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THE Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the most distinguished presidency of Bro. the Marquis of LONDONDERRY, Prov. G.M. for Durham, and, in the presence of about 500 ladies and brethren, when the admirable return was announced of £11,600, in round numbers, with fourteen lists to come in. We congratulate all concerned in so successful a result, and beg to remind our readers that Masonic Charity—never slack and never dormant—will thus have certainly raised £40,000, at the least, in 1881 for our great Charities. What better commentary can we have in the use and value of Freemasonry, sometimes questioned by the ignorant and cavilled at by the unreasoning. We have in these facts an incitement for zeal, and a groundwork for pride in respect of our kindly and ancient Fraternity.

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ALL the arrangements for the Brighton gathering seem to have been excellent, and to have culminated in a complete success. We hear of no hitch; we have ourselves listened to several commendatory remarks. We are rejoiced at the fact, and think that great praise is due to Bro. BINCKES for so carefully and triumphantly meeting the difficulties of a new position, and the countless demands of the occasion. Whether the “change of scene” can be repeated elsewhere as well is, we venture to think, a matter of doubt. But we do not wish to seek to forestall “public opinion” in this respect in any way.

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THE gathering for giving the prizes at the Boys' School was a very successful one. We congratulate the authorities on the thoroughly efficient state of the School, which, we apprehend, is destined to take a very leading position among the educational institutions of the country.

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A MOST important and interesting correspondence appears in our last impression relative to the respective rank of Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers. We understand the question arose at the late Gloucestershire gathering, where, it seems, it was “ruled” by the Provincial authorities that Provincial Grand Wardens took precedence of Present and Past Grand Officers beneath that rank took precedence, according to date of Grand Officers below that rank, and that all Grand Officers and Provincial appointment respectively. This is, in some respects, a novel contention, and is a departure from the usages of the Craft “in like cases,” for many years. At the same time, we say this: we admit that there is a “vagueness” in the special provision of the Book of Constitutions on the subject, which, at first sight, favours Bro. NEWMARCH's contention; and we quite agree with him that, “strictly speaking,” the question itself is to be settled not by usages, or customs of any kind, but by the exact provisions of the Book of Constitutions. We do not think that Bro. MCINTYRE's dilemma has, however, been met. The logical sequence of Bro. NEWMARCH's able argument would be, that in a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting the Prov. G.M. must take precedence of the G.M. himself, and the D.P.G.M., (not even “*virtute officii*,” a member of Grand Lodge), take precedence of the D.G.M. Bro. MCINTYRE well reminds us that much must turn on the exact position of the Provincial Grand Lodge “quoad” Grand Lodge. The Prov. G.M. is an “emanation” from the G.M.; the Provincial Grand Lodge is an “emanation” from the Prov. G.M., and ceases with his life, or demission, or removal, and can only be revived by the Grand Registrar acting “*pro tempore*,”—according to the provisions of the Book of Constitutions,—as Prov. G.M. It seems to us that the clear provision of the Book of Constitutions is, that while in the Provincial Grand Lodge a Prov. Grand Officer is invested with all the rank of a Grand Officer while in office in it, as soon as the Grand Master and Grand Officers are present they necessarily take precedence, on the old law principle, “*cessante ratione cessat cex*.” The supreme fountain of honour being “in presence,” all those officers directly emanating from him take precedence over those who only “emanate” from his representative or “emanation.” We say this because we agree with Bro. MCINTYRE's conclusion on the whole, admitting the vagueness of the Book of Constitutions, but we feel bound to add that in this, as in most other questions, a good deal may be fairly urged on both sides.

WE are indebted to Bro. HUBERT, in the *Chaine d'Union*, for the following amusing extracts from the “Mandement” of the Archbishop of BESANCON, this very year of grace and light, to his faithful flock. Freemasonry for some reason or other is the main subject of his address, and this is what he says of it, *Risum teneatis fratres et amici*: “The ultimate object of the Masonic sect is the destruction of everything. Satanic counterfeit of the Church, of which it aspires the overthrow, it seeks to govern the world in its stead, and, erasing the past altogether, to found a new social order of things—let us rather say a new barbarism—on the ruins of our civilization. No more God; no more Spiritual Being; no more immortal soul; and, consequently, no more duty; no more principle of authority; no more religious or civil power; the negation of all belief; the extinction of all morality; the destruction of all superiority; in one word anarchy everywhere; and under all forms, in the understanding, in the heart, in the family, in the city, in the government. Behold the ideal future which the “lodges” are preparing for us, and which a great many do not fear loudly to avow.” These charges are surely “strong meat” for “babes,” and yet the good Archbishop thus proceeds in his accurate description of Masonic teaching: “Law is an oppression; power a mistake; obedience a defilement; insurrection a duty; the liberty of others an instrument to play upon; the great institution of marriage an evil; family a vain word; justice a deception; property a robbery made by him who possesses it.” As Bro. HUBERT truly says, “what a heap of abominations.” Once more, let us conclude these extracts from our Archeo-piscopal charge with a sigh and a shrug of the shoulders, as we realize how far folly and untruthfulness, and fanaticism and injustice, can really go. “The Masonic sect has expressed its opinion with cynicism: to break down Catholicism you must suppress the female, but since the suppression is impossible, let us corrupt her.” It is quite possible the Archbishop has never heard of our famous English Masonic refrain:

“No mortal can more,
The ladies adore,
Than a Free and Accepted Mason.”

Seriously, such foolish invectives do Freemasonry rather good than harm.

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The papers are once more full of “MORGAN's bones.” We are “sick” of the whole subject, and feel very much inclined to say, with “BRET HARTE,” if any such discovery has been really made, which we doubt:

“Which my name is Bowers, and my crust was busted,
Falling down a shaft in Calaveras County;
But I'd take it kindly if yu'd send the pieces
Home to Old Missouri.”

We believe in truth that the whole affair is “Bogus,” another fraud palmed upon a too credulous public, and upon reporters just now being very hard up for “news,” and poor printers “perspiring” for “copy.” Certainly the anti-Masonic party in America have now got something to talk about and put forward, and if they only “work the oracle” properly, who can tell but that we may live to see an anti-Masonic President, and the suppression of 600,000 American Masons? In this hot weather we want a little excitement.

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IT is well sometimes to remember, in our passing “epitome” of events and persons, those who leave us, excellent and useful members of our Order, though they may not have risen to very high rank amongst us. English Freemasonry is really and truly made up of its “working Masons,” the “rank and file” of our great army, who often leave us silently, one by one, their journey over, their labours ended, unnoticed and unrecorded by friendly pen, or kindly critic. Comp. J. E. MIDDLETON, whose obituary appears in our present impression, is an illustration of this kind, both patent and speaking. Unknown almost, perhaps, comparatively speaking, beyond his own lodge and chapter, and that Masonic work he always carried out so “thoroughly,” he was yet a very worthy man, a kindly companion, a most sincere Mason. Many who knew him long and well will long recall his kindly and unobtrusive disposition, his gentlemanly and forbearing manners, and, above all, his hearty interest in all that concerned his brethren and companions, and especially Freemasonry. He had been, unfortunately, in ailing health for some time, he had had much personal affliction to bear, but nothing had changed or affected his sympathy with his Masonic duties, or his unswerving regard for old companions and many friends.

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WE rejoice to note that the collections for the Hospital Fund up to the present date already exceed £25,000, and we have no doubt that the Committee at the Mansion House, when all the collections are paid in, will have obtained more than last year. This is a fact to be noted; and we congratulate our readers upon it in the great interests of suffering humanity.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Eighty-third Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at the Pavilion, Brighton. The Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Durham, presided, supported by the Marchioness of Londonderry. Bros. A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G.S.B.; W. Roebuck, Grand Steward; Dr. Morris, Head Master Boys' School; Baron de Ferriers, M.P., P.G.Reg. Gloucestershire; Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart, P.G.M. Sussex; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; George Pluncknett, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D., the Mayor of Brighton; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; George Lambert, G.S.B.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Dr. Godfrey, J.P., P.S.G.W. Gloucestershire; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; Dr. Sanders. There were also present Bros. Saunders, Baling, Storr, Bigby, Woodward, H. A. Dubois, Daniel Hollington, Turquand, Balderson, Dunn, Lovett, Mildred, Berridge, Walter Wood, H. D. Wood, George Kenning, T. J. Barnes, March, Bishop, Roberts, Bolton, Denton, E. H. Williams, W. Lake, W. J. Johns, Finch, Abbott, F. H. Williams, Perkins Hoole, Farwig, Bellerby, Grogono, Sutherland, Frazer, J. C. Woodrow, Quitman, James Kench, Gomm, H. Glen, Sutton, W. W. Morgan, Pendlebury, J. Berry, Clemow, Bryant, Jas. Cooper, Stanley, Weeks, Harling, Angell, Nepean, Lansdeli, Moon, Leggett, T. W. C. Jones, Briggs, Edgar Bowyer, Hastings, Larking, Fowler, Mather, N. S. Clark, Wort, Bullimore, Albert Cook, Smiles, P. Young, R. P. Spice, Farrington, Young, Brook, Nicholl, Game, Peller, Aspinall, Roberts, Faulkner, Young, Verry, Miroy, Barfield, Marsh, T. W. Adams, D. M. Dewar, Frank Toole, H. S. Goodall, John Mason, Radclyffe, Ferguson, McDowall (Berks and Bucks), Atkins Burt (Dorset), J. Brooks Smith, Vasser Smith (Gloucestershire), Edwards (Somersetshire), Alpass, P.G. Sec. Milligan, Hart, Croft, W. J. Thomson (Lancashire W.), Boden, Frazer (Derbyshire), Lees, Dean, Hester (E. Lanc.), Lane, Cameron, Wood, Crooks, (Durham), Wilkinson, Roper, Reuss, Brydges, Critchley, G. Armitage (W. Yorks), T. B. Whytehead, Walton (N. and E. Yorks), Woodwork (Norfolk), N. Merridew, Jennens, Strawley, Moffatt, Archer, Smart, Warrilow (Warwickshire), N. Tracey, C. Atkins (Suffolk), Martin, Florence (Essex), Tuff, White (Kent), Hacker, Eve, Downing (Hants and I. of W.), T. J. Pulley, Matthews (Oxford), W. H. Davies, Jones, Wordley, T. W. White (S. Wales, E. Division), S. G. Gilbert (Nottingham), Chapman (Devon), and H. Massey, *Freemason*.

After the cloth had been removed and grace sung, the customary toasts were proposed. In giving the first toast,

The CHAIRMAN said: Ladies and brethren, in every society of English gentlemen and ladies there is always one toast which I think holds pre-eminence—it is "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." (Cheers.) Not only is her health held in reverence by every Englishman, but I am sure it would be most enthusiastically received in this assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The toast having been drunk, was followed by the National Anthem.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the next toast, said: Ladies and brethren, the next toast that I have to call to your notice is that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England." I am sure all will agree with me that H.R.H. takes the deepest interest in the Craft; notwithstanding all the numerous associations and employments which encroach upon H.R.H.'s time he never neglects the welfare and prosperity of this Order. It is, therefore, with great pleasure I call upon you to join with me in drinking "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

The toast having been duly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN said: Ladies and brethren, the next toast that I have to call upon you to drink is "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M., Vice-Presidents of this Institution, the Prov. Grand Master, and the P.G. Officers of England." I feel certain that the Earl of Carnarvon, who was appointed Pro G.M. by the Prince of Wales, will ever discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the great Masonic body. I am sure also that the Earl of Lathom will do the same. We know that upon him devolves the most arduous and heavy work. The Earl of Lathom is not only an intimate and early friend of my own, but he is also one whom every true Mason must regard and esteem. (Hear, hear.) I had the honour of being installed by him for the province which I represent (Durham), and I can only say that on that and on various other occasions in my life I have received the greatest kindness from him. It will be needless for me to dilate further upon his virtues, but I ask you to drink with enthusiasm his health. I think I cannot do better than couple with this toast the name of one who in this neighbourhood is well known and highly respected. I mean Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Sir WALTER BURRELL, Prov. G.M. for Sussex, in reply said: Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for Durham, ladies, and brethren, I hardly know when I rose with greater diffidence to return thanks for an honour, as I do on this occasion, when you have honoured me by drinking my health and giving me on this occasion such a grand reception; because when I see the number of fair ladies present it is enough to make any one nervous. I am called upon to return thanks for the Earl of Carnarvon, who is a distant connection of my own, and whom I do not know. I have also to return thanks for the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. Brethren, you know, if the ladies do not, that those two noble peers are enthusiastic Masons, and glory in doing their duty under their Grand Master the Prince of Wales. (Hear, hear.) It is indeed a very great undertaking for anybody to act for the Prince of Wales, in carrying forward the great Institutions—the grandest Institutions in the world—of Masonry. (Hear, hear, and great cheering.) Well, brethren, we have indeed a noble and a great charity to carry through this kingdom, and throughout the length of the world generally, and I hope and trust that those who are present this day will remember that this is the first time that one of the Institutions has come down, supported by members of the Grand Lodge, to hold its festival at Brighton. (Hear, hear.) I am the Grand Master of this province, and we in this province who are Freemasons feel honoured by this first outing of the Institution. I am quite sure we are all proud to assist our Grand Master in all the work of Masonry, and we are rejoiced at seeing this wonderful sight we have before us. (Hear, hear.) Time presses, and, therefore, before I conclude, allow me to propose the health of one to whom I am sure you will give a most hearty reception—"The Most Honourable the Marquis of Londonderry, Right

Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Durham," and, if you will allow me, I would also say "The Marchioness of Londonderry." (Hear, hear.) I am told the Marchioness of Londonderry yesterday attended at the Boys' School to distribute the prizes, and she was so pleased with what she saw there that she made up her mind that she would accompany her noble husband down to Brighton this day. (Great cheering.) Now, I know perfectly well that both ladies and brethren are pleased with her presence. The Marquis of Londonderry, I believe, is an old Mason, but he is a young Provincial Grand Master, and I hope and trust he will long be spared to rule over his province, and I am quite sure you will all agree with me in drinking to his hearty good health. (Cheers, amidst which the toast was drunk.)

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said: Brethren and ladies, I cannot adequately return thanks to you all for the very kind manner in which the Prov. Grand Master of Sussex has proposed the health of myself and the Marchioness of Londonderry, and also for the very kind and cordial reception which the brethren on this occasion have given to it. (Hear, hear.) I can assure you that it has given both of us very great satisfaction to be present to-day, where so many of the officers of the Grand Lodge have come into this province to celebrate this festival. The thanks of all of us are due to the brethren of Brighton for the excellent arrangements they have made for our comfort on this occasion. (Cheers.) If we were not here as members of a peace association I should feel inclined to find fault with my friend, the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, for having called my wife a beloved creature—(laughter)—but I can assure you the way in which you have received the toast of our healths has been a great satisfaction to her. (Hear, hear.) The only fear I have for the future is, that although I have been represented as a very young Provincial Grand Master, I shall have very little peace, because her ladyship, having visited the School yesterday and seen a great deal of Masonry there, will want to go out and see much more of it than she has already. (Cheers.) I thank you, brethren, very much for the kind reception you have given us, and for the cordial way in which you have drunk our healths.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary: My Lord, Lady Londonderry, ladies, and brethren, the toast which I have now to propose is not one which is upon the programme this evening, but it is one which, I am quite sure, will be received by all the brethren present, and especially by those brethren and ladies who hail from Brighton, with a great deal of enthusiasm. The festival of the Boys' School has hitherto been held practically within the bills of mortality. To-day, as a child learning to walk, the Institution has strayed a little further, and has come down to the good old town of Brighton to hold its festival. (Hear, hear.) Our Boys' School to-day has met under very auspicious circumstances, because we have been honoured with two very eminent and distinguished brethren of our Order—one the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, Bro. Sir Walter Burrell, and the other the Right Worshipful Bro. David Smith, Mayor of Brighton. Our eminent Bro. Sir Walter Burrell has already had an opportunity of expressing his feelings on this occasion; but I am sure you will all agree with me that we should not separate without acknowledging the genial presence among us of our honoured and worthy Bro. David Smith, the Mayor of Brighton. (Cheers.) Our Bro. David Smith is a Mason of thirty years' standing, and he is one of the oldest Grand Wardens of the Province of Sussex, who has always taken, and still takes, to my personal knowledge, a very deep and earnest interest in all Masonic matters. (Hear, hear.) I am sure, therefore, you will all agree with me in drinking the health of our Worshipful brother the Mayor of Brighton in as hearty a manner as you possibly can. Our brother has come here in all the majesty of his office, and with all his aldermanic insignia, to meet and receive us to-day as the chief officer of an important English Corporation. We must not forget that we are practically the guests of the Mayor of Brighton, because this building and all that appertains thereto are the property of the Corporation, and we are simply here by his good will and sufferance. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I feel quite certain, therefore, that you are all in accord with me when I ask you to drink "The Good Health, Happiness, and Prosperity of the Mayor of Brighton and his Worthy Wife." (Cheers.)

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured,

Bro. DAVID SMITH, Mayor of Brighton and Past Grand Warden of Sussex, said: My Lord Marquis, Sir Walter Burrell, ladies, and brethren, I am happy that, in the name of the town of Brighton, I welcome you all here to-night. I need not ask you if you have enjoyed yourselves, because I am quite sure there is only one answer can come to me from these well-spread tables; they were well-spread at the beginning, and what I now see before me shows me that you have enjoyed yourselves thoroughly. When we compare other Charities with the beautiful way in which you hold your festivals, I am sure that you will agree with me that comparisons are odious. The ladies are more satisfied with sitting by the side of the gentlemen than with taking their place in the gallery. (Hear, hear.) We are told that if we have the ladies with us we have success. I am quite sure, when we have the lists read out, we shall find that the Boys' School has come to the front, and that the brethren have made a great hit. Down here in Brighton we always take the lead in everything. We have taken the lead to-day, and I am quite sure that the lead which has been taken will be followed by the other Institutions in Masonry, and that they will come and visit our beautiful town. (Cheers.) It has been a very great pride and honour to us to receive you here to-day, and we are much obliged to our Bro. Freeman, the Grand Secretary of the province, for the efforts he has made on this occasion. He has well and ably carried out the scheme, and we heartily thank him. (Cheers.) I have only now to thank you in the name of the Mayoress and myself, and I return you our thanks for so kindly drinking our health—(cheers)—in response to which we drink the hearty good health of all of you. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Ladies and brethren, I have now to bring to your notice an important toast, and it is one which merits the greatest approbation. It is a toast which may fairly be called the toast of the evening—that toast is "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." (Hear, hear.) It would be, I think, idle for me to dilate upon the report which is now in the hands of every one present; but I can only say for myself that I was deeply impressed with what I saw yesterday when I visited the School with the Marchioness of Londonderry. I think that one of the paragraphs which I see in the report shows what a great deal of credit is due to those who have the responsible charge of that Institution as far as the education of youth is concerned, because the report of the House Committee says that "a reference to the published result of the Cambridge University Local Examination, held in December, 1880, will show that the Institution has more than maintained the educational reputation for which it has acquired celebrity." It was a great satisfaction to me to see that Institution yester-

day, and from what I have heard I am sure I can bear witness to the good of the Institution, not only as a well-situated Institution, but as far as the dormitories are concerned they are well ventilated, and everything that can conduce to the comfort and happiness of the boys is considered. (Cheers.) I need not say I think a great deal of credit is due to the Head Master of that establishment, the Rev. Dr. Morris, for the very great care and energy he has shown in the education of the boys. I think our thanks are due to him for the care and energy he has displayed in the education of the pupils (Cheers.) I trust and hope that this Institution will go on long and prosper. Although I know many brethren who are better able than I am to plead the cause of this Institution and bring it before your notice, I would advise every brother to go to the Institution and visit it for himself, when I am sure he will be gratified by what he sees. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) We cannot hope this year to raise so large a sum as was raised last year when my noble friend and brother the Earl of Lathom presided at the festival of this Institution, but I trust and hope that the subscriptions which will come from the provinces will not be far wanting, and I only hope that this first appearance of myself, as Provincial Grand Master for Durham, as President of your festival will incite my province to support you nobly, and that there may be no deterioration in the subscriptions you receive. I hope every one will be pleased at the claims of the Institution being so placed before you. (Cheers.) I will not detain you longer, but I will ask you to drink "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," coupling with that toast the name of Bro. George Plucknett, your Treasurer. (Cheers.)

Bro. PLUCKNETT, Treasurer, responded, but on account of the noise occasioned by many of the visitors leaving the room, he was perfectly inaudible.

