a special service had been arranged for. The Rector, the Rev. W. Llewellyn, B.A., read prayers. Bro. the Rev. Thomas Bennetts, Incumbent of Trinity Church, Port Elizabeth, read the lesson, whilst the sermon—a very appropriate and very eloquent one by the way—was preached by the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. A. T. Wirgman, D.C.L., Rector of St. Mary's and Colonial Chaplain, Port Elizabeth. Bro. Eberlein presided at the harmonium, and, assisted by a very efficient choir, rendered the musical part of the service with his accustomed skill and ability. The anthem, "The Heavens are telling," was played and sang as none but a musician of Mr. Eberlein's rank in the profession in this colony and a well-trained choir could play and sing that gem of the great composer. From St. Katharine's the brethren proceeded to the new lodge, where the principal business of the day was transacted. The dedication prayers were very impressively read by the D.G. Chaplain, whilst the remainder of the beautiful ritual appropriate to the occasion was efficiently rendered by the Presiding Officer. Bro. Tregarthen, Organist of St. Mary's Church, Port Elizabeth, and of the Lodge of Good Will, assisted by a well-trained choir, rendered the customary responses; the anthem composed by Bro. Tregarthen, and the hymns, Masonic and National, used during the ceremonial. Before closing the lodge Bro. Kemsley addressed the Master and members of the newly-dedicated hall as follows:—

W.M. and brethren of the Lodge Southern Cross.—The ceremony of dedication and consecration being thus happily concluded, allow me, in the name of the D.G.M., whom I have represented on the present auspicious occasion, as well as in the names of the visiting lodges, an I

the visiting brethren generally, as also in my own name, to congratulate you very sincerely and very heartily on the successful accomplishment of your labours in building, and setting apart to the purposes of our ancient and honourable institution, this very pretty, commodious, and well appointed lodge. You now possess a Mansion Hall which is an ornament to this town, and highly creditable to all the members who have in anywise contributed to, or assisted in erecting it. Freemasonry in Uitenhage has now and henceforward a local habitation and a home, and I sincerely hope that, within its consecrated walls, as often as the brethren shall meet for the practice of our ancient rites and ceremonies, peace and concord, and love and harmony may richly abound, and that many may go forth from your midst charged to make known and disseminate amongst mankind the benefits resulting from the regular and constant exercise of those three grand principles of our Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. We have just solemnly, according to our wont, dedicated this hall to Freemasonry, to Virtue, and to Universal Benevolence. May it always be used to advance the best interests of the Craft; to promote honour and virtue, and to encourage the practice of that greatest of all graces—Charity. May this lodge grow and prosper, and become a blessing to all who shall receive the benefit of initiation within its sacred portals, and here, as in all the Temples of our Order the world over, may the fond dream of a Poet-Brother be fully realised, and then

“At thy shrine, O Masonry,
Shall admiring nations bend;
In future times thy sons shall see
Thy fame from pole to pole extend.
To worlds unknown thy heaven-born light dispense,
And systems own thy influence.”

An excellent banquet was provided, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. In the evening a Masonic ball (well attended) took place, dancing being kept up until 3.30 a.m. the following morning. The arrangements throughout appear to have been in excellent hands. Bros. Madge, Simpson, and Cook were particularly active in this connection, and deserve special commendation for their efforts to render the whole of the proceedings a success, which unquestionably they were. The catering was good even for Uitenhage, which, in such things, has long acquired a well-deserved and enviable reputation. The new lodge is situated in Market-street, within a few minutes' walk of the railway station. It is a neat, commodious, and well-appointed building, and a credit to Bro. Wright, of the Public Works Department, who designed it and superintended its erection.

ALBANY LODGE (No. 389).—Monday, September 20th, being the anniversary of this lodge, the brethren met in the temporary lodge room, Anglo African-street, Graham's Town, for the purpose of installing the W.M. and officers elect for the ensuing year. Bro. O. Lester, P.D.G.S.W., and a former W.M. of the lodge, at the election meeting of the lodge having been (for the third time) voted to the same honourable position, was now installed by the I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ross, P.D.G. Chap., and P.M. Bro. A. S. Dudley, of St. John's Lodge. The interesting ceremony having been most satisfactorily performed, and the W.M. elect having being duly honoured by the brethren he proceeded to instal his officers as follows:—Bros. G. Reynolds, I.P.M. (absent); J. Vialls, S.W.; Dr. H. Becker, J.W.; W. Wedderburn, P.M., Treas.; A. C. Evans, Sec.; A. Will, S.D.; W. Gillham, J.D.; A. B. Hay and S. W. Ward, Stewards; D. Patterson, I.G.; F. E. Orren, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to meet again in the evening to partake of a substantial repast, served by Bro. E. Zarnikow in a style unsurpassed in colonial catering. Ample justice having been done to the good things so well provided, the W.M. proposed “The Queen and Craft,” and also the toast of “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.,” both of which were heartily responded to by the brethren. The next toast was that of “The Pro. G.M., Deputy G.M., and Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present,” which was proposed by I.P.M. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ross, Grand Chap., in a very suitable speech, and was most heartily responded to. P.M. Bro. Dudley, of 828, then rose to propose the toast of the evening, “The W.M.” In a few well-chosen sentences the proposer referred to the many and acknowledged services Bro. Lester had for many years rendered to the cause of Masonry, and who, by his amiable, sociable, and straightforward conduct, had ever been a consistent member of the Craft, whose main object appeared at all times to be the promotion of the welfare of the Albany Lodge. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk with honours. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the handsome manner the toast of himself had been received by them. He assured them that he felt very pleased to think and see he had given satisfaction, and would endeavour to do his duty. After further suitable response the worthy brother resumed his seat amidst general remarks of approval. Bro. Scott, of No. 828, next ably gave “The Retiring Officers,” which was responded to in a humorous speech by Bro. Sampson. The toasts of “Visiting Brethren,” with which was coupled the visitors from St. Andrew's Lodge; “The Officers Elect,” coupled with which was the name of Bro. J. Vialls, S.W., who for many years has held the post of Secretary to the lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned, and which that brother very good humouredly responded to, and “Wives and Sweethearts” having been duly honoured, the Tyler gave his toast, which was drunk in solemn silence. I.P.M. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ross, P.D.G. Chap., having obtained the consent of the W.M., proposed “The Health of Bro. Angus Hay,” who as Hon. Sec. had done much to ensure the success of the banquet, and to whom they were deeply indebted for the use of the admirably suitable room in which they were then assembled. “The Health of the Host, Bro. Zarnikow,” who is a veteran Craftsman, was not forgotten. To the “Host” not only were the company indebted for the good cheer provided but also, at much trouble and expense to himself, for the artistic decorations which adorned the banquet hall. Bro. Zarnikow responded, and thanking the brethren for the kind reference to himself, he said he would on any future occasion, when he was more settled, having only just arrived amongst them, endeavour to make them more happy and comfortable. He further introduced a very pleasing feature into the evening's festivities by bearing to the Masons of the Eastern Province the fraternal greetings of the “Goede en Getrouwe” Lodge of Capetown.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

Messrs. J. R. Osgood and Co. announce “The Dream of Fair Women,” illustrated by Mary Hallock, Foote, Fredericks, Moran, Wand, Sheppard, and Merrill, engraved under the supervision of A. V. S. Anthony. The *New York Herald* says that the head of Helen is after Mrs. Cameron's photograph, and has a melancholy face.

We learn from the *Academy* that a tombstone of Aberdeen granite, about eight feet in length, has just been placed over the grave of Flora Macdonald, in Kilmur Churchyard, Skye. This new memorial replaces the original monument, which was broken in 1784.

The St. George's Museum at Sheffield possesses a few fine English coins, and of these Mr. Ruskin has in the press a pamphlet of descriptive notes, some of which are of a very characteristic kind. Admirers of Queen Elizabeth will be shocked to find her described as a “minx.”

The *Athenæum* says that the editors of “Charles Dickens's Letters” are anxious to get together more of his correspondence. Miss Dickens and Miss Hogarth will, therefore, be grateful if any persons possessing letters of Dickens which have not been published will send them under cover to Miss Hogarth, at 11, Strathmore-gardens, Kensington, W. The letters will be most carefully preserved, copied, and returned to their owners with as little delay as possible.