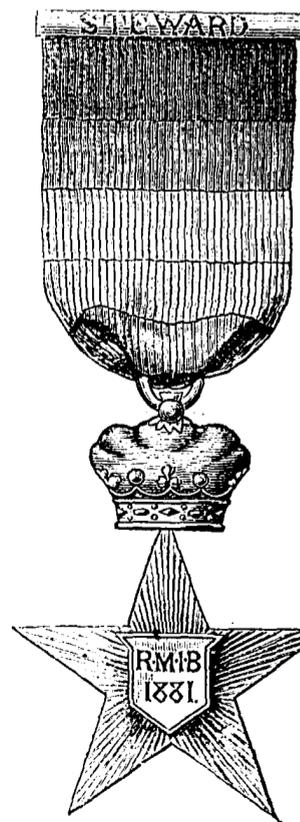
Bro. BINCKES, Secretary, then read the following list of subscriptions, prefacing them with the observation that these outings had been called an extravagant experiment and innovation, and that their failure had been predicted. Much had been stated in reference to all the Institutions and their management, and it had been said that the festivals should be held in London. They had, however, as far as the Boys' School was concerned, been held for a few years out of London, and that day an instance had been given of an attempt to hold them elsewhere. They had that day held the Festival of the Boys' School in the good old town of Brighton, and he looked upon it as a great success. Where the next festival would be held he did not know.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
1 Bro. R. M. Bishop	15	15	0
2 " F. Lassiter	21	0	0
3 " Jno. Larkin	55	13	0
4 " Rev. H. Landsell	15	15	0
5 " W. J. Ford	38	17	0
6 " B. de Lopez	21	0	0
7 " P. F. Sutton	16	0	0
8 " W. A. Grogan	23	2	0
10 " G. J. Fraser	26	15	6
11 " George Innes	24	3	0
14 " E. Montennis	11	11	0
18 " Jno. Abbott	36	15	0
18 " F. H. Williams	10	10	0
19 " E. B. Grabham	50	8	0
21 " R. P. Spice	21	0	0
22 " E. F. Storr	42	0	0
23 " H. M. Mills	12	12	0
27 " Chas. Atkins	114	19	6
28 " J. E. Lloyd	22	1	0
29 " H. C. Barker			
29 " A. D. Everingham	38	17	0
30 " Joseph Harling	37	16	0
33 " Lewis Angell	40	19	0
49 " James Moon	84	0	0
55 " James Cooper	54	12	0
60 " J. Bellerby	22	1	0
65 " C. Daniel	154	7	0
72 " Fredk. Dunn	103	3	6
79 " Hy. Roberts	215	5	0
91 " Benj. Bull	42	0	0
92 " Alfred Dent	15	15	0
95 " J. W. Wardell	23	2	0
96 " J. A. Wild, jun.	75	12	0
145 " J. H. Leggott	52	10	0
147 " Geo. Bolton	106	17	0
162 " Major W. E. Williams	17	17	0
167 " Edwin Storr	70	7	0
169 " Chas. Denton	68	7	6
179 " H. A. Lovett	33	1	6
180 " E. Farwig	42	0	0
181 " H. D. Wood	22	11	6
193 " W. Wood	115	10	0
194 " R. Fowler	58	16	0
197 " W. C. Glen	17	6	6
198 " F. Orchard	36	15	0
259 " T. W. C. Jones	63	0	0
263 " G. J. Harmer	12	12	0
435 " A. Allhansen			
534 " A. Aspinall	19	19	0
538 " J. Qutman			
538 " J. Kench	120	0	0
657 " A. J. Duff Filer	130	4	0
742 " Geo. Weeks	53	11	0
754 " Geo. Burford			
754 " W. Wort	15	15	0
765 " J. C. Perkins	36	15	0
765 " F. H. Hoole	10	10	0
780 " W. Gomm	67	0	6
822 " F. Abbott	42	0	0
890 " S. J. Turquand	82	2	6
901 " C. Beaumont	64	1	0
907 " F. A. White			
907 " W. Wordley	46	14	6
933 " T. J. Barnes	136	10	0
1056 " E. H. Williams	120	0	0
1178 " Jno. Jas. Bell	31	10	0
1185 " Rev. R. Morris	10	10	0
1298 " Geo. S. Bigley	60	18	0
1319 " E. Swanborough	36	4	6
1329 " R. B. Bryant	25	0	0
1365 " W. Finch	50	0	0
1366 " J. E. Cussans	112	17	6
1383 " Capt. W. A. Hicks	107	6	0
1397 " N. S. Clark	28	7	0
1421 " G. Hollington	42	0	0
1426 " Thos. Hamer			
1506 " H. Sutherland	12	12	0
1559 " E. E. Smith	10	10	0
1572 " Geo. Briggs	32	12	0

Lodge.	£	s.	d.
1589 " W. E. Farrington	10	10	0
1599 " E. L. Meroy	36	15	0
1604 " Geo. Boulton	42	0	0
1615 " N. B. Lethbridge	22	1	0
1629 " Rev. C. J. Martyn	37	5	6
1635 " C. D. Kemp Welch	26	5	0
1657 " George Kenning	51	9	0
1669 " N. Bridges	73	10	0
1679 " J. Lorkin	39	13	6
1687 " J. Docker	63	0	0
1716 " W. C. Young	63	10	0
1719 " M. Mildred	105	0	0
1743 " J. I. Mather	123	18	0
1744 " F. H. Clemow	41	0	0
1765 " J. A. Hammond	44	2	0
Chap.			
834 Comp. A. Barfield	40	0	0
Committee Dinner Club, John Palmer	61	19	0
UNATTACHED.			
Bro. E. C. Woodward	10	10	0
" Edgar Bower	108	3	0
" A. M. Broadley	64	18	0
" J. Dennis			
" Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	10	10	0
" Plowman Young	10	10	0
" F. Binckes	63	0	0
" George Lambert	52	10	0
" William March	11	11	0
" T. H. Miller	10	10	0
" R. Burridge	45	3	0
" J. Stanley	10	10	0
" J. H. Matthews	31	10	0
" Charles Sanders			
BERKS AND BUCKS.			
Lodge.			
209 Bro. E. B. A. Schiemann	36	15	0
209 " D. Radclyffe	210	0	0
414 " Charles Stephens	73	10	0
574 " W. H. Belcher	22	11	0
840 " W. J. Bullimore	19	6	3
948 " A. McDowall	45	2	6
1101 " W. Ferguson	53	3	6
1770 " J. Chickens	15	15	0
CHESHIRE.			
1045 Bro. J. Hamilton	26	5	0
CORNWALL.			
1151 Bro. C. S. G. Blake	38	17	0
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.			
129 Bro. George McKay	210	0	0
DERBYSHIRE.			
353 Bro. F. G. Boden	15	15	0
625 " D. A. Davis	16	10	0
731 " A. Frazer	110	0	0
DEVONSHIRE.			
1402 Bro. J. Chapman	27	16	6
DORSETSHIRE.			
622 Bro. J. A. Atkins	187	19	0
W. D. Dugdale	43	1	0
DURHAM.			
48 Bro. J. Wood	132	6	0
764 " Charles S. Lane	67	17	0
764 " J. W. Cameron	65	19	0
1334 " W. H. Crookes	126	0	0
Sixteen Stewards	210	0	0
ESSEX.			
214 Bro. E. B. Florence	100	16	0
453 " Robt. Martin	52	12	0
1000 " A. Wardell	10	10	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
82 Bro. Baron de Ferrieres	15	15	0
82 " J. Brook-Smith	10	10	0
82 " Henry Godfrey	57	15	0
493 " G. W. Harris	5	5	0

Lodge.	£	s.	d.
592 " Jno. Mullings	89	5	0
839 " R. V. Smith	68	5	0
1067 " Russell J. Kerr	36	15	0
GUERNSEY.			
84 Bro. F. Clark	85	1	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			
257 Bro. J. Ridd Hayman	33	12	0
723 " Henry Hacker	42	0	0
723 " Richard Eve	89	5	0
785 " R. J. H. Parker	5	5	0
903 " R. W. Downing	42	0	0
1373 " Rev. E. Y. Mapean	50	8	0
" R. W. Mitchell	36	15	0
HERTFORDSHIRE.			
403 Bro. Rev. Z. Deedes	65	2	0
1757 " Henry Balderson	16	16	0
1757 " David Roberts	21	0	0
JERSEY.			
Bro. Abner Torkington	105	0	0
KENT.			
558 Bro. R. White	69	6	0
1273 " H. Tuff	51	0	0
1273 " Jno. Mason	27	15	0
1273 " Jno. Mason	73	10	0
LANCASHIRE, EAST.			
146 Bro. Jno. Morris	12	12	0
152 " W. Jaffrey	10	10	0
317 " W. Nicholl	10	10	0
317 " W. J. Cunliffe	5	5	0
317 " J. Wilson	10	10	0
317 " J. Edwards	10	10	0
897 " R. G. Brook	10	10	0
1009 " Jno. Currie			
1011 " S. W. Hester			
1723 " J. Bromley	5	5	0
1723 " N. Nicholson	5	5	0
" J. A. Aldred	10	10	0
LANCASHIRE, WEST.			
86 Bro. R. Young	15	15	0
178 " H. O. Croft			
178 " T. Milligan	68	0	0
786 " F. J. Bailey	15	15	0
1384 " W. J. Thomson	11	11	0
1502 " M. Hart	27	6	0
MIDDLESEX.			
1293 Bro. Rev. R. J. Griffiths	24	3	0
1309 " C. L. Smiles	11	11	0
1326 " J. C. Woodrow	54	12	0
1423 " Aug. F. Loos			
1503 " W. H. Saunders	33	12	0
1777 " H. B. Marshall	52	10	0
1793 " J. Piller	21	0	0
" J. J. Marsh	10	10	0
Chap.			
1194 Comp. W. Roebuck	222	12	0
1508 " D. P. Cama	36	15	0
MONMOUTH.			
Bro. Crawshay Bailey	157	10	0
NORFOLK.			
100 Bro. J. J. Harvey	19	19	0
107 " G. S. Woodwork	36	15	0
943 " H. Burgess	18	18	0
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
1794 Bro. J. G. Gilbert	191	2	0

Lodge.	£	s.	d.
OXFORDSHIRE.			
340 Bro. T. J. Pooley	22	11	6
1515 " C. A. Galpin	55	0	0
1703 " A. T. Matthias	10	10	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.			
1199 Bro. C. L. F. Edwards	69	6	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
1383 Bro. Capt. E. H. Thorne	36	15	0
SUFFOLK.			
376 Bro. N. Tracey	135	14	0
SURREY.			
Bro. J. D. Thomson	46	4	0
SUSSEX.			
Bro. V. P. Freeman	735	0	0
" F. Daniel	15	15	0
" J. Sayers	21	0	0
WARWICKSHIRE.			
74 Bro. R. H. Vertigan	10	10	0
74 " D. Archer	10	10	0
74 " H. E. Mewis	10	10	0
284 " J. W. Margetts	36	15	0
395 " N. Merridew	31	10	0
395 " M. Smart	5	5	0
395 " Moffatt	21	0	0
473 " "	21	0	0
502 " Capt. C. R. Levett	10	10	0
502 " Henry Bennett	10	10	0
" Philips	11	11	0
739 " J. Strawley	26	5	0
739 " J. Jennins			
739 " A. G. Warrellow	10	10	0
1474 " "	10	10	0
WORCESTERSHIRE.			
377 Bro. G. W. Grosvenor	57	15	0
1874 " George Taylor			
57 Bro. J. Walton	57	15	0
312 " J. W. Woodall	36	15	0
1605 " Henry Preston	25	0	0
1611 " T. B. Whythead	15	15	0
Prov. Lodge and Chapter	15	15	0
YORKS, WEST.			
Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.	10	10	0
" Capt. John Wordsworth	21	0	0
139 " E. G. Reuss	10	10	0
139 " W. G. Roper	10	10	0
154 " T. K. Sanderson	10	10	0
208 " R. J. Critchley	10	10	0
289 " A. Williamson	7	7	0
302 " H. Smith	5	5	0
1102 " G. Armitage	10	10	0
1239 " W. R. Thomas	10	10	0
1522 " H. Legge	10	10	0
" "	155	5	0
NORTH WALES AND SALOP.			
1621 Bro. J. Bodenham	179	11	0
S. WALES (E. DIVISION).			
366 Bro. W. H. Davies	105	0	0
S. WALES (W. DIVISION).			
671 Bro. Aaron Stone	10	10	0
ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.			
Bro. C. F. Matier	78	15	0



ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The annual Fête at Wood Green was held on Tuesday last, under the presidency of the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Durham. The occasion was also graced by the presence of the Marchioness of Londonderry, who distributed the prizes to the boys, not a very light task, as will be seen by the following list:—
 Silver Medal for Good Conduct, presented by the Institution.—Henry Blake Brock.
 Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. No. 657.—William Ashton Stansfield.
 Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33° to a pupil on leaving the Institution.—Alfred Henry Stephenson.

The CHAIRMAN said there was an old saying that time was made for slaves, but still as there was a train to catch for London he would ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the Stewards" to whom they were all indebted, both for the comfort they had enjoyed and the large subscriptions that had been announced.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER responded, and remarked that the Stewards were highly satisfied with the result of the day's proceedings. The brethren then returned to town.

During the dinner the band of the 1st Sussex Volunteer Artillery, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. H. Fester, and the Officers of the corps, played a selection of music, and in the intervals between the toasts Madame Thaddeus Wells, Mdlle. Pauline Featherby, Miss Mary McClean and Mr. James Budd sang various songs, under the conductorship of Mr. John Harrison.

Bro. Frank Toole acted as Toastmaster. The favours worn on the occasion were very appropriate. The jewel was a five-pointed star, with a shield in the centre bearing the initials of the Institution, R.M.I.B., and date of the Festival. This was surmounted by a Marquis's coronet, and suspended by a ribbon, the colours of which were the same as those in the arms of the Marquis of Londonderry, viz., black, blue, gold, white, and red. Bro. George Kenning was the manufacturer.

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES GIVEN BY THE INSTITUTION:—

Scripture—G. S. Robinson, 1; E. Riddle, 2. *Classics*—First Class—A. H. Stephenson, 1; E. Taylor, 2. Second Class—G. L. Perrin. Third Class—E. Bartley. Fourth Class—A. J. Laslett. Fifth Class—H. Fairman. *Mathematics*—First Class—R. Head, 1; P. Pulman, 2. Second Class—P. Cooper. Third Class—R. Riley. Fourth Class—A. W. Gardner. Fifth Class—G. May. *French and German*—First Class—G. S. Robinson, 1; E. Taylor, 2. Second Class—H. Searle. Third Class—R. Riley. Fourth Class—F. Hunt. Fifth Class—G. Mey. *English*—First Class—H. Brock, 1; E. Taylor, 2. Second Class—H. Searle. Third Class—E. Bartley. Fourth Class—F. Hunt. Fifth Class—H. Fairman.

There is a sixth class for English and Arithmetic in which the prize winners were A. J. Kennedy and P. Marshall; and even a seventh class, in which A. Howarth and W. J. Saville obtained prizes for general proficiency.

There are besides special prizes presented by the House Committee, which are distributed as follows: Writing—first, G. Robinson; second, A. Parker. Dictation—first, H. Shipway; second, G. Robinson. History—first, H. Brock; second, H. Shipway. Geography—first, A. Parker; second, A. H. Stephenson. Mental arithmetic—first, R. Head; second, H. Brock. General attention to studies—first, H. Brock; second, A. H. Stephenson. Efficiency as monitor—first, A. Parker; second, W. A. Stansfield. Efficiency as class monitor—first, W. D. Whalley. Proficiency in drill—first, G. Nash; second, G. S. Robinson. The band—first, W. A. Stansfield; second, W. H. Dunnaway. Athletics—first, P. James.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING PRIZES PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS:—

By Bro. Capt. Wordsworth (awarded June 28th, 1881), by the Lodge of United Strength, No. 228—Honours at the Cambridge Local Examination—H. L. Carter. By Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris—Attention to studies—R. Head and H. Brock; elocution—V. Lee and W. H. Date. By Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Vice-Patron of Institution, P.G.W. Herts, P.M., &c.—Book-keeping—W. D. Whalley. By Mr. Sylvester, Drawing Master—Drawing—Freehand—A. H. Stephenson and P. King. Architecture—A. Parker. Mechanical—C. Sparks. Pen and Ink Drawing—G. Robinson and A. Breary.

RESULT OF CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER, 1880:—

The prizes apportioned for the interest, £25, of the fund, £525, founded by Bro. W. Winn, P.M. 657, Vice-Patron. Nineteen candidates passed.

SENIORS—Honours—Second Class—H. B. Brock. Honours—Third Class—A. H. Stephenson and E. L. Price.

JUNIORS—Honours—First Class—A. R. Parker (distinguished for drawing), G. S. Robinson, R. G. Head, C. D. Barrett, and H. Williams. Honours—Second Class—H. Shipway and M. B. Ellis. Honours—Third Class—W. Meacock, E. Davenport, S. G. Nash, T. S. Pilling, H. L. Carter, and W. H. Date. Certificates in Fourth Division—C. E. Armitage, S. Woodhouse, and W. H. P. Dunaway.

The entertainment, however, commenced with a performance, by the choir, of a pastoral operetta, entitled "The Merrie Men of Sherwood Forest," in which, both as instrumentalists and vocalists, the lads acquitted themselves very well. There was also a dramatic performance, a farce in one act, by Thos. J. Williams, entitled "Turn Him Out," in which V. J. Lee, as *Nicodemus Nobbs*, displayed plenty of vivacity and considerable talent, and in the result carried off the prize for "elocution." Without at all questioning the propriety of the award for merits probably ascertained on other grounds, we venture to say that the performance was not elocutionary, and that, given a young gentleman with plenty of "go" in him, the "business"—to adopt stage parlance—entrusted to *Nicodemus Nobbs* ensures his success; in fact, the construction of the piece makes *Nobbs* the leading character, the other personages merely playing up to him. As a test of merit the piece selected was valueless. The audience, however, appreciated the farce, which was certainly very amusing, and all the boys engaged in it (viz., Lee, Brock, Date, Stephenson, Sparks, Nash, and Stansfield) deserved great credit for their spirited acting.

When the entertainment and distribution of prizes was concluded, Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART rose and said: *My lord, ladies, and guests*, We have had a delightful morning, and if one may judge from the sounds of approval that we have heard from all sides, I think I may add we have so far had a happy meeting, and it is an additional source of happiness that we have with us the Marchioness of Londonderry, to whom we are indebted for distributing the prizes to-day. It is the first time that a lady has condescended to come here for this purpose. At the same time we must feel highly honoured to see the way in which her ladyship appreciates our Craft, and how happy and willing she is to support her noble husband in his desire to support the School. She has requested that upon the return of the boys to school they may have a whole holiday in commemoration of her visit here. I have now to ask you to accord our best thanks to the Marchioness of Londonderry for honouring us by presiding over the distribution of the prizes to the boys. I think the boys would like to have a voice in this matter, and I therefore call on them to give three cheers for the marchioness. To this appeal the boys responded heartily—in the manner of boys.

THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY: Ladies and gentlemen and brethren, I can assure you that it has given Lady Londonderry and myself great satisfaction to be present on this occasion, and to have witnessed the interesting scenes which we have seen to-day. I can assure you that her ladyship takes the greatest interest in our Craft, as has been justly said by the brother who has proposed the vote of thanks to her to-day, and if she always follows the feeling of her heart to me as she has done for a long period of years, she will do all she can for my province and the good of Masonry. I am sure you will excuse me on this occasion from entering into any long speech, inasmuch as I shall have that duty to perform to-morrow. But I cannot separate from you to-day without again expressing my gratification at being present here to-day. Having seen the Institution, I can speak of it with authority to others, and can confidently recommend them to come and see it themselves. In addressing a few words to our young friends who have contributed to our amusement to-day, and saying again what pleasure it has afforded her ladyship to distribute those prizes, I would urge them to go on in the hope that they may obtain a prize hereafter. And there is no doubt a great deal of the credit which they have obtained in the prizes which they have received to-day must be attributed to the great care they have received in their education; and not only does it appear in what we have seen to-day, or whether given to the culture of art or science, but also in what is of great importance as connected with the trade of this country, in the art of book-keeping. It afforded me intense satisfaction to see a prize given for that, because I think it may be of very great use to the pupils when they become young men. All the credit, of course, is due to those who have the education of youth, and I cannot sufficiently extol, and I am sure that the House Committee will agree with me in saying that we have a very great debt of gratitude to pay to Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris, the Head Master of this Institution, and I should not be doing my duty on this occasion if I did not ask you to join with me in thanking Bro. Dr. Morris for the entertainment that he has just given us, as well as his able assistants, who must have had a great deal of care and trouble to produce this entertainment to-day. You will, I am sure, join me in a vote of thanks to Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris, the Head Master of this Institution, and in expressing our hope and trust that this Institution may go on prospering and succeeding, and being a credit to the Craft, as it has hitherto been. (Cheers.)

Bro. Dr. NORRIS, in briefly returning thanks, said that he and all concerned had done all that they could, and that it was their wish once a year to produce something that would make their audience feel satisfied that their labours were not altogether in vain; they would now look forward to another year in the hope of then entertaining them equally well. It is not the manner of the Institution to send its guests empty away, so as soon as the hall could be cleared the company adjourned to the dining and dancing rooms, where a liberal cold collation was supplied to satisfy all comers. A good number had to wait their turn, however, for in consequence of the large number present the rooms would not accommodate the whole at one time. In the evening all adjourned to the play fields, where races and athletic sports contributed to the fun of the day. The company was the largest we have seen at Wood Green, and it is quite out of the question to give an accurate list of even well-known names. Amongst others we noticed Bros. Col. Creaton, Raynham Stewart, Adlard, Rosenthal, Edgar Bowyer, Paas, Chancellor, Roebuck, Terry, Mason, Woodward, and others.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution, presided over by Bro. J. M. Clabon, was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there were also present Bros. Col. J. Peters, H. A. Dubois, Thos. Massa, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, F. J. Cox, Frank Richardson, P. de L. Long, J. Nunn, Rucker, E. Letchworth, Donald M. Dewar, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. RICHARDSON, on behalf of Bro. Col. Creaton, who was unavoidably absent, proposed, as a recommendation from the House Committee, first, "That the rank of Hon. Vice-President be conferred upon Bro. Wharton P. Hood, in recognition of his valuable services as honorary surgeon;" and, secondly, "That the honorarium of the Chaplain be increased from £25 to £35 per annum."

Nine petitions were approved, making, with those remaining from last election, a total of twenty-four candidates for election in October; the vacancies being ten, caused by girls leaving, and five added to the number receivable.

FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

BRO. H. ECROYD.

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We now propose to give a short biographical sketch of Bro. Antonio Romero Ortiz, of whom we have already said that he is an ex-Minister of State, Deputy of the Cortes, and Governor of the Bank of Spain. He is illustrious, not only in our own ranks, but also in the political, legal, and literary world. He is highly esteemed by his fellow countrymen (without distinction of party) for his varied legal, financial, and intellectual attainments, whilst his *strict integrity* and, above all, his *unselfish patriotism*, have obtained for him the respect even of his most pronounced political antagonists. Bro. Ortiz is neither a time server, nor has he ever been a place hunter; yet he has had a goodly share of high office and the emoluments appertaining thereto, obtained by personal merit alone, and retained by personal merit.

Bro. Ortiz is now in his sixtieth year, having been born on the 24th day of March, 1822, in the venerable city of Santiago (St. James), of Compostela, the capital of the ancient kingdom of Galicia—that sea-girt corner of the Peninsula, whose westerly storm-lashed coast terminates in the much-dreaded Cape Finisterre. Born amongst the rain clouds of a city which is so frequently bathed in drenching showers and drizzling mist, that Santiago has obtained the rather unpleasant *sobriquet* of "el urinal de España," and bred on the bracing mountain air of the Highlands surrounding the city, our distinguished brother developed in his childhood much of that gravity of demeanour, tenacity of purpose, and strength of will which we usually find present in the characters of men of exceptional mental capacity whose childhood and youth have been spent amongst the mountains. Bro. Grand Master Ortiz is a true gallego, of whom his native province may well be proud.

The term "gallego" is, however, sometimes used in Spain as a term of reproach by those whose *sangre azul* prejudices make them too prone to despise the worker, and who ignore the truth of that grand old maxim that "Labour is not only the lot, but the duty of man." Thus because the native of Galicia (*el gallego*, as the Spaniard calls him) is (par excellence) a worker, it has come to be a saying amongst the drones of polite society in Madrid that to be an honest worker entitles a man to be sneered at as *un gallego*, although, in very truth, no more honourable appellation can be bestowed upon a human being than this so-called "opprobrious" term, for the gallegos are the very sinew and bone of the modern Iberian race. Wherever there is honest work to be done, or an honest penny to be made, there will you find the gallego, ready and willing to do his duty. The gallegos are, in fact, the typical "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to the non-workers and drones of the capitals, not alone of Spain, but of Portugal, of Brazil, of the River Plate Republics, of Algeria—in fact, wherever the Castilian race has domiciled itself there will the gallego be found, holding his own against all comers, as the trusted domestic servant, the car driver, the water carrier, the doer of *hand work* for the drones and non-workers around him.

But although the gallego is emphatically a worker, he is not a disciple of the "all work and no play" school. He is quick witted and jovial, and has much of the canny shrewdness of the Highland Scot about him, combined with a liberal dash of that rich humour which especially characterises the Irishman. Indeed, the home-bred gallego resembles the typical Paddy in many ways, notably in his eye for the picturesque; in his holiday costume; in his preference for turf before coal or wood for cooking purposes; in his love for pigs and potatoes; in his sonorous *brogue*; and last, but not least, in his skillful use, and abuse, of his shillelagh. There is, we can assure our tourist brethren on the look out for comparatively untrodden ground, no pleasanter corner of Europe to visit than the native country of our brother, Grand Master Antonio Romero Ortiz. The writer has himself ridden, on various occasions during the past fifteen years, over the length and breadth of Galicia; up amidst the rich *tin* and *blend* deposits lying around, and not far distant from Orense, Rivadavia, and Santiago; along the shores of the magnificent *Fiord* at the south-west corner of which Vigo is situated, and over the *trembling* surface of that vast expanse of dried-up morass which divides the richly wooded and mountainous surroundings of Santiago de

Compostella from Carril, Corcubion, and Cape Finisterre. He has enjoyed the hospitality alike of peasant and fisherman, has sniffed the most delightful of all perfumes, the rich, refined odour of peat smoke, has joined in the rural dances of "los dias festivos" (so frequent in Spain), and has witnessed the trials of skill with the shillelagh, until he often imagined himself no longer in Spain, but transported to familiar spots in Connemara or Tipperary, to which he was accustomed to pay frequent visits in his youthful days.

These remarks (diverging for the moment from "Freemasonry in Spain") are not intended to suggest that Bro. Worshipful Master Antonio Romero Ortiz is either himself a distinguished connoisseur of pigs and potatoes, an expert with his shillelagh, or yet addicted to *brague*. His *sober legal* training may be presumed to have eradicated his juvenile expertness with the knobstick, whilst his long residence in the capital, and his intimate companionship with the *elite* of the literary and scholarly world has, of course, entirely refined away every possible trace of his native patois.

Bro. Ortiz was educated for the legal profession. He graduated in jurisprudence at his native university of Santiago at an early age, and, as a matter of course, made his way to Madrid, "the only Corte." He was not long without an appointment. He entered the Civil Service of his country as sub-secretary to the Civil Governor of Madrid. During the opening years of his official career he devoted his leisure hours to literary work, and soon began to make himself known as a journalistic writer, a critic, and a translator.

Not many years passed before Bro. Ortiz was promoted from a mere Secretaryship to an actual Civil Governorship—first, to that of Toledo, then to that of Oviedo, and, finally, to that of Alicante.

In 1859 he received the important appointment of Chief of the Criminal Statistical Department of State, at Madrid, and in fulfilment of his duties he initiated and carried out many reforms of a highly advantageous character.

In 1862 he was transferred to another branch of the Civil Service, where he rendered equally important benefits to his country, and secured the high approbation of many notable public men.

In 1865 he was promoted to the Under Secretaryship of State for Grace and Justice, where he showed such special knowledge that on the entrance in power of the Provisional Government of Serrano—after the flight of Queen Isabella—he was unanimously selected by Serrano, Prim, and Topete for the high and responsible office of Secretary of State for Grace and Justice.

In 1868, therefore, our erudite brother first became a Minister of State. The instructions that he issued almost immediately after his appointment—the date of these instructions being October 10th, 1868—are regarded as a model of legal acumen and far-seeing impartial statesmanship. We refer to his notable initiative of the proceedings which were taken after the overthrow of ex-Queen Isabella and her Jesuitical followers against the religious orders in Spain, against the Jesuits, who had for so many years fattened on the spiritual lifeblood of the *women of Spain*, and against the scandalous confraternities of Saint Vincent de Paul, which were notoriously mere seminaries of spiritual corruption and moral vice. Bro. Romero Ortiz's repressive measures were violently combated, both in and out of Spain. Few men but him would have had courage to pit himself against the full force of Rome. But he not only made the attempt, but succeeded in clearing Spain of an amount of rottenness at its very core, which entitles him to the gratitude of every honest and God-fearing man. He defended his acts in the Cortes, notably, in a magnificent speech, which he delivered on the night of the 24th day of February, 1869.

By decree, dated the 13th day of November, 1869, Bro. Ortiz, as Minister of State for Grace and Justice, authorised our well-known countryman, Lieut.-Col. George Fitch, who has been so long resident at Madrid, to open the first Protestant church ever publicly and legally consecrated in Spain.

(To be Continued).

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

THE MASONIC CONSTITUTION OF 1723, COMPARED WITH THE "OLD REGULATIONS" OF THE 1738 CONSTITUTION.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

"The General Regulations of the Free and Accepted Masons, compiled first by Brother George Payne, Esq., when Grand Master, A.D. 1720, and approved by the General Assembly at Stationers' Hall, on the 24th June, 1721. Next by order of the Duke of Montague, when G.M., the author, James Anderson, compared them with the ancient records of the Fraternity [what records?], and digested them into this method, with proper additions and explications from the said records, and the Grand Lodge having revised and approved them, ordered 'em to be printed in the Book of Constitutions, on the 25th of March, 1722."

The above paragraph forms the introduction to the 1738 Constitution. The said Constitution, by order of the Duke of Wharton, was dedicated by Bro. Desaguliers to the Duke of Montague. The Grand Lodge acknowledged the Duke of Wharton as Grand Master, 17th January, 1723, and he continued in that office till the 24th June following. It is evident from the above introduction to the 1738 Constitution that Anderson was not the author of the 1721 Constitution. It is probable that Bro. Desaguliers was the author of a historical introduction to the 1721 Constitution, hence he was ordered by the Duke of Wharton to write the dedication. Now after the 1721 Constitution was approved by the Grand Lodge the G.M., the Duke of Montague ordered Bro. Anderson to revise it, who (as he himself admits) made some "additions and explications," and after which the Grand Lodge made some further revisions, and all which culminated into a printed Constitution in 1723. How much the 1723 Constitution differed from that of 1720 it is impossible to tell; but it is certain that these Constitutions did differ, and that we do not know what kind of laws the G.L. of England had between June 24th, 1721, and June 24th, 1723. One thing, however, is certain, viz., we have no evidence that Anderson was a member of the Grand Lodge either in 1720, when Bro. Payne was G.M., and compiled the Constitution, or in June, 1721, when the Grand Lodge approved of the said Constitution, nor, as far as I know, is there any evidence in existence that Dr. Anderson was a Mason in June, 1721. Consequently, he could have had nothing to do with the first edition of the Masonic Constitution. In 1723, as already stated, Bro. Anderson got the G.L. to approve of a second

edition of a Masonic Constitution. And, in 1738, a third edition, also edited by Bro. Anderson, was approved by the G.L., which has since then been erroneously styled "the second edition." This Constitution is very peculiarly arranged. I do not believe that any code of laws, for any society, was ever similarly arranged. Even Bro. Entick, who revised the Constitution in 1756, discarded Dr. Anderson's arrangement, and, indeed, I firmly believe, that no Constitution maker before Anderson's time, or since then, except Bro. Dermott, the Constitution maker for the *Ancients*, had ever so arranged a Constitution. The said Constitution is so arranged as even to puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer: thus, instead of giving the laws continuously, so that one might see at a glance what the laws of 1738 were, he placed the *old* and the *new* laws apart—one column is headed "Old Regulations," and the other, "New Regulations."

On looking over the new regulations I found, that with but one solitary exception, (viz., Article XXIX.) that the said regulations were adopted after the 1723 Constitution was adopted; hence we might naturally infer that the columns headed Old Regulations, were a reprint of the 1723 Constitutions, without any additions, omissions, or alterations. And as Bro. Anderson nowhere hinted of his having tinkered the "Old Regulations," we are apt to look for no *new regulations* in the columns so headed. But on comparing the 1723 Constitution with the Old Regulations, in the 1738 Constitution I found, not only innumerable verbal variations, but additions and omissions too. In short, I found that some regulations vary materially. Leaving the mere verbal alterations to the study of the curious, I shall proceed to exhibit the corresponding paragraphs which differ materially. These will be placed side by side, and I shall italicize the varying words and phrases in each column, so that the differences may be observed at a glance.

CONSTITUTION OF 1723.

Article.

1. The G.M. may command the Wardens of that lodge, "or any other brethren he pleaseth," to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.
2. (In case of the Master's absence) "The authority reverts to the last Master present, though he cannot act till the S.W. has congregated the lodge, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden."
4. No lodge shall make more than five brethren at one and the same time, nor, etc.
5. No man can be made or admitted a member.
7. Which charity shall be lodged with the Master and Wardens, or the Cashier, if the members think fit to chuse one.
9. If a brother misbehaves "he shall be twice duly admonished."
12. And must have a Quarterly Communication about Michaelmas, Christmas, and Lady-Day.
13. There shall be a book kept by the G.M. or his Deputy, or rather by some brother whom the Grand Lodge shall appoint for Secretary. "The Treasurer and Secretary shall each have a clerk, who must be a Brother and Fellow Craft. Another Brother (who must be a Fellow Craft) should be appointed to look after the door of the Grand Lodge.
15. If the Grand Wardens are absent the G.M. shall appoint private Wardens to act as Grand Wardens * * * whose places are to be supplied by two Fellow Crafts of the same Lodge.
18. If the Deputy Grand Master be sick, or necessarily absent, the Grand Master may chuse any Fellow Craft he pleases to be his Deputy *pro tempore*.
22. Provided the majority of the Masters and Wardens, with the Grand Master and his Deputy and Wardens, agree at their Quarterly Communication, three months before, that there shall be a feast, etc. For if either the Grand Master or the majority of the particular Masters are against it, it must be dropt for that time.
24. If the Grand Master pleases he may in due time summon all the Masters and Wardens of Lodges, to consult with them about ordering the Grand feast, and about any emergency or accidental thing relating thereunto that may require advice, or else to take it upon himself altogether.
25. The Masters of Lodges shall each appoint one experienced and discreet Fellow Craft to compose a Committee.
28. (Paragraph 4). To receive and consider of any good Motion, or and momentous and important affair that shall be brought from the particular Lodges by their Representatives, the several Masters and Wardens.

"OLD REGULATIONS." 1738 CONSTITUTION.

Article.

1. "Or any other Master Masons to act there as his Wardens," etc.
2. "Or, in his absence, the Junior Warden," was erased from the 1738 "Old Regulations."
4. No Lodge shall make more than five new brothers at one and the same time, without urgent necessity.
5. No man can be accepted a member. [made is omitted.]
7. Which charity shall be kept by the Cashier.
9. "He shall be thrice duly admonished."
12. These must have 3 Quarterly Communications before the feast.
13. Or rather some brother appointed Secretary of the Grand Lodge. "Who must be a Brother and Master Mason." "Another Brother and Master Mason should be appointed the Tyler," etc.
15. Whose places are to be filled by two Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons of the same Lodge.
18. The Grand Master can chuse any Brother he pleases, etc.
22. Provided the majority of the Grand Lodge, about three months before, shall agree, etc., for if they are against it, others must forbear it at that time.
24. The whole of the annexed paragraph was omitted from the Old Regulations in the 1738 Constitution.
25. The Masters of Lodges shall each appoint one experienced and discreet Brother of his lodge, etc.
28. The whole of the annexed paragraph was also omitted from the "Old Regulations," in the 1738 Constitution.

If Bro. Anderson could make so many alterations, omissions, and additions in the Old Regulations of 1738, without having hinted that he made any changes, we may readily imagine that he departed from the Constitution of 1721 (where he does admit having made additions, etc.) in a much greater degree. Unless, therefore, Bro. Payne's Constitution is discovered no one can tell what kind of laws the Grand Lodge had in 1721, and it is needless to demonstrate that those brethren who wish to know what the laws were in 1723 must consult, not the "Old Regulations" in the 1738 Constitution, but the Constitution of 1723.

I shall only add that our Fraternity has always abounded with learned landmark sticklers, and the so-called Constitution of 1721 was regarded by them as a Masonic gospel; these were *Andersonnites intensified*. The truth however is that Anderson himself was neither an *Andersonnite* nor a landmark stickler. This may readily seen on comparing the "Old Regulations" with the "New," as well as the "Old Regulations" with the "Old," and he never evidently intended that either of his Constitutions should be regarded by posterity as Masonic gospels in any sense whatever.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES,

AND THE
DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.
BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL
will be held at the
CRYSTAL PALACE, SYDENHAM,
ON
WEDNESDAY, 6th of JULY, 1881.

The Right Hon.
LORD HENNIKER, M.W.G.M.M.M.,
IN THE CHAIR.

Dinner on the Table at FIVE o'clock p.m.
Gentlemen, £1 1s. Ladies, 15s.

Applications for Tickets must be made, not later than
MONDAY, the 4th of JULY, addressed to the Stewards,
at No. 8A, Red Lion Square, W.C.

FREDK. BINCKES (P.G.J.W.),
Grand Secretary.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF

MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE R.W. BRO. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.,
Provincial Grand Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

OF
MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY,

Will be holden at the
STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, RICHMOND,
On Saturday, July 2nd, 1881,

When all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers,
together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and
Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby
SUMMONED to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are
invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at Four o'clock.
By command of the R.W.P.G.M.M.,

WM. G. BRIGHTEN, P.M., P.Z., &c.,
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

4, Bishopsgate Street, Without, E.C.,
16th June, 1881.

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

Brethren intending to be present should notify their
intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before
Wednesday, the 29th June.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

OF THE
PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE
ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE M. WORSHIPFUL BRO. THE REV. G. R. PORTAL,
Prov. Grand Mark Master.

THE VERY WORSHIPFUL BRO. W. HICKMAN,
Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master.

THE
GRAND LODGE OF THIS PROVINCE
will assemble at the
MASONIC HALL, ALBION PLACE,
SOUTHAMPTON,
at Two o'clock p.m.,

On THURSDAY, the 7th day of JULY next.

The Banquet will take place at Four o'clock precisely at
the Masonic Hall. Tickets 10s. 6d. each, including a pint
of Wine.

The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly in-
vited.

By command of the Most Worshipful Provincial Grand
Mark Master Mason,

GEO. J. TILLING, P.M. 63,
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

Southampton, 28th June, 1881.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The Publishing and Printing Offices

OF
"THE FREEMASON"

HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO

16, GREAT QUEEN STREET,

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LONDON, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

PATRONS:—

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., M.W.G.M., PRESIDENT.
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT
of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be
held at

FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS, LONDON,

On Saturday, the 9th day of July, 1881,
at Twelve o'clock precisely,

On the general business of the Institution, to place candi-
dates on the list for election in October next, and to declare
the number of girls then to be elected; also to consider the
following notices of motion:—

Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro.
Col. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee—

"That the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred
upon Bro. Wharton P. Hood, in recognition of his valuable
services as Honorary Surgeon."

"That the Honorarium to the Chaplain be increased
from £25 to £35 per annum."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office, 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st., W.C.,
July 2nd, 1881.

THE "JOHN HERVEY MEMO- RIAL FUND."

Amount acknowledged in the *Freemason* of 4th
June £621 11 0

SUBSEQUENT RECEIPTS.

Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Lodge, 1429	2 2 0
Loyal Monmouthshire Lodge, 457	1 1 0
St. Woolo's Chapter, 683	1 1 0
Kennard Chapter, 1258	1 1 0
Belvidere Lodge, 503	5 5 0
Royal Sussex Lodge, 402	1 1 0
Rectitude Lodge, 502	1 1 0
St. Eleth Lodge, 1488	1 1 0
Royal Naval Lodge, 1593	2 2 0
Douglas Lodge, 1725	2 5 0
Evening Star Lodge, 1719	5 5 0
Unanimity Chapter, 82	1 1 0
Star in the East Lodge, 650	2 2 0
Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire	5 5 0
Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.D.	1 1 0
Bro. F. H. Wilson Hes, M.D., Dep. P.G.M.	1 1 0
Hunts	1 1 0
Provincial Grand Lodge of N. Wales and Salop	5 0 0
St. Oswald Lodge, 1124	1 0 0
Guelph Lodge, 1685	5 5 0
Twenty-five members of Guelph Lodge, at 2s. 6d. each	3 2 6
St. John's Lodge, 348	1 1 0
Total to 27th June	£670 14 6

N.B.—The sum of £600 has been invested in New Three
per Cent. Stock.

Remittances on account of the Fund and all communica-
tions connected therewith should be sent to Bro. R. R.
Davies, Hon. Sec., Melville Lodge, Manor-road, Wallington,
Surrey.

Cheques should be crossed "London and Westminster
Bank, account of 'John Hervey Memorial Fund.'"

Post Office Orders should be made payable at the Chief
Office, London, E.C.

To Correspondents.

Mason's Marks.
Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, Egremont.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Citizen," "Keystone," "The Hull Packet,"
"Allan's Indian Mail," "Masonic Record of Western
India," "The Broad Arrow," "Jewish Chronicle," "The
City Lantern," "The Sunday Times," "The Masonic
Age," "Die Bauhutte," "Masonic Herald," "Corner
Stone," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Ratepayer and
Trader," "Der Long Islaender," "New York Dispatch,"
The following stand over:—

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1881.

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.]

"QUOTATION."—NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The "version" of "A P.M. of 1836" I had
seen, but, for my part, I preferred the version I was taught
at a great public school—alas! 44 years ago. A "P.M."
says that to the "discerning, scholarly mind" the "ring"
of his version will be obvious, implying that mine is faulty
or not so good. I do not see it. The version I gave,

which I have often seen since, "scans" equally well with
his; indeed, on the whole, as a clever imitation of a
"Latin hexameter," I prefer the old one I alluded to.

Tastes differ, but I venture to think that I know the
"ring" of an hexameter as well as your facetious cor-
respondent.

Yours fraternally,

QUOTATION.

Mr. Editor, Sir,—

Pardon your slave, I've made a mistake. When
the old gentleman wrote you about the Trumpeter's scarlet
coat and periwig (how I should like to wear them), he wrote
the word "youngsters," not "youngest."

It's all my fault, your own imp,

PRINTER'S DEVIL.

THE STATUS OF GRAND AND PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The recent correspondence between the Grand
Registrar and Bro. Newmarch, late D.P.G.M. for Glou-
cestershire, suggests several considerations.

A. No doubt Bro. Newmarch is right in his abstract propo-
sition—that the question must be decided by the Book of
Constitutions alone, and not by usage or precedent. The
matter is not a subject of favour or concession; it is one
purely of law and right.

B. But what does the Book of Constitutions say? As
Bro. Newmarch states, it undoubtedly in its verbiage, which
is open to doubt, declares that Provincial Grand Officers
are "invested in the Provincial Grand Lodge," and "shall
possess within their district the rank and privilege of Grand
Officers." Undoubtedly this is so, and these words consti-
tute the "crux." If Bro. Newmarch's contention be
correct, the "precedence" of the Grand Lodge is to be ob-
served in the Provincial Grand Lodge; and as Grand
Wardens takes precedence of all other "officers," so Provin-
cial Grand Wardens take precedence of all other officers,
whether Grand or Provincial, in their own province,
if senior to them in date of appointment. If there
be Grand Wardens and Provincial Grand Wardens
present, then comes in the date of appointment, which con-
stitutes seniority—at least, I presume Bro. Newmarch
concedes this,—so that all Grand Officers who are inferior to
Grand Wardens in Grand Lodge come behind Provincial
Grand Wardens in Provincial Grand Lodge. If this be so,
then, I confess, I do not see how the Grand Registrar's
"reductio ad absurdum" can be avoided, that the Provin-
cial Grand Master, being a Grand Master in his province,
takes precedence of the Grand Master himself, unless the
appointment of the latter is earlier than that of the former.
Bro. Newmarch sees the difficulty, and seeks to convey the
idea, that the Grand Master being the "fountain of hon-
our," &c., is practically excluded from the operation of
these laws, and here, too, Bro. Newmarch is inconsistent
with himself, in that he "claims" the law, the whole law,
and nothing but the law. Such a view, however right "per
se," is alien to the Book of Constitutions.