The smallest book in the world has been discovered in Florence, the *Paris Globe* tells us. It is a miniature “Office of the Virgin,” printed at Venice in 1649, and comprises 256 microscopic leaves formed from a single ordinary page. Including an elaborate red leather binding with silver clasps, this tiny volume is rather under an inch in width, and not quite two inches in length, thus being smaller than the famous modern editions of Dante and Petrarch.

“Africa's gift to America” is what New York calls the Egyptian obelisk shortly to be erected in that city. The corner stone was recently laid with due Masonic formalities, and “the obelisk pageant” occupies accordingly a prominent place among the occurrences of the day. The preparations made were evidently worthy of such an august occasion, for when “a platoon of police swept the broad avenue of the line of march from kerb to kerb,” every available window had been made “bright with happy faces.” At two o'clock the great procession of the troops commenced, and while “the marching of the Knights Templar, proverbially correct, was commended” by all the spectators, “the decorum and dignity of the Masonic lodges were praised on all hands.” Reaching the site of the ceremony—“the knoll which is to be made historic by the monolith from the quarries of Syene”—the Masons grouped themselves round the stone, and “the spectacle was superb.” The hills, the paths, and the roads were, we are told, “a parterre of high hats, fall bonnets, and upturned faces,” and “on the south-west of the corner-stone” floated “the beautiful flag of the greatest Republic the world has ever seen.” In due course the foundation-stone was laid, and while one dignitary scattered corn upon it, another poured wine over it, and a third anointed it “with the oil of peace,” and then the ceremony terminated, after an address by the Grand Master—in which he warned the Craft against hastily concluding, from the presence of triangles and circles on the obelisk, that the Egyptians were all Freemasons—with a Masonic cheer. It has been proposed, we see, in New York, to use the needle as the finger of a monstrous sundial, and the idea is certainly characteristic of the practical people across the water.—*Daily Telegraph*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

FROM RECENT RETURNS, corrected up to the end of September of the present year, received by the Editor of the “Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book,” we learn that in the various States of America there is the enormous number of five hundred and fifty-two thousand, five hundred and thirty Freemasons—regular subscribing members.—

THE MANSION HOUSE BANQUET.—We omitted to mention in our report last week that the G.D.C., Bro. Sir Albert Woods, was ably assisted in his arduous duties by the Assist. G.D.C. for the year, Bro. Magnus Ohren, and Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D.

M. Arsène Houssaye will shortly bring before the public a superb folio, in which he describes “Molière, sa femme et sa fille.” It is not a mere trifle called forth by the bicentenary, but a work on which he has been long engaged, but which certainly has found an appropriate moment for its appearance.

The *Academy* mentions the death of Dr. W. A. Hallock, for 45 years Secretary of the American Tract Society. Up to the time of his retirement in 1870, he had edited 4000 distinct works, of which 881 are volumes. He was the author of various volumes and tracts of which, in all, about 1,400,000 copies have been circulated.

FARRIERS'.—A Livery Dinner is to be held at the Albion on the 19th of November, when Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, will be present to support the present Master, Mr. W. Carter.

The installation meeting of the Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769, takes place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Tuesday next. Being Lord Mayor's-day, the customary banquet will be postponed.

A public dinner is to be given to R.W. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Wednesday, November 24th. Among those who have already promised to be present are the Duke of Teck, Sir J. Trevor Lawrence, M.P., and Sir H. W. Peel, Bart. M.P.

Mr. John Ruskin has in preparation a small guide to the Cathedral at Amiens, where he has been visiting of late.

Mr. Henry Garland, of St. Lawrence-road, Brixton, has been appointed Official Liquidator of the London and Provincial Masonic Club Company, Limited.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., has promised to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society Schools early in February next.

Bro. Joshua Nunn was unanimously elected on Wednesday last, Treasurer of Grand Chapter Officers' Mess, in place of our lamented Comp. E. Snell.

Bro. Joseph Tanner is a candidate for the vacancy of Architect and Surveyor to the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers.

The annual select private Masonic Ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, was held at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Thursday evening last. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. R. G. Thomas, acting Manager of the Philharmonic Theatre, takes his first complimentary benefit at that house on Thursday next, Nov. 11th.

An inquest was held on Monday by the Coroner for Westminster, in regard to the death of Bro. Charles Harcourt, who met with a severe injury by falling into a space below the level of the stage of the Haymarket Theatre. A verdict of accidental death was returned, and the jury exonerated all parties from blame.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox has returned from Canada and America after a satisfactory visit, and will resume his duties at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, on Sunday morning, November 7th.