C. But must not Bro. Newmarch go a step further? It is
an old axiom of the law, that though the "grantor" may
convey certain actual or stipulated rights to the "grantee,"
the original right (jus) remains in the "grantor." The Grand
Master gives a delegated right to the Provincial Grand
Master, who is a representative of the Grand Master, and
he, in his turn, grants certain rights and rank to his Provin-
cial Grand Officers, which are declared by the Book of
Constitutions to be in the province of equal value and
rank with those of the Grand Lodge itself.

But this concession by no means deprives the holders of
rank emanating directly from the G.M. (the original
"grantor") of their claim to superiority, which is in no way
affected by the grant of a subsidiary of tantamount rank
to the Provincial Officers in the provinces. And, therefore,
I, for one, hold, with all respect to Bro. Newmarch and
our many excellent provincial brethren, that the Grand
Registrar is right when he says that the "Grand Officers
of England are Grand Officers of England and every pro-
vince thereof, and in each province take precedence of the
Provincial Grand Officers, in like manner as the M.W.
Grand Master, by whom they are appointed, takes prece-
dence in every province of the Prov. Grand Master, by
whom the Prov. Grand Officers are appointed."

There is a great difference between the functions of a
Prov. Grand Master and a D. Prov. Grand Master as laid
down by the Book of Constitutions, which certainly weakens
Bro. Newmarch's argument as regards the co-equal rights
of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers.

The Deputy Grand Master has the same right, practi-
cally, as the G.M., in that he can preside in any lodge with
the Master of the lodge on his right, and the Grand War-
dens are to act as Wardens.

In the case of the D.P.G.M., he can "preside in a
lodge," but that is all.

I do not know that you can press the argument much
either way, but it appears to me that this essential differ-
ence of duties is fatal to the contention that the D. Prov.
G.M., who is D.G.M. in his own province, would take prece-
dence of a D.G.M. if his patent was earlier.

Perhaps Bro. Newmarch does not mean so to contend,
but if his argument be valid, such must be the necessary
consequence—indeed of his own position, "A fortiori."

The subject is a very interesting one, and, therefore, I must apologize for trespassing so much on your space.

Yours,

LEX LATOMICA.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any of your readers inform an inquirer what customs prevail in connection with deceased members of our Craft? Is it the practice for the Secretary to summon the members of the lodge to attend the interment, or to inform the brethren of the loss of the member; and is it understood—as a preliminary to this—that such matters should be brought to the notice of the officers of the lodge sustaining a loss by death? I, fortunately, am a member of a lodge within the range of which no loss by death has occurred, but, considering the uncertainty of life, it appears to me that some provision should be made to show respect to departed brethren. My attention has been drawn to this matter by witnessing the loyalty and reverence with which members of friendly societies, &c., exhibit towards members lost to them by death. Information will oblige.

A SECRETARY.

June 25th.

BRO. CREED ON MASONIC MARKS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your notice of the Cumberland and Westmorland Archaeological Association's Transactions, containing a paper on Masons' marks in Carlisle Cathedral, it may interest you and all Freemasons to know that the compiler of the said paper is one of ourselves. Furthermore, I had the honour to advance Bro. Creed to the honourable Degree of a Mark Master, in March last, in Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, Carlisle; and it was then that our talented brother intimated his intention to prepare his very interesting paper, which, I may add, is well worth perusal and consideration by all thinking members of the Mark Degree. Might I suggest the propriety of its reproduction in the "Masonic Magazine."

Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY, P.G. Sec.

Cumberland and Westmorland.

Cockermouth, June 29th.

Reviews.

LA CHAINE D'UNION for May. Paris. Edited by Bro. Hubert.

This is a very interesting, full of matter, and certainly a very first-class, Masonic serial for French Freemasons. We hope it receives adequate support from the members of the Gallican Fraternity. It is just possible that "its views" are not "ous," and would hardly "go down" in our peaceable, unexcitable jurisdiction. But, then, we must remember in fairness that the "tension of the position is rather strong" just now as between French and English Masons, and we can only hope for "better days." Bro. Hubert tells us a good story in this serial as evidence of the proof of the way in which some persons, for their own purposes, "discount" Freemasonry. Many of our readers have heard of Emile Girardin, well known in other days in the French Press and in French politics. He is now "in retraite," and so, in his old age, thinks it well to "cast a stone at Freemasonry." In his paper—the *Journal de France*—appears an extract from an article of M. Oscar de Poli in the "Civilisation," which tells a wonderful story of a refugee Italian Freemason, who refused a poor widow money to bury her husband, unless she gave up the religious ceremony. We know that there is a great deal to us of painful and senseless animosity on this "point" in some countries abroad, but like, Bro. Hubert, we utterly disbelieve the anecdote. Toleration is still happily "the badge of all our tribe," and we will never credit the allegation, that any brother Mason could so far forget the ever sacred dictates of benevolence, toleration, and charity.

AMERICAN MASONIC JOURNALS AND REVIEWS.

"The Keystone," an old friend, is, as usual, most interesting, and the "Masonic Advocate" is very readable. "The Voice of Masonry" is most full of interesting matter. "The Masonic Age" is very carefully edited. The American Masonic journals and serials will have plenty to "exercise" them "in re Morgan," but we fancy that they will treat the last development of unreasoning fanaticism with silent contempt. We note that some irrepresible and agitated reporter has had an interview with Thurlow Weed, who is, we believe, 90, and who in his old age affects to believe the hateful falsehoods of long years ago. Surely there is a limit even to human malevolence and vindictiveness. The Masonic body in America are second to none in character and respectability, and one should have thought that they had "lived down" unblushing mendacity. But we are on the eve of the season of wonderful "calves" and big "gooseberries;" and American reporters, like others we wot of, have a special weakness often for "gooseberry fool." But this is "on the square," please to observe.

JACQUES BALMAT; THE FIRST ASCENT OF MONT BLANC. By THARIS VALEY. Kerby and Endean, 190, Oxford-street, W.

The story of Jacques Balmat will commend itself not only to the members of the "Alpine Club," but to all who love adventure by "field and fell." We have read it with interest, and can safely recommend to many now about to "make tracks" for Switzerland for a summer's holiday to put it in their "bag," to read under the shadow of the "Monarch of Mountains." Of late years Alpine adventures and mountain ascents have become the fancy of the day, for youth, "fresh and fair," from our Universities, for gallant officers of the army and navy, for barristers and

adventurous young men generally, and even for "our young ladies." Perhaps there is some danger in reading such little "annals of adventurous striving;" but still we will risk the danger, and recommend the work as a good little book, "slipped in anywhere," for holiday reading.

A GLANCE AT THE CHARACTER AND REIGN OF THE EMPEROR ALEXANDER II. By T. R. OXLEY. Translated from "Le Contemporaire." Kerby and Endean, 190, Oxford-street.

This is a well executed translation of an article in "Le Contemporaire," of April, 1881. It is undoubtedly well written, but hardly does justice "selon nous," to the life-long struggle and noble character, per se, of the Emperor so ruthlessly murdered by that degraded and insane conspiracy of a small portion of the people he had ruled over so sagely and so well. It is a French view, and is necessarily modified by feelings and views which do not, and need not, enter into other contemporary criticism. We doubt, however, if the time has yet come when the true history of the Emperor Alexander's reign can be written. It is not too much to say that in that awful act of dire and unhallowed criminality, those who effected it in their insanity and ingratitude threw back the peaceful progress of Russia for many years to come. Well as Mr. Oxley has performed his part of the work, so that the essay is worth reading, as a contribution to an important portion of contemporary history—the "coup d'œil" of the writer in "Le Contemporaire" is eminently unjust, we repeat to the late Emperor.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

EUGENIUS PHILALETES.

In an old volume of sermons, "London, printed in the year 1710," I find some "Modest Animadversions and reflections upon a Sermon," &c., by Eugenius Philaletes. Is this our old friend "Robert Samber," unearthed by Bro. Gould?

RAMSAY.

As the point is of some importance I give the two letters from him to Cardinal Fleury, first noted by "Darity" in 1879, in his work on the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and taken from P. E. Lemontey's "Histoire de la Regence et de la Minorite de Louis XV.," &c. This work, Darity tells us, is now "very rare." At p. 293, et seq., appear the following two letters, which I have translated.

LETTER OF THE 20TH MARCH, 1737.

"Deign, Monseigneur, to support the Society of 'Freemasons,' (Free Masons is in English in the original, a point to be noted) in the great views which they propose to themselves, and your eminence will render your name even more glorious by this protection than Richelieu made his by the foundation of the French Academy. The objects of the one is much greater than are those of the other. To encourage a Society which only tends to reunite all nations by the love of truth and the true arts, is an action worthy of a great minister, of a father of the church, and of a holy pontiff. As I have to read my discourse in a General Assembly of the Order to-morrow, and to give it on Monday to the 'Examiners of the Chanceliers,' I beg your eminence to return it to me to-morrow, before midday, by an express. You will thus infinitely oblige a man who is heartily devoted to your service."

LETTER OF THE 22ND MARCH, 1737.

"I understand that the assemblies of the 'Freemasons' displease your eminence. I have only frequented them in the view of spreading there those maxims which, little by little, would have rendered incredulity ridiculous, vice odious, and ignorance shameful. I am persuaded that were wise persons, selected by your eminence, introduced at the head of these assemblies they would become very useful to religion, to the State, and to letters. This is which I believe to be able to convince your eminence of, if you will deign to accord me a short interview at Issy. Awaiting that happy moment, I beg your eminence to be good enough to let me know if I ought to return to these assemblies, and I will conform myself to the will of your eminence with a docility without limit."

Bro. Darity adds: "Cardinal Fleury has written on the margin some words in pencil, of which the sense is, 'Le Roi ne vent pas qu'on s'assemble.' The King does not wish that they should assemble."

Such seems to be the close of Ramsay's Masonic career until his death in 1743.

And if it be true that the famous "Discours d'un Grand Maitre" was printed at the Hague in 1738, this would confirm the theory that the famous address was really delivered March 21, 1737.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MARTIN LUTHER, A MASON.

Bro. W. H. Scott, Grand Master of Illinois, says that Martin Luther was a Mason, and adds, "I had it from the late Dr. Slater, of Memphis, Tennessee. I give you his language as published by him in A.D. 1864. On the night of Christmas, 1520, Martin Luther was made a Mason, just fifteen days after he had burned the Pope's Bull. He said to himself, 'A helper will be raised up for me; I will have faith in this my darkest hour.' Three members of 'the Guild' came to offer him its protection. He relates: 'My three companions conducted me to the Guild Hall, where I was, with many and ancient ceremonies, introduced among the brethren of the mystic tie. Judge my delight and surprise, when the first thing I beheld in the room was a copy of the Holy Bible, the book which I ever acknowledged the rule for our faith. I was then told that that volume lies ever open in the hall to be consulted by the brethren. Rapidly was I advanced from step to step, until I reached the grade which entitled me to wear this medal and know the meaning of its mystic inscription.' The brotherhood of the Mark conveyed him to Wartburg, and sheltered him until the danger was overpast, and thus saved the great Reformer's life, and preserved for us the great boon of religious liberty."—*Keystone*.

GERMAN MASONIC WORKS.

Can any French brother inform me whether the works of Kloss, Krause, Fallon, and Winzer have been republished in France? I am very anxious to see a complete list of French Masonic books, translation, as well as originals.

R. F. GOULD.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE AT GAINSBOROUGH.

Monday the 20th ult., was made noticeable by such a circumstance and such a gathering of people as has not taken place locally within the memory of man. The members of the Mystic Brotherhood have indulged the inhabitants of the ancient town, and a host of visitors attracted by the occasion, with one of those magnificent and peculiar public ceremonials for which the Craft is famous. The occasion selected was the laying of the foundation stone of the new church of St. John the Divine, and the object, as a matter of course, was the augmentation of the church building fund.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire having been arranged to be held at Gainsborough during the month of June, it was suggested that if the principal donor (Sir H. B. Bacon) did not desire to lay the foundation stone the Masonic brethren might do considerable service to the funds of the new church by laying it on the Provincial Grand Lodge day with full Masonic ceremonial. Sir Hickman Bacon was therefore communicated with, and his reply was received. In accordance with the tenor of that reply, the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, Bro. Major Smyth, B.L., was invited by the W.M. and brethren of the Yarborough Lodge to lay the foundation stone, the trustees of the new church having also expressed themselves in favour of the scheme. The R.V. Prov. Grand Master graciously acceded to the invitation, and the result was the interesting proceedings now recorded.

But not only to members of the Craft and of the religious community referred to did Monday present itself as an auspicious day; to a large section of the townspeople and farmers of the district a source of congratulation was the return to Gainsborough, after long absence, of Sir H. B. Bacon, Bart, the Lord of the Manor.

At 10.30 a.m. on Monday, the 20th ult., the brethren of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, opened a lodge in the old hall, in the Three Degrees, at 11 a.m. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and his Prov. Grand Officers were announced and admitted, and Prov. Grand Lodge opened in due form. Among those present were R.W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, Prov. Grand Master; W. Bros. T. H. Oldman, 422, P.P.G.S.W., as Deputy Prov. Grand Master; T. M. Wilkinson, 297, Prov. Grand Senior Warden; G. M. Lowe, M.D., 1386, Prov. Grand Junior Warden; Bro. Rev. W. P. Jones, 1294, Prov. Grand Chaplain; W. Bros. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, Prov. Grand Treasurer; H. Watson, 207, Prov. Grand Registrar; F. D. Marsden, 712, Prov. Grand Secretary; T. C. Johnson, 1600, Prov. Grand Senior Deacon; S. G. Gamble, 362, Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works; H. H. Roberts, 792, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; T. W. Palmer, 838, Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; F. B. Swallow, 1447, Prov. Grand S.B.; J. Loughton, 422, Prov. Grand Pursuivant; W. Rainforth, 1386, W. Cocking, 1286; H. T. Seels, jun., 426 and 1893, J. R. Dudding, 1282, W. Gray, 1447, and C. F. Liveridge, 422, Prov. Grand Stewards; W. Bro. T. P. Dickenson, Prov. Grand Standard Bearer; and Bro. B. Box, Prov. Grand Tyler. The whole of the Provincial Grand Officers, with but two exceptions, were present.

Among other distinguished provincial brethren present were

Past Prov. Grand Senior Wardens—W. Bros. R. J. Ward, 297; Jas. Fowler, 712; W. Pigott, 1282; and Thos. Slater, 838.

Past Prov. Grand Junior Wardens—W. Bros. D. Mackinder, M.D., 422; W. Smart, 272; Jos. Bellamy, 588; H. Sharp, 1304; W. H. Sissons, 1447, P.G. Charity Stwd. "Smyth" Scholarship Fund.

Past Prov. Grand Chaplains—W. Bros. Rev. G. W. Lowe, 272; and Rev. S. E. Hodgson, 1262 (Oxon).

Past Prov. Grand Registrar—W. Bro. T. Sissons, 1447 and 1010 (North and East Yorks).

Past Prov. G. Sec.—W. Bro. S. F. Hood, 297 (Oxon).

Past Prov. Grand Senior Deacons—W. Bros. G. Ford, 1286 (Linc.), 271 (Sussex); Thos. Fryer, 1282; and Wm. Finlay, 1232.

Past Prov. Grand Junior Deacons—W. Bros. J. Moxon, 422; H. Shepherd, 838; and J. Robinson, 469.

Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works—W. Bro. E. Chamberlain, 1232.

Past Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies—W. Bro. W. E. Howlett, 422.

Past Prov. Grand Organists—W. Bros. J. C. Osborne, 1304; G. H. Porter, 712; Bro. G. Robinson, 422; and W. Bro. A. W. Lambert, 588.

Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant—W. Bro. A. Kirk, 422.

Past Masters—W. Bros. G. Horsham, 422; W. M. Green, 422; R. Goodman, 422; D. Swanson, 422; P. Newbould, 426; J. Woodward, 469; J. Mawer, 712; W. Marshall, 792; J. Ferguson, 838; J. Allen, jun., 838; T. Harrison, 1282; T. Cleugh, 1282; W. Henson, 1286; W. Cocking, 1286; J. Ward, 1304; and F. Higgins, 1600.

W.M.'s of the province—W. Bros. W. R. Fowler, 272; J. S. Codd, 297; Rev. J. R. U. Elliott, 422; John Benner, 469; J. G. Tupholme, 712; A. S. Steffensen, 792; G. Mager, 838; J. Stow, 1232; J. R. Dudding, 1282; J. Casterton, 1285; T. Mountain, 1294; J. Willson, 1304; J. J. Allott, 1386; M. Woodall, 1447; W. G. Winter, 1482; H. T. Seels, jun., 1893; also a large attendance of Wardens and other brethren of the province, 185 having signed the attendance sheet.

The R.W.P.G.M. was also honoured by the presence of the following visiting brethren: W. Bros. J. S. Cumberland, 1611, P.P.G.S.W. N. and E. Yorks; T. Markham, P.M. 1265; Bros. J. Baker, 585; J. A. Hirst, J.D. 1802; T. Walker, 1802; and Morris, 585.

Letters of apology were received from several brethren, and of regret for inability to attend from W. Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.L.B., and F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.L.G.

The roll call showed that every lodge except one, Alexandra, 985, was represented.

The minutes of the last Annual P.G. Lodge held at Lincoln, June 24th, 1880, having been "taken as read," the P.G. SECRETARY read the minutes of an especial P.G. Lodge, called April 21st, 1881, for the purpose of constituting and dedicating the Lumley Lodge, No. 1893, at Skegness.

The P.G. Treasurer (W. Bro. C. M. NESBITT, 712) presented his financial statement as made up to 31st December, 1880, showing a balance in hand of £23.

The P.G. REGISTRAR presented the returns of the several lodges as made up to same date, showing the same number of subscribing brethren as in 1879, viz., 892.

The P.G. SECRETARY submitted the report of the Committee of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence for the past year, and the P.G. TREASURER presented the accounts as made up to the present time, showing a balance in hand of £146 7s. 1d., with £600 invested on freehold security.

The grants made during the past year were:—

	£	s.	d.
To the widow of a brother of the Olive Union Lodge, No. 1304	10	0	0
To the widow of a brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297	10	0	0
To a brother of the Franklin Lodge, No. 838	10	0	0
To the widow of a brother of the St. Hugh Lodge, No. 1386	10	0	0
To the widow of a brother of the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 588	10	0	0
To the widow of a brother of Old St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 488	5	0	0
Total	£55	0	0

Also the account of the "Oliver Memorial Fund," upon which there had been no demand since the last P.G. meeting.

In the unavoidable absence of W. Bro. W. H. Radley, 838 (P.G. Charity Sec.), the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Committee was read by W. Bro. R. THORPE, 388, P.P.G.P., showing that four boys, whose fathers were members of the province—viz., Philipson Marshall, Class VI.; William Black, Class V.; Alfred Cole, Class IV.; and William Whalley, Class II.—are now enjoying the privileges of education in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Committee regret to report the death of Geo. Oliver Whalley, P. Marshall and Alfred Cole were admitted, in 1880, as "Oliver Memorial Scholars." In the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the province is at the present time indebted to that Institution for the education and maintenance of eight girls, a very large proportion considering the number of lodges in the province. Their names are Florence Moore, Class II. (leaves the School this month, being sixteen years of age); Sarah Bellamy, Class I. ("will be entered for next Cambridge Local"); Effie Bellamy, Class IV. ("will excel in music"); Mary Barsby, Class II. ("improving"); Kate Parker, Class II. ("gives promise for thirteen years of age"); M. A. Johnson, Class II. ("particularly clever in music"); Laura Spring, Class II. ("very slow, and not sufficiently industrious"); Caroline Crow, Junior School; and Ellen Ashton, Junior School. The reports of the Matron (Miss Davis), as regards conduct, of all are very satisfactory. No addition has been made to the number of annuitants in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution since last report, but the Committee hope that Mrs. Wakefield (having already polled over 700 votes) may be successful next May. The Committee regret to report, in connection with the three great Charities, that "while the number of candidates for election increases, and more votes are required to secure an election, every half-year this province keeps stationary as regards its voting powers."

W. Bro. W. H. Sissons, 1447, P.P.G.J.W., and P.G. Charity Steward, read a detailed report of the past year's Stewardship of the "Smyth" Scholarship Fund, announcing subscriptions to the amount of £360 10s. 2d.

On the suggestion of W. Bro. W. H. Sissons, 1447, supported by W. Bro. T. M. WILKINSON, 297, P.G.S.W., it was resolved that a sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of the R.W.P.G.M., the P.G. Treas., the P.G. Reg., W. Bros. J. Sutcliffe, 1297, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Sissons, 1447, P.G. Charity Steward; and (ex-officio) the P.G. Sec., to consider the best means of investing the above sum, and any further sums that may be obtained, on behalf of the "Smyth" Scholarship Fund; and also to consider the advisability of extending the exercise of its operations beyond the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

These several reports were unanimously adopted, and the following grants recommended by the Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence duly confirmed.

To a brother of the Franklin Lodge, No. 838	£10
To the widow of a brother of the St. Hugh Lodge, No. 1386	10
To the Smyth Scholarship Fund	50
Total	£70

W. Bro. T. H. OLDMAN, 422, P.P.G.S.W., and acting Deputy P.G.M., then presented the R.W.P.G.M., with an elaborately chased silver trowel on behalf of the Building Committee of the new church of St. John the Divine, requesting the honour of his presence with that of his officers and the brethren assembled, to officiate at the approaching ceremony of laying the foundation stone.

The R.W.P.G.M. having been graciously pleased to accede to the request, at noon punctually a procession was formed under the able superintendence of W. Bro. W. H. Roberts, 792, P.G.D. of C., who was assisted by the Procession Committee, Bros. D. Swanston, I.P.M.; R. W. Forrest, J.W.; Andrew Veitch, and W. H. Ouzman. Bro. A. Kirk, P.M., carried the cornucopia containing the corn, Bro. J. Moxon, P.M., the ewer with the wine, Bro. D. Mackinder, M.D., P.M., the ewer containing the oil. Bro. W.M. Green, P.M., carried the salt. The bearers of the elements were preceded by Bro. S. Beaumont, I.G., with a drawn sword. Bro. T. T. Bee, as junior of the lodge, bore the Yarborough banner. The Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic lights were borne by Bros. Howlett, P.M., Housham, P.M., and Goodman, P.M. The level and plumb rule were carried by the Provincial Grand Wardens, and the trowel by Bro. D. Swanston, I.P.M. The Bible, Square, and Compasses were carried on a cushion by Lewises, sons of Bros. Green, Robinson, Liversidge, and H. D. Marshall. The route of the procession was through Lord-street, Market-street, Beaumont-street, and Trinity-street, the Britannia Works being fortunately passed before the dinner hour, as owing to the length of the procession and the immense crowds congregated to witness it, it is questionable whether locomotion would have been possible through this part of the street if the employes had been leaving the works *en masse* in the usual way. We understand that the rules of the firm with regard to leaving the works were suspended throughout

the day, and foremen were instructed to allow them to leave and enter at pleasure, an act of consideration that would doubtless be appreciated by a large number.

The brethren having arranged themselves in due order, the officiating brethren took their places in the four points of the compass and the ceremony commenced, the choir of Holy Trinity and the school children first singing the Old Hundredth Psalm, which was heartily taken up by a vast concourse of spectators. The scene was truly picturesque, and we were glad to note that preparations had been made for securing it by the aid of photography. The splendid regalia and jewels of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the less presumptive, but still attractive, badges of the Craft formed an appropriate centre-piece for the many coloured surroundings presented by the spectators.

Among the chief of those present we noticed the Lord of the Manor, Sir Hickman Beckett Bacon, Bart., Sir Charles Anderson, Bart., and Miss Anderson, Mrs. Hutton (Gate Burton), Mrs. Hodgkinson and family, Mr. H. Marshall and family, Dr. Duigan, Mrs. Oldman, Mr. F. M. Burton and family, Mrs. F. Gamble, Mrs. G. Gamble, Mr. E. Pearson (Burgess Constable), Mrs. Williams and family, Rev. W. J. Benson (Willingham), Rev. J. White (Grayingham), Rev. F. Westbrooke (Corringham), Mr. J. Dixon and family, J. E. Sanders, Esq., J.P., and family, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Mackinder, the Misses Rudsdel, and many others of note.

At the conclusion of the hymn, W. Bro. T. H. OLDMAN, 422, acting W. Dep. Prov. G.M., delivered the following opening address: Men, women, and children assembled this day to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and bound by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings to God, the Great Architect of the Universe. The speaker said they had amongst them secrets from the eyes of all men, secrets which could not be divulged, and which had not been found out. But these secrets were lawful and honourable, and were not antagonistic to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Freemasons in ancient days, and had been faithfully transmitted to them, and they were bound to convey them to posterity. If their Craft were not good and their calling not honourable, their association would not have existed for so many centuries, nor would it have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious persons who had joined the Freemasons to their advantage, and to prosper the cause and to defend them against adversaries. Even kings had not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, and at the present time they numbered amongst their ranks some of the Royal princes of this country. They were assembled that day to erect a temple to the Most High. Might He shed His benign influence, so that the worship of Him should be spread through the world until time should be no more. Their work would not be half finished if they did not acknowledge with thankfulness the zeal which had prompted the munificent donor of the site, and who had given so largely to the building upon it. Might he continue in the works of charity and goodwill, for which he was famous in the locality. Nor would their work be accomplished if they did not recognise the humble, yet honourable, part which was being taken that day by the Yarborough Lodge of Freemasons in the town of Gainsburgh. The Yarborough Lodge was entitled to consideration in the province, not only on account of prominence in works of charity in past times, but also of the present. He proceeded to refer to the history of Freemasonry in Gainsburgh, and to the illustrious men who had been connected with Lincolnshire Freemasonry, specially mentioning the second Earl of Yarborough, who was Deputy Grand Master of England. He also spoke as to the objects of Freemasonry, and concluded by hoping that the Great Architect of the Universe would shed His benign influence every day upon that work, and that it would prosper.

At the close of the address Psalm 127 and prayer were recited by the P.G. CHAPLAIN; and the P.G. Treasurer and P.G. Registrar deposited the coins, plans, papers, &c., in the cavity prepared in the lower stone. Among the latter was the following list of names of those most directly interested in the ceremony.

Church of St. John the Divine, Gainsburgh, June 20th, 1881, Sir Hickman Beckett Bacon (Premier Baronet of England), Donor of the Site. Trustees: Sir H. B. Bacon, Bart., Sir C. H. J. Anderson, Bart., Lord Hawke, S. F. Hood, Esq., Nettleham Hall, Somers Clarke, jun., Esq., 6, Delahay-street, Westminster, Rev. G. T. Harvey, Lincoln, Rev. Canon Hodgkinson, Rev. G. W. Danks, James Marshall, Esq., H. D. Marshall, Esq., Thomas H. Oldman, Esq., Hon. C. L. Wood, Architect: Somers Clarke, jun., 6, Delahay-street, Westminster. Builder: William Johnson, Doncaster. Yarborough Lodge of Freemasons, Gainsburgh: Bro. Rev. John Robert Underwood Elliott, M.A., Worshipful Master; W. Bro. D. Swanston, I.P.M.; Bros. C. F. Liversidge, P.G.S., S.W.; R. W. Forrest, J.W.; W. Bro. A. Kirk, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., Treas.; Bros. T. E. Johnson, Secretary; G. Robinson, P.P.G.O., Organist; W. Bro. J. Moxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.D.C.; Bros. A. Hewitt, S.D.; H. Wright (M.C.S.E.), J.D.; S. Beaumont, I.G.; F. Baines, and R. H. Paterson, (M.C.S.E.) Stewards; and B. Box, Tyler.

The P.G. REGISTRAR then read aloud a suitable inscription engraved on a brass plate, which was afterwards fixed by an operative Mason over the cavity containing the papers and documents above referred to. The W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge (Rev. J. R. U. Elliott, M.A.), having presented the trowel to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the latter adjusted the cement on the lower stone, and the upper stone was slowly lowered upon it with three distinct pauses in which the band played solemn music. In obedience to a command from the R.W.P.G.M., the P.G.W. next proved the position of the stone by the Plumb, and declared that "the Craftsmen had done their duty." Having performed this office, the P.G.W. handed the Plumb to the Deputy P.G.M. for similar proof, after which the P.G.S.W. was called upon by the P.G.M. to prove the correctness of the stone by the Level, and the W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge applied the Square. The R.W.P.G.M. then gave the stone three knocks with the Gavel and declared it to be properly laid "according to the Antient Rule of Architecture." The Cornucopia containing the corn, and the Ewers containing the wine, oil, and salt, were respectively presented to the R.W.P.G.M. by the P.M.'s in whose hands they had hitherto remained. The corn (emblem of plenty) was then scattered over the stone, which was also sprinkled with the wine (emblem of joy and gladness), laved with the oil (emblem of peace),

and strewn with the salt (emblem of purity), and the P.G. Chaplain offered up the concluding prayer. The plan of the building was finally handed by the Architect to the R.W.P.G.M. for inspection.

Bro. W. H. SMITH, R.W.P.G.M., then delivered his address, saying it had always been customary among Masons from time immemorial, on occasions of more than ordinary importance, for the Presiding Officer to address a few words on the usages and history of Freemasonry. This should be so, on the present occasion, knowing especially as he did that the invitation to the Masons of this province to lay that stone, with their ancient Masonic usages, came not only from the Gainsburgh Lodge, but from the whole of this town and neighbourhood. In the first place he would deal with one or two objections that had been raised against Freemasonry. The first was that they were a secret society, and this had been raised against them especially during the last few years, inasmuch as the Head of the Church at Rome had taken it into his head to put his ban upon Masonry, not only on the Continent, but also in this country; thus he supposed classing them with the secret societies of other nations, which are now doing so much mischief; with the communities of France, the Carbonari of Italy, the Nihilists of Russia, and the Fenians and Land Leaguers of the sister country. The Freemasons had nothing to do with Socialism or they would not be patronised by the Emperor of Germany and his son, both of whom were Masons. The late King of Italy, the King of Sweden, and the King of Belgium had all been Freemasons. He was not there to defend foreign Masonry, but for the Masonry of this country he could deny most positively that it had anything of a Socialistic tendency. They were forbidden to speak on politics and differences in religion when in open lodge, and nothing political was ever carried on under the banners of their brotherhood. Another objection urged was that they were not a Christian society solely, and that they admitted other religions. He confessed that they admitted Jews, Mohammedans, Parsees, Buddhists, and others, who were ranged under the banners of the Grand Lodge of England, but notwithstanding that they did this, he affirmed that they were not only a moral but a religious society, and that the doctrines of Freemasonry were eminently Christian in their character. He thought when men of different opinions could meet together and talk in a friendly way no harm could attach to society. A question very often asked was "what is Freemasonry? Do you recommend us to join it." It was contrary to their constitution to press any one to join, and almost the first question asked of a candidate was whether he joined them freely, and was desirous of being serviceable to his fellow creatures. The definition of Masonry that was given to all neophytes was that it was a system of morality, veiled in allegory, illustrated by symbols, founded on the great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The persons only acknowledged to be fit and proper to become Freemasons were just and upright men, free by birth of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals. Perhaps the best description was that given by Dr. Oliver, who said, "Freemasonry is a society of enlightened men, inculcating pure and active virtue on the sacred principles of gospel truth, and its design is to instil into the minds of its members a series of interesting and useful precepts, and to promote benevolence, philanthropy, and brotherly love." Their actions were all symbolical, and they had proved this stone by the square and plumb and the level, and corn, wine, oil, and salt had been scattered upon it, the meaning of which he had explained, the salt being an emblem of purity and perpetuity. This stone had been proved, and upon it a superstructure would be reared perfect in all its parts by the skill of the architect, and the care of the builders. Might they not see in this, the symbol of the Church of their founder, the Church of Christ, who was also their foundation stone. He was a perfect, a living stone, and upon Him was built up that Church, into which they might enter and fear nothing from enemies without or traitors within. Though infidelity and liberationism attacked them, they would be firm, for their Church was built on a rock, and the gates of hell could never prevail against it. In conclusion he thanked the members of the Committee for presenting him with a trowel, which, he said, he should keep in his family as an heirloom.

After the address, the Masonic National Anthem was sung, and an offertory was collected for the building fund. The Masonic officiating brethren then gave place to the clergy and choir of Holy Trinity Church, and a service of dedication by the clergy was held, the Rev. Canon Hodgkinson officiating.

The brethren then returned in reverse order to the Old Hall, where Prov. Grand Lodge being resumed,

On the proposition of W. Bro. A. KIRK, P.P.G.P., seconded by W. Bro. W. E. HOWLETT, P.P.G.A.D. of C., W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, was, for the sixteenth time, re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the R.W. P.G.M. for his kindness in consenting to perform the public ceremony above noted that day, which having acknowledged, he then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. * Edmund Loeck, 712	Prov. D.G.M.
„ Alfred Kirk, 422	Prov. G.S.W.
„ James Fergusson, 838	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. T. R. N. Elliott, 422	Prov. G. Chap.
„ * Chas. Michell Nesbitt, 712	Prov. G. Treas.
„ * Henry Watson, 297	Prov. G. Reg.
„ * F. D. Marsden, 712	Prov. G. Sec.
„ Fred Higgins, 1600	Prov. G.S.D.
„ John Woodward, 469	Prov. G.J.D.
„ P. Platts Dickenson, 297	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ W. H. Roberts, 792	Prov. G.D.C.
„ William Rainforth, 1386	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ William Henson, 1286	Prov. G.S.B.
„ * Henry George Porter, 712	Prov. G. Org.
„ John Mawer, 712	Prov. G. Purst.
Bros. W. R. Fowler, 272; G. Housham, 422; C. R. Farmer, 422; W. Hipkin, 588; F. J. Green, 1232; and James Casterton, 1286	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ J. S. Codd, 297	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ * B. Box, 422	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the proposition of W. Bro. H. WATSON, 297, P.G. Reg., it was ordered that a suit of P.G. Stewards' clothing be procured, in order to complete the set.

* Re-appointed or re-elected.

On the proposition of W. Bro. P. P. DICKENSON, P.G. S. of W., seconded by W. Bro. W. RAINFORTH, P.G.A. D. of C., it was resolved that a sash or collar be procured for the P.G. Standard Bearer, to enable him to carry the P.G. Standard in a procession with greater ease.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided in the "Old Hall" by Bro. Lindley (Black Bull Hotel), presided over by the R.W.P.G.M., where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the county of Surrey was held on Saturday last at Reigate, when, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, there was a large and influential gathering of the officers and brethren, all the lodges in the province being represented.

The brethren and visitors assembled in the South Room of the Public Hall at one o'clock, and shortly afterwards the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., and other Grand Officers entered in procession and were received with the customary salutations. The Prov. Grand Master was supported by Bros. C. W. Arnold, D.P.G.M.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, S.G.W.; C. W. Smith, P.P.S.G.W., acting as J.G.W.; Rev. Ambrose Hall, G. Chap. Eng., &c.; Geo. Price, P.G. Treas.; C. Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; F. Buckland, G.S.D.; H. E. Francis, G. D. of C.; G. C. Burry, G. Org.; N. H. Linton, G. Purst.; T. Vincent and W. Weller, G. Stwds.; T. C. Speight, G. Tyler, and about a hundred other distinguished officers and brethren.

The usual formalities having been observed, the roll of lodges was called over, and it was found that all the twenty-two lodges in the county were represented. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed a balance of £148 7s. 2d. in the hands of the Prov. G. Treasurer, was received and entered on the minutes. It was resolved to make the following grants: Ten guineas each to the Boys' School at Wood Green, the Girls' School at Battersea-ridge, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons at Croydon; ten guineas to the "Horvey Memorial Fund," five guineas to the proposed memorial window to the late Bro. Thurnam in the parish church, and five guineas to the St. Anne's School.

The Prov. G. Sec. having read a telegram from Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Onslow, regretting his inability to attend, the R.W. Prov. G. Master appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold ...	Prov. D.G.M.
" W. C. Beaumont, P.M. 1826 ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. D. Thompson, W.M. 416 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. R. Fawcett Ward, W.M. 1872 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. S. Streeter, W.M. 463 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" George Price ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Greenwood ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Charles J. Tyler, W.M. 1395 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" H. G. Thompson, P.M. 1536 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Charley Pawley, P.M. 452 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. G. Francis ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Weller, P.G.S. ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Thomas Vincent, W.M. 1820 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. C. Leigh Bennett, W.M. 370 ...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. J. Landrium, P.M. 174 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. C. Speight ...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. Vincent ...	
" Arthur J. Dickenson ...	
" Charles Belton ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" William Youlton ...	

At the conclusion of the business, the Prov. G. MASTER congratulated the brethren upon the rapid spread of Masonry in Surrey, and said whereas, ten years ago, when he was installed into that chair in that room, there were only nine lodges in the province, there were now twenty-one, and two others were to be opened immediately. He thought, therefore, they might congratulate themselves upon the prosperity of the Craft in Surrey. (Applause.)

The brethren then attended Divine service at the Parish Church, where an eloquent sermon was preached by the newly-appointed Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. FAWCETT WARD, who founded his discourse on 1st Chronicles xxii. 16 ver.: "Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." The rev. brother's discourse was listened to with profound attention by a large congregation; and there was a substantial contribution to the offertory in aid of the Memorial Window Fund.

At four o'clock the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in the large assembly rooms by Mr. Kearsley, the wines being of excellent quality. During the repast some excellent selections of music were sung by a glee party, consisting of Bros. Sexton, Turle Lee, Hilton, and Geo. Perren, and which tended materially to heighten the enjoyment of the guests. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," observed that having been appointed S.G.W. twenty-five years ago, he had frequently himself to return thanks for this toast; therefore, in now proposing it, he must for the moment destroy his own individuality. (Laughter.) He spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which the duties of Grand Lodge were carried out under such rulers as Lord Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom and the other officers, and referred to the great interest they one and all manifested in the welfare of the Craft. In coupling with this toast the name of a brother he had in view he was sure he should have the sympathy of everybody in the room. He referred to the Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. the Rev. William Ambrose Hall, who was nowhere more appreciated than in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey. (Cheers.) He was proud to address that brother as the Grand Chaplain of England, for he had at last received that reward for his services to Freemasonry, and which he had for a long time deserved. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated Bro. Hall upon the position he now filled. He was sure his old companions and brethren in this county felt a certain amount of reflected honours from the dignified position to which their Grand Chaplain had been elevated, (Cheers.)

The GRAND CHAPLAIN, who was received with loud

cheering, said if anything could have added to the pleasure he experienced on this occasion it was the kindly words which had fallen from the lips of their excellent Prov. Grand Master. He hardly knew whether he deserved them or not; but of this he was sure, that his heart was in Freemasonry, and that he had tried to deserve them. (Cheers.) He approached this toast with mingled feelings—a want of ability adequately to return thanks for the august names that had been associated with it, and who stood at the head of the Grand Lodge of England, and of pleasure that he, as an old Mason of forty years' standing in the province should be selected to discharge that important task. He responded with very great pleasure, because from what he knew of the Grand Officers—from the highest to the lowest—they had been well chosen, and with due regard to the interests of the great body over which they were placed. (Hear, hear.) When he considered the high position of the Earl of Carnarvon, and likewise the status of their noble brother the Earl of Lathom, when they looked at their kindness and courtesy and generous bearing towards all around them, he felt proud of holding office under such rulers. He spoke also in felicitous terms of Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, and other distinguished officers of Grand Lodge, and said he thought he might congratulate Freemasonry upon having such men at the head of affairs, and himself also upon being associated with them, in however humble a capacity. He exhorted the brethren to emulate the noble example they had set, always having in view the high purpose of turning the heart of every living brother to that temple fitted for the worship of the Great Architect of the Universe. (Applause.)

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER, in rising to propose "The Health of the R.W. the Prov. G. Master of Surrey," said it was somewhat difficult to say anything new in regard to this toast, in submitting it year by year to the acceptance of the brethren. They must all appreciate those qualities which had endeared him to the province. (Cheers.) It was in this hall that Bro. General Brownrigg was installed nine years ago as Prov. Grand Master; and as he (the speaker) sat at the end of one of the tables as a visitor, he did not think he should have been so closely associated with him in this province. At that time, he believed, there were only ten lodges in the province, but, owing to the admirable way in which he had held the reins of office, there were now twenty-two lodges, and next week the twenty-third would be consecrated. (Cheers.) He thought, therefore, they might congratulate themselves upon such a Prov. Grand Master as the gallant brother who presided over them that day. He was sure they would most heartily join him in drinking to this toast, wishing him many years of health and strength to preside over the Province of Surrey. (Cheers.)

The R.W. PROV. G. MASTER, on rising to respond, was most enthusiastically received. He could only congratulate himself upon being the ruler over such a province as this, because he did not suppose that in the Craft there was a province which gave so little trouble and so much satisfaction as this one gave to him. It was not long ago that a young relative of his, who was likely to become a Prov. G. Master, and who held a high social position, asked him, respecting the expenses attending such an office, whether £500 a year would do it. (Laughter.) All he told him was that it had not cost him £5, beyond his travelling fare, and he did not know it had cost him anything. (Laughter.) Therefore, they might imagine how fortunate he considered himself in the office he had the honour to fill. His most onerous task was in the selection of brethren for the purple, which gave him a great deal of anxious thought. But he was fortunate in having so good an adviser as he had in his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Arnold, who visited the various lodges and witnessed their working; and he knew he was prudent in being guided very much by his counsels. There were so many good Masons in this province that if he had fifty purple aprons to bestow, instead of twelve, they would all be worthily worn; but he tried to do justice to all who did good work in the province, and he hoped to be guided by that principle as long as he continued in office. And he might be allowed to remark, in respect to individual lodges, that it was not always necessary that the steps should go on in succession. (Hear, hear.) If brethren did not show capacities for higher offices, they should not be promoted; and that was his opinion as clearly as words could express it. The promotion of brethren from rank to rank was not what they wanted in Masonry, but only those should be advanced who possessed the essential qualifications for the post to which they aspired. He asked them to drink "The Health of the Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the other Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He did not believe any Prov. Grand Master had such a Deputy as he had in Bro. Arnold. He was not only a perfect master of his work, but the assistance he rendered in going about visiting the lodges deserved every acknowledgment at their hands. Bro. Arnold kept a book in which he made a little record of what he saw whilst visiting the lodges, and he did not know that they had ever come to an opposite opinion of what they had seen and heard. He was such a good worker that they knew they could not get to the windward of him (laughter); that he detected good and bad work as well as anybody could. Therefore any praise from him was to be received gladly. He (the speaker) had tried, in making his selection this year, to give the purple to those who most deserved it, and he hoped he had succeeded. (Applause.) He thought from the acclamations he had heard in lodge that the disposal of the purple had been generally appreciated. At all events, he could only say he had done his best, and he hoped they would have some work to do, as there were two consecrations to take place very shortly, and of which notice would be sent to them. (Cheers.)