Bro. Count Des Geneys was installed W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1705, on the 28th ult. We are glad to see that our esteemed brother, who has been indisposed for some time, was sufficiently recovered to be present.

The installation of the Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire, Bro. Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart. (of Glanusk Park, Mon.), is fixed for the 11th inst. He has appointed Bro. Thomas Jowett, Esq. (of the Old Weir, Hereford), P.D.P.G.M., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

In the report of the meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, the W.M. was by a printer's error described as “Rev. C. J. Scales” instead of “Bro. C. J. Scales.”

The installation meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Masters will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 13th inst., at five o'clock, when Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey, will be installed by Bro. T. Poore, P.M., P.G.I.G., &c.

The installation meeting of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, took place in the Trinity College, Mandeville-place, W., on Thursday. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Among the guests present at the dinner given to the Prince of Wales at the Mansion House on Monday week, we omitted to give the name of Bro. Montagu Williams, the eminent barrister.

THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.—Chancery of the Order of St. Michael and Saint George, Downing-street, Oct. 30.—The Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Distinguished Order: Colonel Richard Thomas Glyn, C.B., for services in the late Zulu War; Colonel William Pole Collingwood, for services in the late Zulu War; Captain Claude Bettington, for services in command of “Bettington's Horse” during the late Zulu War; Francis William Rowsell, Esq., C.B., British Member of the Commission appointed by his Highness the Khedive of Egypt for the management of the Daira Lands, for services rendered in connection with the Island of Malta.—*Gazette*.

THE MASONIC BANQUET.—In roughly analysing the dinner plan I found that amongst the brethren present there were 3 Princes, 14 Marquises, Earls, and Barons; 8 Baronets, 4 Knights, 9 Members of Parliament, 10 Clergymen, 1 Admiral, 4 Generals, 13 Colonels, 4 Majors, 5 Captains, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 Ex-Sheriffs, 2 Under-Sheriffs, 3 Ex-Under-Sheriffs, 2 Deputies, 39 Common Councilmen, 4 Q.C.'s, 7 Physicians, and 3 C.B.'s.—*City Press*.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—On Wednesday the plant and stock of this place of entertainment, belonging to Bro. James Willing, was publicly disposed of by auction. Bro. Willing's lesseship of the establishment ceases on the 15th inst. In May last Messrs. Bertram and Roberts had a similar sale, when they relinquished the management of the Palace.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 1309.—The meetings of this lodge will in future be held on the fourth Tuesday in the months of February, May, July, and October, at the Ship Hotel, Halliford (Shepperton).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The Anniversary Festival of this Institution will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Wednesday, May 11th, 1881.

A SANITARY ASSOCIATION.—An important and influential meeting took place at the Langham Hotel, on Monday last, to consider the desirability of forming a Sanitary Assurance Association “for the purpose of securing to its members, at a minimum cost, those advantages which the progress of sanitary science has made available.” The chair was taken by Sir Joseph Frayner, K.C.S.I., and the objects of the association were explained by Mr. Mark H. Judge, who said it was an attempt to bring medical men and architects together on the great question of house ventilation. In view of the great interest now being taken in this matter we believe that such an association would meet with a large measure of support.

A special meeting of the whole of the members of the Frederick Lodge and Chapter of Unity, No. 452, is called for Thursday next, at the new place of meeting, Harewood House, 105, High-street, Croydon. The meeting will open at 5.30 p.m. precisely.

The Grand Banquet to the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by the Junior Grand Warden, Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Lord Mayor, Oct. 25th, 1880.