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in responding, said he thanked the various lodges for the kindly reception they always extended towards him from time to time, and it was a great pleasure to visit the lodges when he could possibly do so. His own duties kept him at home a great deal, but when he possibly could he always liked to pay them a visit. He was very much satisfied with the improvement that had taken place in the work of the province within the last few years. There used to be difficulties sometimes; but now if the officers were to exchange places in the lodges they would find no difficulty in working under the respective Masters who might preside over them. He considered that, such being the case, Freemasonry was in a flourishing condition amongst them, and he trusted it would ever remain so. Their thanks were eminently due to the Reigate brethren for the very kind way in which the mem-

bers of Provincial Grand Lodge had been received that day. (Cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said the next toast was one which would have the sympathy of all present, and he asked them to drink "The Health of the Prov. Grand Treasurer." (Cheers.) He believed Bro. Price was the oldest Mason in Surrey present, and had filled his responsible office for many years. He did not want to introduce politics, but they must all admire the conservative principle which prompted Bro. Price in not allowing them to exceed the balance which he considered they ought to have in their hands. (Laughter and applause.) He thought this was quite right. With this toast he must also couple the name of their excellent Prov. Grand Secretary, whose hard work they all knew and appreciated. (Applause.) There was also amongst them their venerable Bro. Holman, whose hale and hearty form they were always glad to see at their meetings, and he would associate his name with those of the other two respected brethren he had named. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER assured the brethren he felt it to be a great honour to fill the position of Treasurer to this province, which he had done for more than a quarter of a century, and to have been elected year by year. It was a very pleasant office; the duties were not very great, and he believed he had a good deal more honour than work, because of the admirable way in which the Prov. Grand Secretary did his duty, and the harmonious way in which they worked together. (Applause.)

The PROV. G. SECRETARY, in responding, said he was glad of this opportunity of expressing how much pleased he was at the cordial support he had received during the many years he had held office. This was the twenty-fifth year he had the honour of being re-appointed, and that was a great slice out of a man's life. He confessed during that time he had seen a great many changes, for when he was first elected there were only five lodges in the province, and the Surrey Lodge, at Reigate, was the premier. There were, however, very few members of it living whom he knew at the time to which he referred. Their excellent Bro. ex-Sheriff Woollton had been amongst them forty-one years, so that Masonry tended to longevity. (Laughter.) He acknowledged the great kindness he had always received during his tenure of office, and hoped to be spared many years to discharge the duties. (Applause.)

Bro. HOLMAN, as a Past Master of the Ewell Lodge, was glad to have been singled out for kindly remark, and, although he was eighty years of age, his interest in the Craft was as great as ever. (Cheers.)

The PROV. G. MASTER then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Surrey Lodge," who had so well entertained them that evening. (Cheers.) He did not want to say anything that would make them blush, but they all would agree with him in thanking their Reigate friends for the admirable banquet they had enjoyed and for the nice pleasant arrangements they had made for the reception of Prov. Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) It had been a great pleasure to him to give their Worshipful Master one of the Warden's aprons, for they knew how highly Bro. Thomson was esteemed by all with whom he came in contact; therefore, he had, of course, connected his name with this toast. There was one matter he intended to speak about, and it was a question he had always to address to the Prov. G. Pursuivant, and he was glad to find one of his own cloth holding that office. (Applause.) When he asked Bro. Landrium if all the members were ranged under their respective banners, he must have drawn immensely on his credulity when he said they were, although he qualified it by saying, "to the best of his belief," which was a saving clause. (Laughter.) But they had been sadly wanting in banners, and this was the first occasion the beautiful banner behind him had made its appearance. Properly speaking, every lodge ought to have a banner, and he hoped this one might induce other lodges to provide themselves in a similar way. He should like to see for the future every lodge under its own banner, so that when his gallant friend next year was asked the question, he might be able to answer without any qualm of conscience. (Laughter and applause.) It was done in every other province, and he did not think that they in Surrey should be behind hand. He had just received an intimation from Bro. ex-Sheriff Woollton that he would give a banner to Lodge No. 416. (Continued cheering.)

Bro. THOMSON, Prov. G.J.W., responded on behalf of the Reigate Lodge; and other toasts followed, including "The Health of the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Fawcett Ward," with thanks for his excellent sermon that day.

Bro. WARD suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to him.

"The Health of the Visitors" was replied to by Bro. JAMES H. HAWKINGS, W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693; and the official list concluded with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings, which had been of a very harmonious and agreeable description, then terminated.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the General Committee of this most excellent institution was held on Friday evening, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, the chair being occupied by Bro. J. P. M'Arthur, J.P., W.M. 1473, ex-mayor of Bootle. There was a good attendance of brethren who take a warm interest in the charity, amongst the number being Bros. R. Brown and G. Broadbridge, the Honorary Secretaries. There were upwards of twenty applications on behalf of children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, and the result of the Committee's proceedings was that about £150 was voted for the education of the little ones each year during the time they will be on the foundation of the institution. It was stated that one of the children already deriving the advantages of education as the result of the annual grant from the "West Lancashire" had obtained a scholarship at one of the public schools, and the Committee recognised the honour thus obtained in a very substantial way. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury presided on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the annual meeting of the Newport Market Refuge and Industrial School, held in the school-room of the institution, Bro. Sir J. McGarel-Hogg, M.P., being also present.

TESTIMONIAL TO A DISTINGUISHED
MASON.

On Friday last the members and shareholders of the Kidderminster Masonic Hall Club Company dined together in the Masonic Hall, the occasion being the presentation to Bro. George Taylor, I.P.M., Z., 377, P.G.J.W., W.M. 1874, &c., with some valuable diamond studs and an illuminated address in recognition of his services in the formation of the club, and as its Hon. Sec. from September, 1879, to January, 1881.

Amongst those present were Bros. Bellitzay, P.M., P.Z. 377, P.G.S.B.; T. Blaxbrough, 377; Comber, W.M. 377; Fitzgerald, P.M., P.Z., 377, P.P.G.S.D.; W. C. Green, J.W. 377, P.G.S.; Gibson, 377; J. J. Harvey, 1874; E. Hammond, P.M. 377, and Chairman of the Club; G. Holdsworth, O. 377; G. Hopkins, 377; G. Lees, 377; McCandless, P.M. 377; P. G. P. Mackay, S. 377; G. W. Naylor, P.M. 560, and J.W. 1874; H. E. Green, I.G. 377, and P.G.S.; H. B. Pigot, P.G.S. Eng. 1874; W. M. Roden, I.G. 377, 1874; J. E. Stone, S.W. 377, P.G.S.; J. Elgood, J.D. 377, P.G.S.; R. J. Thompson, 377; T. Vale, J.W. 560; J. R. Wood, 377, P.G.D.C.; Threlfall, 1874; and C. Blagbrough.

The Mayor of Kidderminster, H. R. Willis, Esq., and Messrs. Beach, Inston, Jolleyman, Pearson, E. Parry, Editor of the principal Kidderminster Newspaper, *The Shuttle*, Simpson, and W. H. Talbot, Esq., Registrar of the Kidderminster County Court.

The Chair was taken by Bro. E. Hammond, and the tables being arranged in the form of a letter U, the one Vice-Chair was occupied by Bro. G. W. Naylor, P.M. 560, J.W. 1874, Chairman of the presentation Committee, and the other by Bro. Clement Green, P.G.S. Wors., and J.W. 377. After the cloth had been removed the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured. The Chairman proposed "The Health of Bro. Taylor," and Bro. Naylor made the presentation. He spoke of the valued and arduous services of Bro. Taylor in the formation of this Club, and said how warmly he lived in the hearts of not only the Masonic brethren but also in those of every member of the Club.

The brilliants were Brazilian diamonds of the first water, and were very handsome, and the address which accompanied them was in the form of a book bound in morocco leather, and had been most tastefully illuminated by Bro. Mackay, S. 377. The inscription was as follows:

"Kidderminster Masonic Hall and Club Company, Limited. To Mr. George Taylor. The members and shareholders of the Kidderminster Masonic Hall and Club Company, Limited, desire Mr. George Taylor's acceptance of a set of diamond studs in token of their kindly regard for him, and of their appreciation of his valuable services as Hon. Sec. of this Club, of which institution he was the chief founder. G. M. Naylor, Chairman; W. C. Green, Treas.; Hugh Gibson, W. M. Roden, Albert Cowell, Committee; Harvey Preen, Secretary." Afterwards followed the names of the subscribers.

Mr. NAYLOR also stated that as there was a balance in hand after all expenses had been paid, it was intended to make a present to Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. TAYLOR responded, and cordially thanked the brethren for their very handsome present; he specially desired to thank Bro. Mackay for the immense trouble he had taken in the production of that beautiful illumination. In the course of his remarks, Bro. Taylor suggested the formation of a Masonic and reference library in connection with the Club.

The CHAIRMAN gave "The Health of the Mayor," who in reply proposed "Success to the Kidderminster Masonic Hall and Club Company," which was responded to by Bro. W. C. Green, a Director of the Club and P.G.S., and after "The Healths of Bros. Mackay and Blagbrough" had been drunk, the proceedings terminated.

The evening was a most pleasant one, and was much enlivened by the beautiful singing of Bro. Blagbrough, the accomplished tenor from Leeds.

PRESENTATION TO BRO FRANK
GREEN, C.C.

Bro. W. S. Gover, C.C., presided at a dinner of the Vintry Ward Club, held at the Star and Garter, Richmond, on Saturday, the 19th ult.

In proposing "The Vintry Ward Club," the CHAIRMAN remarked that the institutions of local self-government were of no avail without public spirit. There was one present who by founding the club had supplied what was wanted in the Ward of Vintry, and who had afforded them opportunities of social intercourse, and of becoming better known one to another. On the part of the club he had to present Mr. Frank Green—(applause)—and a more spontaneous testimonial was never offered—with a chronometer, and to tender to Mrs. Green, with respectful homage, a beautiful brooch and earrings, trusting that both recipients might long live to enjoy the love and honour of the inhabitants of the Ward and of the citizens generally. (Cheers.)

Bro. GREEN, in reply, said he was in a position of difficulty in having to acknowledge so handsome a gift, accompanied as it was by such flattering remarks; but he was deeply sensible of their kindness, and sincerely grateful for the same. He was conscious that to their generous impulses rather than to his own merits the gift was due, and he accepted it as indicating that the man who strove to do his duty would enlist the sympathetic support of his friends and neighbours. The watch would act as an incentive to him to keep a vigilant watch over the interests of the Ward, and he should do all in his power to serve them. For the handsome present to his wife he also thanked them, and he could assure the club that she would treasure it with pleasure and with pride. (Applause.)

WHAT SHALL WE DRINK?—No summer beverage so refreshing, so wholesome, none so delicious and grateful to the taste, when hot, tired, and thirsty, as a glass of Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy taken with aerated waters or lemonade. Ask pointedly for it by name, as substitutes and mixtures abound, report adulterations to the manufacturer, Thomas Grant, Distiller, Maidstone. Sold at the Crystal Palace, and by Bertram and Roberts everywhere, also at the clubs, the hotels, and all noted places of refreshment.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. Present: Bros. John Noble, W.M.; E. Ayling, J.W.; C. A. Smith, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; J. Taylor, P.M.; E. W. Clarke, P.M.; G. H. Wrigglesworth, P.M.; Jas. Garnar, P.M.; G. Slinn, S.D.; A. Richmond, J.D.; M. Graham, I.G.; W. R. Williams, D.C.; J. Brown, W.S.; Palmer, Jackson, Plowman, Robinson, Levy, Custance, Hayes, Scantlebury, White, Hodgkinson, Simmons, Hunt, Holman, J. Graham, N. Courlander, Seymour, Goldring, Campbell, Monk, Husband, R. Smith, and W. Smith. Visitors: Bros. A. M. Barnett, 330; J. H. Hawkins, W.M. 1693; J. Featherstone, J.D. 1656; A. Currie, S.W. 1733; T. C. Pratt, P.M. 957; F. Leach, 25; T. Dunn, 1704; J. Cockburn, 1381; T. Wilcox, and A. Miller.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Robinson, Hayes, White, Jackson, and Holman were raised to the Third Degree, and Messrs. W. Smith, R. H. Smith, and E. Husband were initiated. A resolution to increase the initiation fee was carried. After some other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, presided over by the W.M.

After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The principal event of the evening was the presentation of a handsome silver salver to Bro. James Garnar, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of the lodge. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Garnar," made the presentation in the following terms: Brethren, I am now called upon to perform a very pleasing duty, viz., to present to our Bro. Garnar a memento of the esteem with which he is regarded in this lodge. Most of us have a lively remembrance of his year of office as our W.M., the commencement of which was undoubtedly the beginning of our unusual prosperity. It has continued until now, and I hope will long remain with us. This testimonial is the outcome of that esteem, and speaks for itself much more eloquently than I can by words. The inscription states that the testimonial is "presented to Bro. James Garnar, as a slight token of the esteem and admiration in which he is held by the brethren of the Rose of Denmark Lodge," and I can assure you, Bro. Garnar, that these words are not the mere production of the engraver, but the genuine expression of regard on the part of the brethren, and may you continue among us for many years to come, in the same good fellowship as in the years that are past, which good fellowship this testimonial is intended to commemorate. In presenting this salver to you in the name of the lodge, allow me to state it is sterling silver, presented to sterling worth. Bro. Garnar, who was warmly received by the brethren, said: W. Master and brethren. I can scarcely find words to respond to the toast of my health, which has been so kindly proposed by you, and to which the brethren have so cordially responded, and the difficulty is further increased by the very handsome testimony of your esteem and regard which has just been presented to me. It has always been to me a great source of pride and pleasure to do all that I possibly could to further the interests of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, and if my year of office has been a success, it is owing, not so much to my own exertions and capabilities, as to the kindly and fraternal support which I have received from the Past Masters, Officers, and members of the lodge. Believe me most assuredly that I shall ever value this beautiful testimonial as a record of the very pleasant year I spent as W.M. of my mother lodge, and I hope that my connection with the Rose of Denmark Lodge, in which I have formed so many friendships, may long continue, and that the peace, harmony, and unity which has prevailed therein for many years may long continue. (Applause.) Bro. E. Husband, M.R.C.S., returned thanks for "The Initiates," and Bro. Hawkins, W.M. 1693, for "The Joining Members." The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "Officers" were given, after which the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

GATESHEAD ON TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—

The usual monthly gathering of this evergreen and ancient lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the temporary habitation, No. 34, Denmark-street, when there was not such a good attendance as we usually have seen, owing to members and visitors being on pleasure bent, in connection with the Midsummer racing carnival at Newcastle. The lodge was opened shortly after 7 p.m., by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. R. Whitfield, as I.P.M.; E. Liddell, S.W.; E. W. Middlemist, J.W.; D. Sinclair, P.M., as Sec.; J. Mout, S.D.; R. W. Sisson, as J.D.; E. Shewbrooks, I.G.; W. F. Raeburn, S.S.; W. Dalrymple, J.S.; and Jos. Curry, Tyler. There were also present Bros. M. Corbett, P.M.; B. P. Ord, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, P.M.; J. A. Dixon, W. Whitfield, T. P. Reay, G. Parker, J. Ivison, J. T. Hedley, Jacob Atkinson, W. F. Carmon, R. Tate, N. Mein, P.M. 541; C. B. Ford, J.W. 481; R. W. Sisson, J.D. 406; W. A. M. O'Donnell, 1672; W. Smith, S.W. 1342, and others.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for four joining members and two initiates, all of whom were duly elected. Bros. J. Atkinson and G. Parker were then passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. M. Corbett, P.M. The working tools were explained by the S.W.

The lodge was closed at 8.30 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 251).—

The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by the members of the above lodge dining together at the house of Bro. W. Longmire, the King's Arms Hotel, Morecambe, on the evening of the 22nd ult. Nearly forty brethren were present, including visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. John Tilly, Ceylon; W. King, Treas. 1353; Bannister, S.W., and Poole, J.W. 1650. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. John Atkinson, presided, supported by Bros. E. Clark, Mayor of Lancaster; Cleminson, Ex-Mayor; Warbrick, I.P.M.; Simpson, P.M.; Councillor

Hatch, P.M. and Treas.; Kelland, P.M.; W. King, P.M.; John Hatch, P.M., Sec., and others. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. John Pilkington, S.W., supported by Bros. Councillor Hartley, P.M.; R. Taylor, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; Batley, Robinson, and others.

A capital repast was put upon the table by the host, and on the conclusion of dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. "The Health of the Mayor of Lancaster" (Bro. Clark) was also given and received most heartily. The evening being fine, the Chairman, before proposing the first toast, suggested that brevity should be studied by each speaker, and this was admirably followed out; the result was that the speeches were brief and to the point, and the company separated at an early hour, in order to enjoy a short time amid the outdoor scenery at the popular watering place of Morecambe.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—

The members of this celebrated lodge met as early as eight o'clock on the morning of Thursday, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of installing their W.M. for the ensuing year. It has for some time past been the custom in this old and flourishing lodge to instal early in the morning, and afterwards to join the lady friends of the members in some pleasant excursion, in place of the orthodox banquet. Notwithstanding the hour, there was a strong gathering of P.G. Officers and P.M.'s, members, and visitors. The out-going W.M., Bro. Adolph Pedersen, was in the chair. After an initiation, the W.M. elect, Bro. William H. Veevers, was presented by Bros. Peter M. Larsen, P.M., and Thomas Dilcock, P.M., and regularly installed by the retiring W.M. Subsequent to the usual honours the following were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John L. Houghton, P.M., M.C.; J. J. Githerow, S.W.; W. Evans, J.W.; R. P. France, P.M. Treasurer (re-elected); John N. Cain, Secretary, A. J. Bolton, S.D.; Frederick Petersen, J.D.; J. W. Reece, I.G.; Isaac Turner and Thomas Toby, Stewards; W. Blunsum, Assist. Steward. Bro. Malcolm was re-elected Tyler.

At the conclusion of the proceedings a vote of thanks was passed to the installing Master, and the brethren proceeded to Lime-street Station, where they were joined by their lady friends, the party numbering one hundred and twenty altogether, and took train to Lymm, near Warrington, where a very pleasant day was spent. At the dinner at The Plough, the I.P.M. was presented with a tasteful P.M. jewel, and the W.M. with the lodge jewel, an heirloom bequeathed to "594," and worn by all its Masters.

WOOLWICH.—Florence Nightingale Lodge

(No. 706).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. J. Black, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, or until a successor shall have been duly installed in his stead. The lodge was opened by Bro. Capt. Eugene Sweny, W.M., and the usual lodge business having been transacted, Bro. Bryant, P.M. 76, was unanimously affiliated a member of the lodge. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Sweny being Installing Officer, and, under his guidance, Bro. Black was seated in the chair of K.S., and formally saluted. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Major E. Gordon, S.W.; C. Mathams, J.W.; Sydney Clarke, P.M., Treasurer; E. Denton, P.M., Secretary; Ortrim, J. Sculley, S.D.; Dr. C. W. Godwin, J.D.; Jas. Harris, I.G.; and A. Burnett, D.C. The usual addresses were then given, and the ceremony concluded. Among the brethren present beside those above enumerated were Bro. C. Coupland, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; J. J. Donolly, P.M.; Dr. H. L. Burneys, M.D.; R. King, James Riddle, N. D. Livesey, K. Uglan, G. Risch, and T. Peake, all of the lodge; Thos. Perry, W.M. 869, and P.P.G.D.C. Herts; J. Wilkins, W.M. 700; H. S. Syer, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; E. B. Hobson, S.W., and W.M. elect 790; R. J. Cook, S.W., and W.M. elect 913; G. Beaver, J.W. 700; H. Mason, J.W. 913; T. Holleyman, J.W. 1536; Lieut. T. Kirkbride, 1536; H. D. Vidgeon, 869; J. M. Rudd, 1579; and C. Jolly, I.G. 1472, &c. (Freemason). After a very cordial vote of thanks had been passed to Bro. Sweny for the masterly manner in which he had installed his successor, he was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, by the W.M., who said he sincerely hoped that Bro. Sweny would live long to wear it in the lodge as one of its Past Masters, and that it would bring back to his mind year after year happy recollections of the esteem and goodwill of the brethren. Bro. Sweny, in reply, said he certainly looked upon that evening as the proudest of his life. When he looked back to that day twelvemonth, when he was placed in the chair, and remembered what he had then promised, he felt that he had nothing to regret, but that he had faithfully, and to the best of his ability, done his duty to and by the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a *recherche* banquet, provided in the hall by Bro. Moulder. "The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, the Chairman gave the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," and, in doing so, said the services of their Royal brother to the cause of Masonry, and not only to Masonry but to everything that tended to the good of the nation at large, made him honoured by all. He trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare him to rule over them as their Grand Master. "The Health of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers," followed, and was heartily responded to. The I.P.M. then, in glowing terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that although it was not the first time he had had that gavel in his hand, yet he believed he had never made a better use of it than he had that night, in calling their attention to the toast he now proposed to offer them, and one that he felt sure they would receive with acclamation. It was "The Health and Prosperity of their W.M." They had, a month ago, elected Bro. Black, and he had that day installed him as one of the rulers of the Craft in that lodge, and he felt that he was only re-echoing their sentiments when he said that in his hands the interests and prestige of the lodge would not suffer, but would even increase in prosperity and brightness. The toast was drunk with cheers; and, in response, Bro. Black thanked them most sincerely for the toast, and trusted that their hearty wishes for a prosperous year of office would be fulfilled, and they might depend upon it it would be if it laid in his power to bring it about. There was one thing he could promise them, and that was that it should not be any fault

of his if they did not see as happy a lodge, if not a more prosperous one, that day twelve months, when he trusted they would accord him, and as unanimously, their hearty thanks in the same way that they had that day accorded his predecessor. The very name of the lodge (associated, as it was, with the name of a noble English gentlewoman) would be an incentive to him to make it worthy the name it bore—the name of Florence Nightingale—who had set them so splendid an example of faith and labour under difficulties. The next toast was that of “The Past Masters,” coupled with the name of Bro. Swney, who, in reply, said that when he reflected that he was the youngest Past Master present—not yet out of his teens, and hardly over the measles—while there were Past Masters present who had attained their full majority, and were capable of walking without leading strings, it made him feel that he had a lot to learn before he could safely trust himself without the aid and assistance of those for whom he was asked to respond, but he knew they would in the future, as in the past, not only help him, but the W.M. and every officer or brother of that lodge who required their assistance. He trusted that now he was admitted into the ranks of the Past Masters he should follow in the footsteps of those who had passed the chair before him, and with whom his name had been so flatteringly associated in the toast. The next toast was that of “The Visitors;” responded to by Bros. Perry, Rudd, Wilkins, Syer, Coupland, Kirkbride, and Holleyman. “The Officers of the Lodge” were warmly toasted; and Bro. Major Gordon returned thanks. The toast of “The Masonic Press” followed, coupled with the name of our representative, who suitably responded; and then the Tyler’s toast concluded the proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The lodge was opened at five o’clock, the following officers being present: Bros. H. Trevitt, W.M.; R. Crispe, P.M.; W. Vaughan, P.M.; Thomas Chesworth, P.M.; G. Gordon, J.W.; R. Cain, P.M., Treasurer; J. Pendleton, Secretary; J. Comins, S.D.; J. Humphreys, J.D.; D. Davies, I.G.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., P.P.G.P.; M. Williamson, Tyler. Bro. T. Chesworth, P.P.G.C. (Cheshire), afterwards installed the following officers, in an able an efficiently Masonic manner: Bro. G. Gordon, W.M., who was presented by Bros. Vaughan and Trevitt; Bros. Trevitt, I.P.M.; J. Pendleton, S.W.; J. Comins, J.W.; J. Humphreys, Secretary; R. Cain, P.M., Treasurer; D. Davies, S.D.; H. Thomas, J.D.; H. Y. Ellis, I.G.; J. Sharples, S.S.; H. R. Holbyn, J.S.; H. Evans, A.S.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; and M. Williamson, Tyler.

There were twenty-one P.M.’s present during the evening. Bro. Trevitt, I.P.M., afterwards presented the newly-elected W.M. with an elaborate jewel, with diamond pendant, on behalf of the members of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards partook of a well-served repast in the new banqueting hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, foremost among whom were Bro. Hargraves Gill with his inimitable Fairy Bells, and Bro. H. Ellis, I.G.

SHEERNESS.—De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Royal Fountain Hotel, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. The lodge assembled at 4.30 p.m. Bro. F. Archer, W.M., raised the lodge to the Third Degree, when Bro. H. A. Johnson, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. as Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Penney, P.M., P.P.G.P., acting as Installing Master. The new W.M. then invested his officers with the collars and appurtenances of their office, as follows: Bros. F. Archer, I.P.M.; W. Keele, S.W.; Lieut. H. F. Huizzard, J.W.; W. Pannell, P.M., P.P.S.W., Sec.; J. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; E. Penney, P.M., D. of C.; Thomas Smith, S.D.; Edward Ingleton, J.D.; W. Norrington, I.G.; C. M. Glaysher, O.; J. Tower, S.; and W. Parsons, Tyler. The W.M. then invested the I.P.M., Bro. F. Archer, with a presentation Past Master’s gold jewel, the gift of the lodge.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren and visitors partook of a banquet provided by the host of the Royal Fountain Hotel, Bro. Howe, in his excellent style. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the loyal Masonic toasts, interspersed by refined songs, capitally were sung, enthusiastically received in the usual way among Masons.

MANCHESTER.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1161).—The installation of Bro. Robert Dottie, took place at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 16th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. George Burgess, W.M.; Robert Dottle, S.W.; Thomas J. Cowen, J.W.; Julius Arensbergh, P.M., P.P.G. Pursuivant, Treasurer; A. H. Jeffries, Organist; E. Nicholson, T. Beard, T. Bowden, J. Hargreaves, P.M.; W. H. Anderton, P.M., D. of C.; S. P. Bidder, P.M.; Walter Nicholson, H. L. Lilley, J. M. Moss, T. P. Ross, Eugène Loebeil, Louis C. Birch, Henry Perks, George Burrows, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. William Dumville, P.M. 1011; J. H. Greenwood, 163; W. W. Dawson, W.M. 1219; S. Davies, P.M. 1052; John Parker, P.M. 993; William Jones, 993; George Board, Sec. 1798; B. Brierley, J. D. Smith, James Batchelder, and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 2.45, and after confirmation of the minutes, Mr. W. G. Baxter was balloted for and unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M., having received permission from the W.M. to preside, initiated Mr. Baxter into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. S. P. Bidder afterwards installed Bro. R. Dottie into the chair of K.S., after which the newly installed W.M. was duly saluted by the brethren. The Installing Master then proceeded to invest the officers as follows: Bro. T. J. Cowen, S.W.; J. Irlam, J.W.; Julius Arensbergh, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; T. P. Ross, Sec.; T. Bowden, S.D.; A. Jeffries, J.D.; E. T. Nicholson, Org.; J. W. Abbott, S.S.; Nicholson and Butcher, Stewards; W. H. Anderton, P.M., D. of C.; and by proxy Rev. Cadman, Chaplain. Bro. Bidder afterwards addressed the W.M. and brethren, and Bro. P.M. Norton, the Wardens. The ceremony having been concluded, “Hearty good wishes” were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to celebrate the

festival of St. John by a banquet, which gave the greatest satisfaction to all, and was deserving of the highest praise to the fair hostess. When the appetites of the brethren were appeased, and grace after meat had been said, the toast list was proceeded with. That of “The Queen and the Craft” was received with every manifestation of pleasure, and heartily drunk. The toast of “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family” was next given and well responded to. “The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon,” “The R.W.D.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present,” were the next healths drunk, after which that of “The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie,” was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. P. M. Norton then rose and proposed “The Health of their new W.M., Bro. Robert Dottie.” In the course of his remarks Bro. Norton observed that it gave him especial pleasure to have the privilege of proposing this toast, inasmuch that he was very pleased to find Bro. Dottie placed in the proud position he now occupied. He sincerely trusted their W.M. would have a prosperous year of office, and felt sure that all the members would unite in doing their utmost to ensure such a result. The toast was received with acclamation and cordially responded to by all. Bro. Dottie, in reply, said he felt much obliged to Bro. Norton for his kind remarks, and to the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast. He had been present on many occasions like the present, and had heard many newly-installed Masters say, in responding to the toast of their health, “This is the proudest moment of my life.” So far as he was concerned he sincerely echoed that sentiment, and he approached his duties with some pleasure, but at the same time with fear and trembling. Bro. Dottie said he hoped he should leave the lodge at the expiration of his year of office in as good a position as he found it, and he would do his best to further its interests, and assured them he would do the work to the best of his ability. Bro. Sturm, P.M., in proposing “The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Burgess,” said he was quite sure such a toast would meet with the approbation of the brethren, as they were fully aware of what he had done for the welfare of the lodge during his year of office. It was impossible to speak too highly of the efforts which their I.P.M. had made to maintain the integrity and promote the prosperity of his lodge, and he had succeeded worthily and well. It gave him great pleasure to place upon his breast a gold Past Master’s jewel, as a slight token of the esteem and respect in which the brethren held him. Bro. Burgess said that when he reflected on the kind and flattering remarks passed on him by Bro. Sturm he felt he had not done sufficient to deserve them, but he also felt very pleased that his humble efforts had given satisfaction. He was gratified to see so many able P.M.’s around them that day, and to note the cordiality that existed between them and their present W.M., because when such unity existed there augured a prosperous career for the lodge. The lodge had done what it could for the Charities, but he hoped more would be done in the future. He had in the handsome jewel before him a tangible proof of the brethren’s respect, and he accepted it with unalloyed pleasure, and should wear it with pride. Bro. Dottie then proposed “The Health of the Initiate,” Bro. W. G. Baxter, in the course of which he said he considered that Bro. Baxter was like a child of his own, and it pleased him to perceive that the brethren received the toast with such élat, as he knew no one more fitted to join their ranks than Bro. Baxter. Bro. W. G. Baxter having responded, the I.P.M., Bro. Burgess, proposed “The Installing Master,” Bro. Bidder, and referred to the admirable manner in which the ceremony of Installation had been done, and of the reputation he had worthily obtained for his ability. Bro. S. P. Bidder acknowledged the compliment. “The Health of the Visitors” was next proposed, and responded to by Bros. Benjamin Brierley, George Board, 1798, W. Dawson, W.M. 1219, S. Davies, P.M. 1052, and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the brethren separated at a late hour.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The brethren of this lodge mustered in strong force on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for the double purpose of celebrating the festival of St. John and installing the W.M. elect. Many P.G.O.’s and visiting P.M.’s were present, and the meeting was a very inspiring one. The chair was taken by Bro. R. B. Burgess, W.M. supported by his officers; and the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Robertson, S.W., was presented by Bros. Knight, P.M., and Burgess, P.G.P., and very efficiently installed by the retiring W.M., the concluding charges being effectively given by Bro. Thomas Foulkes, P.M. After the usual honours the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Holme, S.W.; M. Campbell, J.W.; J. H. Bradshaw, P.M., Treasurer; F. Knight, P.M., Secretary; George Wynn, S.D.; John Cook, J.D.; J. P. Chapman, I.G.; M. Brown and W. Barnes, Stewards; John Hodgson, Hon. Organist; T. Foulkes, P.M., M.C.; R. B. Burgess, I.P.M.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Foulkes, P.M., M.C., was presented with a set of Past Master’s clothing from the lodge of instruction; and at the dinner which followed, the I.P.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master’s jewel, and a valuable testimonial was also given to the retiring Treasurer, on his resigning office. The musical arrangements were effectively carried out by Bro. Hodgson, Organist.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of “The W.M.” being heartily received. The principal event of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Jas. W. Burgess, P.M., P.G.P., who has been some years Treasurer of 1325, of a valuable gold chronometer watch, and a tasteful set of bracelets for Mrs. Burgess, on his leaving England for Australia. Bro. John H. Bradshaw, P.M., on behalf of the brethren, said he had a pleasing yet painful duty to perform that evening, viz., to propose “The Health of Bro. Burgess,” possibly for the last time, and to offer for his acceptance the gifts subscribed for by the brethren as some slight token of the esteem and affection they felt for him. He concluded by wishing him every success in his new sphere of life. The toast was enthusiastically received, after which Bro. Burgess replied. He said that on no occasion during the past ten years during which he had been connected with 1325, had he risen with so much

feeling to respond to any toast. He regretted extremely having to leave so many friends and dear brethren, and he could not sufficiently thank them for the handsome testimonial they had given him, and he would be proud to show it to his Masonic friends abroad. He also felt touched by their kind thoughtfulness in remembering Mrs. Burgess in the matter. He personally considered himself amply repaid by the pleasure he had experienced in the Stanley Lodge for any efforts he had made. He by no means meant to sever his connection with 1325, and if he ever returned it would be to rest in the bosom of the Stanley Lodge. He again thanked the brethren for all their kindness. During the evening several songs were rendered to the great satisfaction of the brethren by Bros. J. Pugmire, 241; W. Forrester, 1035; J. P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; Gray, 1325; Ashmore, P.M. 823; Washington, P.M. 1094; and others; the accompaniments being well rendered by Bro. J. Hodgson, Hon. Organist.

MALTA.—Wayfarers’ Lodge.—The first installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, on 27th May. The officers of St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 349, having opened their lodge, the R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. W. Kingston, was received with the customary honours, and proceeded, with the usual ceremonies, to install the W. Master designate of the new lodge—Bro. Geo. D. Roe, P.M. 1604 (Sert.-Major Royal Engineers)—in the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. S. Abbott, S.W.; D. C. Wilson, J.W.; J. F. Mayall, Sec.; J. Morley, S.D.; J. Pegley, J.D.; and T. W. Cooper, I.G. The appointments of Treasurer and Tyler were allowed to stand over until next meeting. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Taylor, P.M., seconded, “That a vote of thanks be accorded to the officers of Lodge 349 for their kindness in having met that evening for the reception of the Wayfarers.” W. Bro. Coffey, P.M. 349, in replying on behalf of his lodge, testified to the cordial feelings of Lodge 349 towards the lodge just floated, and assured the W.M. that the officers and brethren of 349 would be only too pleased at any time to assist the Wayfarers in any way, although he (Bro. Coffey) felt sure that no assistance was likely to be needed by a lodge started so auspiciously and under such competent officers. The W.M. next proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W. District Grand Master for attending (at some personal inconvenience) to instal the first W.M. of the Wayfarers, and for the highly efficient and impressive way in which he performed that ceremony. The R.W.D.G.M., in replying, expressed his gratification at being present, and alluded to the fact of the lodges under his jurisdiction having now reached the mystic number of seven, whereas when he first became D.G.M. there were only three in the district. The Right Worshipful brother proceeded to express his confidence in the ability of the newly-installed W.M. to govern his lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to those under his rule, advising him, at the same time, that a judicious combination of firmness and suavity, an appearance of leading rather than driving, was always preferable to mere dogmatism. He concluded by saying that as a member of all the lodges in the district he tendered the “Hearty good wishes” of all for the prosperity of the Wayfarers. V.W. Bro. the Chevalier E. Rosenbusch, D.G.M., stated that he fully endorsed all that had been said by his R.W. colleague, and that he should at any time esteem it a pleasure to be able to render any service to the “Wayfarers.” Bro. Austin, P.M. 158; Bro. S. G. Yeoman, W.M. 407; and Bro. G. Crabtree, W.M. United Brethren Lodge, tendered the “Hearty good wishes” of their respective lodges. Bro. Mattocks, P.M. 387, I.C., tendered the “Hearty good wishes” of the Irish Constitution. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a well furnished table, where, after due refreshment, many excellent speeches were made, which it would be impossible to notice adequately within the limits of the present article. Suffice it to say that R.W. Bro. Kingston, V.W. Bro. Rosenbusch, W. Bro. Coffey, W. Bro. Watson, and others, all spoke in most hopeful terms of the future of the “Wayfarers.” Much mirth was caused during the evening by the amusing tricks of a well known amateur legerdemainist, a brother of Lodge 349. It is intended that the Wayfarers Lodge shall consist solely of members of Her Majesty’s army.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford—where the meetings of this lodge are held—was the scene of a goodly muster of the Freemasons of South London on Monday, the 20th ult., when the Fifteen Sections were rehearsed, under the presidency of Bro. J. G. Milbourn, of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, and Preceptor of the Temperance Lodge of Instruction, who enjoys a well-earned reputation in the district as a diligent “worker.” Bro. Milbourn assumed the chair of W.M. punctually at the appointed hour—seven o’clock p.m.—and was supported by Bros. Griffin, P.M. 933, W.M. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, P.G.J.D. Kent, Preceptor and Treasurer of the lodge, as I.P.M.; Martin, I.G. 879, as S.W.; Catterson, W.M. 548, J. 79, S.E. 548, as J.W.; Gooding, 1536, as S.D.; Anderson, D.C. 1536, as J.D.; H. B. Taylor, 1531, as I.G.; and Gibson, 1531, Chap. 548, Hon. Sec. to the lodge. The brethren present included Bros. Davis, P.M. 13; Gloster, P.M. 1531; Jackson, P.M. 1475; Speight, P.M. and Sec. 147; Vohmann, P.M. 871; and Waterman, P.M. 147.

The Sections were worked as follows:—

FIRST DEGREE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Anderson, D.C. 1536.
2nd ” ...	” Taylor, 1531.
3rd ” ...	” Grice, 13.
4th ” ...	” Duffield, 879, 1571.
5th ” ...	” Akers, I.G. 13.
6th ” ...	” Gooding, 1536.
7th ” ...	” Martin, I.G. 879.
SECOND DEGREE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Gloster, P.M. 1531, J.W. 1326.
2nd ” ...	” Martin.
3rd ” ...	” Waterman, P.M. 147.
4th ” ...	” Linniker, J.D. 554.
5th ” ...	” Martin.
THIRD DEGREE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Tuck, Sec. 834, 1531, A.S. 1
2nd ” ...	” Griffin, P.M. (Preceptor).
3rd ” ...	” Gibson (Hon. Sec.)

The working was, in each and every Degree, highly creditable to all concerned, and the appreciation of the brethren present was signified by the record upon the minutes of the evening of votes of thanks to the W.M., S.W., and the brethren who assisted. Several visiting brethren having been elected joining members, the lodge was closed with the customary ceremonial.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The inauguration festival of this re-constituted lodge of instruction, recently removed from the north-west of London, was held on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., at Bro. Gabb's, the Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, under the presidency of Bro. G. Wale, the popular W.M. of the now highly prosperous mother lodge, by the sanction of which the new Masonic school is working.

A plain but excellent and succulent supper, provided by the esteemed host, who at present fills the office of S.W. of 902, was prefaced by the W.M. working, *pro forma*, opening and closing in the Three Degrees, assisted by the Wardens of the mother lodge, Bros. Gabb and Wilkins, with Bro. R. N. Field, P.M. 902, as I.P.M., Bros. Murrell and Cave, as Deacons, and Bro. Batty, 902, as Inner Guard. Eight brethren were unanimously elected as joining members during the preliminary meeting. At the social board we observed a goodly attendance of P.M.'s and members of the Burgoyne Lodge. The W.M. was supported by Bros. F. J. C. Taylor, P.M., Secretary of the lodge of instruction; Poynter, P.M., Treasurer of the parent lodge; R. N. Field, P.M.; Jefferys, P.M.; Wilkins, Fry, Windybank, Legg, Floyd, Cooper, and many other brethren. Bro. Gabb acted as croupier, ably supported by Bro. Batty, I.G. The usual toasts were given with terseness and commendable brevity, but great propriety, by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged. The evening was enlivened by some excellent solos and part singing by several of the brethren and companions, amongst whom should be noticed Bros. Gabb and Wilkins for their well rendered duets. Bro. Lestocq, the eminent comedian, present as a guest, contributed two admirable recitations, one "Monk" Lewis's thrilling delineation of confinement "under suspicion" of lunacy in the "bad old days," "The Captive;" the second, Hans Breittmann's humorous experiences of his first experiment in smoking, and the well-known old English song of the "The Mermaid," the stirring chorus to which was heartily rendered by the brethren. Bro. Field with much spirit rendered Leigh Hunts "Glove and the Lions."

Twenty-five brethren partook of the excellent fare provided, and from all that transpired we may venture to predict for this new increment in Masonic practice a long and prosperous career. The party separated at a little before eleven o'clock in perfect harmony, after having spent together a most enjoyable and fraternal evening.

Royal Arch.

BIRKENHEAD.—Fidelity Chapter (No. 477).—The annual installation of Principals in this chapter took place on Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street. The chapter was opened by Comp. Dutton, M.E.Z., and the following companions were afterwards installed by Comp. S. Jones, P.Z.: Comps. W. Bennett, M.E.Z.; F. Thompson, H.; A. K. Gardiner, J.; E. Evans, P.S.; W. Getbey, N.; S. Jones, P.Z., Scribe (re-elected for fourth time); D. Frazer, P.Z., Treasurer (re-elected for fourth time); and Marsh, D.C. Amongst the visitors were Comps. J. Salmon, P.Z. 721, P.P.G.S. Cheshire; Jesse Banning, P.Z. 310 and 124, P.P.G.P.S. West Lancashire; H. Ashmore, M.E.Z. 823; T. Gregory, H. 605; and I. Jacobs, 823.

The chapter having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, to an excellently served repast, of which Bro. Berry, of the Ranelagh Hotel, was the purveyor. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and during the evening Comp. Salmon presented to Comp. J. Dutton, who now is I.P.Z., a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel. Bros. Ashmore, Russell, and Jacobs greatly contributed to the after harmony of the proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street. The following members were present: Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M., P.G.J.O.; G. W. Thompson, S.W.; F. Harrison, J.W.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G. J.W., as M.O.; A. Walter, S.O.; J. Wilson, P.G. Steward, J.O.; J. Nicholson, P.M. and Treasurer, P.G. Treas.; W. Stoddart, Secretary; J. A. Raven, J.D.; T. Weatherston, I.G.; G. Curwen, J. O. Scott, T. Dixon, P. Wedgwood, E. G. Mitchell, J. W. Robinson, T. Mandie, P.M., P.G.M.O.; and P. Dodgson, P.M. The following visitors were also present from Faithful Lodge, No. 229: Bros. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., Chaplain; T. Mason, Secretary and R.M.; and W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.G. Sec. The only business was the formal installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Banks, who for the third time (twice successively) has been elected. The duty was performed by Bro. Nicholson, P.M., assisted by Bro. Gardiner, P.M., after which the following officers were invested: Bros. A. Walter, S.W.; J. W. Robinson, J.W.; W. Stoddart, M.O.; J. Wilson, S.O.; T. Weatherston, J.O.; F. Beeby, Chaplain; J. Nicholson, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); G. W. Thompson, Sec.; T. Millburn, R.M.; J. H. Raven, S.D.; J. O. Scott, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. C. Nicholson, D.C.; P. Wedgwood, I.G.; J. Cuthbertson and J. Kirk, Stewards; and J. Harrison, Tyler. The lodge being closed, the W.M., as usual, invited all to partake of tea, after which several toasts were drunk.

HAYWARD'S HEATH.—Southdown Lodge (No. 164).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Station Hotel, on Friday, the 24th ult., and, considered the installation meeting, but that ceremony was dispensed with, consequent of the re-election of the W.M., Bro. C. J. Smith, Prov. Grand Mark S.W. The attendance was not large, as many of the brethren are away for their summer change of air, &c., at this season of the year.

The lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and a ballot taken for Bro. R. Y. B. Powell, M.M.M. 75, who was unanimously elected a joining member. Present: Bros. C. J. Smith, W.M.; J. Pearson, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. Newman, S.W.; C. Golding, J.W.; H. W. Charrington, P.M., Prov. G.M. Sec., as M.O.; W. T. Clarke, P.G. Steward, P. Prov. Grand Mark Sec., as Sec.; T. Cable, J.D., as I.G.; and Thos. Hughes, Tyler.