PLAN OF THE TABLE.	
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Bro H. D. Sandeman	Bro Hon R. W. H. Giddy
Bro Murray	Bro Gen Hon S. Calthorpe, C.B.
Bro Rev H. H. Pickard	Bro Lord Henniker
Bro Dr Jabez Hogg	Bro Earl of Jersey
Bro Brackstone Baker	Bro Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bt, M.P.
Bro Maudsley	Bro Col A. L. Cole, C.B.
Bro Lucia	Bro Rev C. Arnold
Bro Bolton	Bro T. Fenn
Bro Kench	Bro Glaisher
Bro Clarke	Bro Murrell
Bro Pawley	Bro Ald. Hanson
Bro Ough	Bro Dr. Woodman
Bro Atkins	Bro Sir F. Perkins
Bro Under-Sheriff Hanbury	Bro Willing
Bro Altman	Bro G. Lambert
Bro H. A. Isaacs	Bro J. Turner
Bro E. D. Rogers	Bro Horace Jones
	Bro Capt Davies Sewell
	Bro J. D. Langton
	Bro G. Pitt-Lewis
	Bro F. G. Brown
	Bro Chappell
	Bro Rev J. Conder
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	Bro Capt A. Egerton
	Bro Rev T. Ravenshaw
	Bro Richardson
	Bro Knollys, C.B.
	Bro Ald. Stone
	Bro Sir Albert Woods (Garter)
	Bro Sir John Monckton
	Bro P. de Lande Long
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, November 12, 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, NOVEMBER 6.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Beeleston, King' Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.**
Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsd-y-st.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
" 1789, Ubuque, Regent M.H.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Red Cross of Constantine 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st.

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., Amhurst-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.
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.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Plimsoil Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8.
Kilburn, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30.
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 8.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1613, Cripplelegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham Tav.
" 1803, Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-st.
Mark 22, Southwalk, Bridge House Hot., Lon. Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
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 Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
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.
Islington, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

- Gen. Com. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.

- " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1677, Crusaders, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.
" 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-st., S.W.
" 1718, Centurion, The Imperial, Holborn Viaduct.
" 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, 148, Bow-rd., E.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., 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., 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Tistie, M.M.M., The Haro 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.
Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.
" 1791, Creation, F.M.H.
" 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Chap. 140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., 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, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Rbse Croix, 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- 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.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

- For the Week ending Saturday, November 13, 1880.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.
Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton.
" 1490, Trafford, Alexandra Ho., Moss-side, M'chester.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.**
Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.

- Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I. M.R., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty Crown Hot., Prascot.
" 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Charlton, M.R., Charlton.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Dock Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., L'pool.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- COTTON.—On the 24th ult., at 47, Abington-street, Northampton, the wife of George Cotton, M.R.C.S. Eng., of a daughter.
DIXSON.—On the 31st ult., at the Vicarage, Wye, near Ashford, Kent, the wife of the Rev. John Hulke Dixson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BORLAND—BELL.—On the 1st inst., at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, John E. Borland, Rangoon, to Melita Josephina Manouri, daughter of the late Mr. David Bell, Glasgow.
SCRUTTON—HOLMES.—On the 1st inst., at Clapton-park Chapel, by the Rev. Norman L. Walker, of Dysart, N.B., Alexander W. Scrutton, to Mary Louisa, daughter of the late Mr. George Holmes, of Shacklewell.
SMITH—MEAD.—On the 27th ult., at Old Lambeth Church, by the Rev. C. H. Wright, M.A., Oxford, Philip Smith, of the University College, London, youngest brother of Bro. Charles Smith, P.M. 1441, and J. Chap. 100, to Amy, only daughter of the late Victor George Mead, Esq.

DEATHS.

- CRONIN.—On the 30th ult., at Claremont House, Brixton, Frances, the beloved wife of Edward Cronin, Esq., M.D., and sister of the late Sir John Kennaway, Bart., aged 74.
THOMPSON.—On the 20th ult., at Grove Cottage, Bushey, Herts, Charles, son of Mr. Robert Thompson, in the 36th year of his age.
WOODS.—On the 1st inst., at 103, the Grove, Camberwell, Mr. N. A. Woods.

GRAND BILLIARD MATCH FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP CUP, between W. COOK, Champion, and J. BENNETT, ex-Champion, will be played at ST. JAMES'S HALL, Nov. 8, at 7 o'clock. Messrs. COX & YEMAN, of 184, Brompton-road, London, have received instructions to supply the Table which will be used for this, the most important match of the season. Also, the following evening, Messrs. W. Cook, Champion, and J. Roberts, Jun., Champion, will play a Grand Farewell Exhibition Match of 1,000 up, positively their last appearance prior to their departure for India. Both matches will be played at St. James's Hall, at 7 o'clock. Messrs. Cox and Yeman, of 184, Brompton-road, London, will supply the table for both these important matches.

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