The W.M. feelingly addressed the brethren, and thanked the lodge generally for the renewed honour conferred upon him, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Pearson, I.P.M.; C. W. Hudson, S.W.; Dr. Byass, J.W.; G. R. Lockyer, M.O.; J. Saxby, S.O.; T. Chandler, J.O.; F. Willard, Treasurer; C. Golding, Secretary; J. Braithwaite, D. of C.; J. Newman, R. of M.; T. Cable S.D.; W. T. Clarke, J.D.; H. W. Charrington, I.G.; and Thos. Hughes, Tyler. All business being ended, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Golding, proprietor of the hotel, to which full justice was done; also the usual toasts proposed, and eloquently responded to. Bro. Binckes, Grand Mark Sec., joined the happy party at banquet.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. James Smyth, W.M., P.G. Stwd. England, P.P.G.O. Kent, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been passed, Bro. Walter Ducker, 700, was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. Bro. W. Weston, P.P.G.O. Kent, W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.O. and G. Ass. Secretary, for the benefit of installation, and was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of Master. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Penfold, P.P.G.J.W. Kent, S.W.; H. Shaw, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, J.W.; Rev. C. Solbó, P.G. Chap. Kent, M.O.; W. Holleyman, P.P.G. Stwd. Kent, S.O.; W. A. Watkins, P.P.G. Stwd. Kent, J.O.; D. A. Capon, P.P.G. Stwd. Kent, Reg. of Mks.; H. Pryce, P.P.G. Reg. of Mks. Kent, Treas.; G. Kennedy, P.P.A.G. Sec. Kent, Sec.; W. B. Lloyd, S.D.; T. D. Hayer, J.D.; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, I.G.; W. Moulds, D.C.; G. Nichols, Asst. D.C.; T. Ovenden, Stwd.; and J. Bilton, Asst. Stwd. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. D. C. Coupland, P.M., G.M.O. Kent; Qrtmr. Sculley, P.P.G.I.G. Kent; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Smyth for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, and a unanimous vote of thanks was presented to Bro. D. M. Dewar for his services as Installing Officer.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Earl of Chatham Arms, where a superb banquet awaited them, and which having been discussed, the usual royal and Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The toast of "The Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," was coupled with the names of Bros. D. M. Dewar and Smyth, and in giving it the W.M. spoke highly of the services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Dewar, especially at its formation. It was said at the time, "Oh, there is nothing easier than to form a Mark lodge," but he could tell them that there were so many difficulties to be overcome that without the ceaseless aid of Bro. Dewar did not know whether there would have been an Excelsior Lodge at all, and now he thanked him both for this and for installing him that day as its W.M. Bro. Dewar said they must excuse him if he made but a short speech in reply, for the time for his departure had nearly arrived and he must be going. He felt the kind remarks that had been made by Bro. Weston exceedingly, and was proud to see the prosperity of the Excelsior Lodge. With reference to the Grand Officers he spoke with pleasure of the introduction of the Earl of Kintore, a Scotch Mason, and H.R.H. Prince Leopold among the ranks of the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge. The presence of the of the latter meant a great deal for Mark Masonry; it meant this, if it meant anything, that before long their illustrious brother, their Royal Grand Master of the Craft, would join them, and then the lustre of his name would make the Degree shine in the eyes of all good Masons, and increase its prestige immensely. Bro. Smyth also eloquently responded. The next toast was that of "Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, Prov. Grand Mark Master of Kent," and the W.M. in giving it said they might all remember with pride that their esteemed Grand Master presided over this lodge in November last, when, by special invitation, Grand Lodge was held there, and were the guests of the Excelsior Lodge. He asked them to drink the toast with honours; and this the brethren did most heartily. The toast of the rest of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, who on returning thanks spoke highly of Bro. Robinson's love for Mark Masonry. He adverted to the fact that the Excelsior Lodge had within its ranks more Grand Officers either Past or Present, than any other lodge in the province, and this he attributed to the pleasurable interest felt by their late lamented Grand Master, Bro. Sicklemore, in its progress, he having been present and assisted at its consecration. Bro. Smyth then proposed "The Health of Bro. Dewar, the Installing Officer," and highly eulogised that brother's efforts in the cause of Mark Masonry. Bro. Dewar briefly replied. The toast of "The W.M." was then proposed by Bro. Smyth, who reviewed his own career in Masonry and Bro. Weston's services, and spoke highly of the zeal and assiduity displayed and pains taken by Bro. Weston, not only to found the lodge but to keep it going. Bro. Weston in returning thanks, said he was invested the first S.W. of the lodge, but gave way to Bros. Coupland and Smyth, because he believed they would be better able to increase the prosperity of the lodge than himself. "The Past Masters" were then honoured, and Bros. Coupland and Smyth responded. "The Health of Bro. Ducker," the initiate, was drunk with enthusiasm, and in response that brother hoped ever to be worthy of the trust they had that day reposed in him. The toast of "The Officers" followed. Bro. Penfold, S.W., responded. The toast of "The *Freemason*" was coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who responded.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Capon for his excellent catering, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott has left town for Torquay, for the benefit of his health.

Scotland.

PROVINCE OF AYRSHIRE.

The Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, has determined to wipe off the reproach of being lodged in buildings unworthy of the grade of Freemasonry in Scotland. A movement has been inaugurated to raise funds for a hall with suitable accommodation for the members and the brethren of the province, and, as the sum required is only £2000, we may confidently hope to have in these columns to report that a day for the laying of the foundation-stone has been fixed, under distinguished auspices. The following is the circular which has been issued:—

"Mother Lodge,
"Kilwinning, 14th June, 1881.

"Sir and Brother,—

"Kilwinning must always be held in the highest veneration by every free and accepted brother as the cradle of Freemasonry in Scotland; the home of the Mother Lodge, and the centre whence throughout Scotland the mysteries of our ancient Order have been disseminated.

"To the brethren of Mother Kilwinning, whether now resident in Kilwinning or scattered far and wide, it has long been matter of concern that their hall, erected more than a century ago, is not only unsuited for the present wants of the Craft, but that it has from its present dilapidated condition become a reproach to the Order. This feeling has become intensified by the fact that while the Master of Mother Kilwinning is Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire, the Mother Lodge cannot supply in Kilwinning, the natural centre of Ayrshire Masonry, a hall with suitable accommodation for the members and the brethren of the province.

"With the view of having a building worthy of the ancient Order and of its hallowed memories—a building suitable to the increased demands of the Local and Provincial Lodge, and a building which will command the admiration of every Mason—the brethren of Mother Kilwinning appeal with confidence to every brother to whom the cause of Masonry is dear to assist them in this work. The estimated cost will be about £2000, and the brethren at their last annual meeting appointed the following Committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of raising the necessary funds:—

"Bro. R. W. COCHRAN-PATRICK, of Woodside, L.L.D., M.P., Right Worshipful Master of Mother Kilwinning and P.G. Master for Ayrshire.

"The Rev. ALEXANDER INGLIS, P.G. Chaplain, Kilmaurs.

"WILLIAM F. SHAW, Proxy Senior Warden, 39, Stockwell-street, Glasgow.

"JAMES THOMSON, F.R.S., 3, Abbotsford-place, Glasgow.

"ROBERT WYLIE, P.G. Secretary, Kilwinning.

"PATRICK BURNS, P.G. Treasurer, Banker, Kilwinning,

by whom, or any of the other members of Committee, your kind contribution will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged.

"I am, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
"ROBERT WYLIE, Secretary."

Obituary.

BRO. J. E. MIDDLETON, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. John Edmund Middleton, which took place at the city of York, where he had resided during the past six or eight months, on Monday, the 20th ult., at the age of sixty-eight. Bro. Middleton was an old member of the Craft, having been initiated in the Britannia Lodge, No. 162 (now 139), Sheffield, on the 16th March, 1842, and was exalted in the Paradise Chapter attached to the same lodge on the 23rd June, 1843. After remaining in the neighbourhood of Sheffield for a short period he went to Colombo and resided abroad for some years, returning to England about 1854, when he again took up his abode in Sheffield, and was located there and in the neighbouring town of Rotherham until the year 1868. He then removed to London, where he joined the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, in which he served the office of W.M. in 1874-5, and the same year was appointed Grand Steward, and acted as such on the occasion of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master at the Albert Hall on the 28th April, 1875. He was also Secretary to the Board of Grand Stewards during his year, and in recognition of his services in that capacity a gold P.C.S. jewel was presented to him by the Board. Bro. Middleton was also a member of the Premier Chapter St. James', No. 2, and was elected and installed M.E.Z. for the year 1880, and on his retirement from that office he was presented with a handsome gold P.Z. jewel by the companions of that chapter. Our late brother took a warm interest in the charities of the Order, was a Life Governor of the three Institutions and on several occasions served the office as Steward. For several months before his death Bro. Middleton was in failing health, but only the day previous to that event he spent the evening at the house of a relative in York, his death occurring most unexpectedly a few hours afterwards. His remains were interred in the York Cemetery on Thursday, the 23rd ult., in the presence of his relatives, Mr. Alderman Rooke, Bro. Mark Rooke, W.M. of the York Lodge, No. 236, and others.

BRO. EDWARD FEARON.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Edward Fearon, at St. Bees, on Sunday last, after a lingering illness. He was a P.M. and P.Z. of Lodge and Chapter 119, Whitehaven, P.P.G.D.C. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, a P.S. of Dykes Conclave, No. 36, Knights of Rome and Constantine, and a member of Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, M.M.M. The last three or four years of Bro. Fearon's life, we regret to say, were a series of misfortunes, the consequence being that he has left a widow and nine children totally unprovided for.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Lord Leigh (in the absence of the Duke of Manchester in New Zealand) and General Sir Charles Daubenev, K.C.B., attended at Kensington Palace on Tuesday last as a deputation from the Chapter of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, and presented the Duchess of Teck with the insignia and diploma of a Dame Chevalière, Her Royal Highness afterwards signing the "Homage Roll" of the Order.

The St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, which meets at The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, is closed till the first Thursday in September.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, the ex-Lord Mayor of London, and a native of Truro, was sworn a justice of the peace for the county at the Cornwall Quarter Session, on Tuesday last, at Truro.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, in seconding a resolution, at a public meeting at Willis's Rooms, on behalf of the building fund for the new department of King's College, London, for the higher education of women, said the questions of the education and status of women were dealt with by Plato in a very remarkable treatise which had come down to our own times, and he laid down the proposition that the faculties of men and women were precisely alike, and from that he drew various inferences which were well worthy of consideration at the present time. The education of women must advance, and the only questions were—Who was to give it, and of what kind it was to be? Even religion itself would not justify any system of education which would lead to a surrender of home duties.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold having expressed a wish to join the Royal Zoological Society, the Council have admitted His Royal Highness to be a Fellow by special resolution, and have placed his name on the roll of members.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey will be held at the Star and Garter, Richmond, this day (Saturday) at four o'clock, and not at Hampton Court, as previously announced.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold arrived in Nottingham on Monday evening last, on a four days' visit to Bro. the Duke of St. Albans. The Prince's visit was in connection with the opening of the University Buildings at Nottingham, on Thursday, in which ceremony he took a leading part.

Bro. James A. Garfield, President of the United States of America, was born in Orange, Ohio, November 19, 1831. He was made a Mason in Magnolia Lodge, in Columbus, Ohio, but is now a member of the Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, of the District of Columbia. He is also a member of Columbia R.A. Chapter, No. 1, of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, of Knights Templar, and of Mithras Lodge of Perfection, 14th, in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, all of Washington, D.C.—*The Liberal Freemason.*

Bro. the Earl Percy, P.G.M. Northumberland, having resigned, the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham, has been elected in his stead, and has accepted the appointment of President of the National Artillery Association.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has contributed 100 guineas to the National Memorial to the Earl of Beaconsfield.

Bro. Alderman Knight and Mrs. Knight held an "At Home" at Elms-side, Hampton, on Wednesday last.

Bro. John Clabon presided at the second dinner given by the members of the Incorporated Law Society to Provincial Law Societies, which was held on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., in the Hall of the Incorporated Law Society. The dinner was served by Messrs. Ring and Brymer.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. Cornwall, has presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge a photograph of the silver trowel used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new cathedral, Truro, last year, and also a photograph of himself. The photographs will be hung on the walls of the Phoenix room as the lodge of the province.

Bro. Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B. was installed W.M. of the Dundas Lodge, No. 1255, Plymouth, at the last meeting of that lodge by W. Bro. C. Godtschalk, P.P.G.D.

Bros. Major T. Davies Sewell and Wallford, C.C., were present at the conversazione of the Society of Fine Arts at Suffolk-street, on Thursday, the 23rd ult.

Bro. H. F. Whitefield was elected W.M. of the Fort Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 206, Newquay, at the last meeting of the lodge.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton has taken a house in Cromwell-road, Kensington, his former residence being in Queen Ann's Mansions, Westminster.

Bros. Alderman Hanson, Sir John Monckton, and Benjamin Scott read papers at the last meeting of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Association, held in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, preached the annual sermon to the Master, Wardens, and members of the Merchant Taylors' Company, at St. Helen's Church, Bishopsgate, on Friday last.

Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., was presented at the levee held by the Prince of Wales, by Lord Kensington; and Bro. Lieut. J. J. Boswell, C.B., 2nd Sikhs by the Secretary of State for India.

Bro. Henry Wright, the Hon. Secretary of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society has issued an interesting Report on the present condition of the City Churches and Churchyards. The Society is congratulated on the fact that since its formation the destruction of City Churches has happily ceased, but consider there is still much work for the Society to do.

We are requested to state that the Consecration of the Montague Guest Lodge, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields, on Wednesday next, will take place at four o'clock.

Bro. George R. Sims has written, and Mr. John P. Fuller, of Wine-office-court, Fleet-street, has published, a work entitled *The Theatre of Life*, being a series of interesting sketches, written in a graphic style, and not devoid of the elements of sensation.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall and the Lady Mayoress took part, with other ladies, in laying the memorial stones of a new chapel in Rodney-road, Locksfields, on Thursday last.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been elected Queen's Trustee of the British Museum, and it is stated that he will be put on the Standing Committee.

Bros. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P., and Boord, M.P., addressed a Conservative meeting at Deptford on Saturday afternoon last.

Bro. Alderman Hanson has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the Tower Hamlets.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught being prevented by an attack of hay asthma from attending the Grand Day banquet of Trinity Term of Gray's Inn, sent to say that he would be most happy to be elected a bencher.

Bro. William Sugg, of Vincent-street, Westminster, and Mr. William Wimple, of 9, Queen-Victoria-street, have been elected on the court of the Glass Sellers, Company.

The very beautiful monument in Sicilian marble, erected to the memory of Bro. Charles Cooté, P.M. and Treas. 205, P.M. and founder 1319, P.Z.; Treasurer and founder 1319, and P.Z. 753, will be unveiled by Mrs. Edward Swanborough, on the 6th July, 1881, at 1.30 p.m. It consists of an Irish cross with a Past-Master Mason's jewel, surrounded with forget-me-nots, lilies of the valley, and ivy leaves carved on the face of same, and standing in a rock of marble with Masonic emblems, and ivy carved thereon, and a marble pedestal with the following inscription: In Memoriam Charles Cooté, died March 6th 1880, aged 71. This monument was erected by his Masonic and other friends as a mark of affection and esteem. The lower portion being a marble slab, and post with iron bars, and a large massive landing of Yorkshire stone, on which the whole is fixed. The monument standing nine feet in height. This chaste and beautiful memorial was designed and executed by the well known monumental mason, Bro. E. M. Lander, of Kensal Green. Chairman of Committee, Bro. Edward Swanborough; Honorary Secretary, Bro. J. M. Chamberlin; Honorary Treasurer, Bro. James Weaver.

The Committee of the Lieutenantcy of the Board of London, of which Bro. Sir W. A. Rose was Chairman, have passed a vote of condolence, which has been forwarded to Lady Rose.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., has been elected to the office of prime warden of the Glass-sellers' Company.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Thursday, July 7th, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, vicar of St. Helen's Bishopsgate, with St. Martin's Outwich, was admitted, on August 7th, 1879, to the honorary freedom and livery of the Turners' Company, as his certificate testifies, "in recognition of his high attainments in literature, music, and archaeology, of his unwearied efforts in the cause of charity, and of his long services as a clergyman in the city of London." He was then successively nominated as the master's chaplain until May 26th last, when by an unanimous vote of the court, he was appointed honorary chaplain of the company, a handsome jewel being presented to him, bearing the following inscription: "Rev. John Edmund Cox, D.D., admitted on the livery August 7th, 1879. John Jacob Holtzapfelli, master; David William Greenough (upper), Thomas Boorman Winson (reuter), wardens; in the mayoralty of Sir George Whetham. Elected honorary chaplain May 26th, 1881.

Bro. Alderman Hadley, as master the Broiderers' Company, presided at a dinner at the Albion on Tuesday, 23rd inst.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold (Duke of Albany), presided, on Tuesday, 23rd inst., at the annual dinner of the Wiltshire Society, held at the Albion. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., was amongst the company present.

An emergency meeting of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 4th of July.

Bro. Lord Kensington has almost recovered from his recent indisposition, and resumed the performance of his official duties in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P.'s, portrait is published in the last number of *Vanity Fair*.

Bro. Macrae Moir is the Chairman of the Great Western Farm Dairies Company (Limited).

Bro. James Terry, Prov. S.G.W. Northamptonshire and Hunts, P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 238, 1766, 1366, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation at the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1366, held at the Boston Hotel, Junction-road, Upper Holloway, on Thursday, July 7th, 1881, at seven o'clock.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, Bro. Alderman Hanson, and Bro. Horace Jones, each read most interesting papers at the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society's Meeting, held at the Guildhall on Wednesday last. The Lord Mayor presided. The subjects treated were "Sir William Ashhurst, Lord Mayor in 1694," by Alderman Hanson. "The Guildhall," by Horace Jones, and "The Charities of the Corporation," by Sir J. B. Monckton.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess, opened the New Infirmary of the Parish of St. Marylebone, at Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, on Wednesday last.

Bro. W. S. Gover, C.C., took the chair on Friday evening last, at the tenth anniversary meeting of the Aged Pilgrims' Asylum at Hornsey-rise.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, opened the New University Buildings, at Nottingham, on Thursday last.

Bro. Emra Holmes' biography appears in the June number of the "Biograph."

General Tidings.

Mr. Edwin Booth, the celebrated actor, arrived in New York on Wednesday last.

The far-famed Rye House, at Hoddesdon, on the banks of the Lea, will be sold by auction in a few days.

The members of the Royal Academy will meet on Wednesday, July 13th, to elect a R.A. to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Redgrave.

GREAT EASTERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY (LIMITED).—The directors announce that they have decided to offer the Great Eastern s.s. for sale by public auction in October, unless she is previously disposed of by private treaty.

An omnibus worked by electricity is the latest novelty in Berlin. It is announced to ply over a distance of about two miles and a half, which will be run in twelve minutes and a half.

A curious and very complete collection of autographs, the property of an Englishman, was brought to the hammer at the Hôtel Drouot, Paris, last week, the total proceeds of the day's sale amounted to 23,246fr.

Mr. John Burr has been elected to the presidency of the Association of British Artists, in succession to Mr. Alfred Clint. Mr. Burr has been for several years Vice-President of the Society.

A fire broke out on Wednesday night at Messrs. Colman's mustard works, Norwich. It was confined to the packing warehouse, a seven-storey building, but it is estimated that the damage is about £30,000. Messrs. Colman are fully insured.

It is now announced that the review of Scotch volunteers by the Queen will take place in Edinburgh on Wednesday, the 24th, or Thursday, the 25th of August. It is expected that Her Majesty will be accompanied by one or more members of the Royal Family, and that she will stay a few days in Edinburgh. Preparations are going on at Holyrood for the reception of Her Majesty.

A prize of one hundred pounds will be paid by "The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States (London office, 81, Cheapside, E.C.), to the author of the best essay on the subject named below; and twenty-five pounds to the author of the second best essay. Conditions. Essay (not to exceed, when printed, the length of thirty-two octavo pages of long primer type) to be sent to the undersigned not later than October 1, 1881, unsigned, but marked with a nom de plume, or number, by means of which identity may be secured. Endorsed outside, "Prize Essay Contest." The society reserves the right of awarding a third prize of ten pounds to any writer recommended by the "Selection Committee," as having produced an essay of merit, although it may not have conformed entirely to the preceding conditions.

An excellent concert was given by Herr Heino Hugo on Thursday, 23rd ult. Mdme. Dukas Van Noorden sang "The Old Story" (Blumenthal) in most exquisite fashion. Her expression and power gave a freshness to the song, even to those who have heard it many, many times. Herr Heino Hugo, who makes his appearance among us for the first time, was at his best in Mozart's "Non Più Andrai." He possesses great control over a powerful and highly cultivated voice, but he certainly lacks sweetness or melody. Of Mdme. Liebart, who sang "Silence in Tears" and "Wenn du in Traume," it is needless to say anything beyond recording the fact that she has lost nothing either of her old sweetness and strength, and Herr Joseph Ludwig, as a violinist, is too widely known and appreciated to require any comment on his rendering of "Ballad" and "Polonaise" (Vieuxtemps), and Ernst's "Elegie." Mdme. Carlotta Wilmers also appeared at this concert. She is a beautiful young lady, who will develop into a most sweet and powerful songstress, when she can throw off the nervousness, natural to her now, so young and professionally inexperienced.

New South Wales.

SYDNEY.—Robert Burns Lodge (No. 817).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 14th of March, the W.M. in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting and also those of an emergent meeting held on the 8th March were read and confirmed. The ballots for two candidates were deferred on account of the absence of the proposer and seconder, which fact provoked a very long discussion on the question of proposing persons for initiation in Freemasonry. The candidates were unknown to any of the members present, and however estimable or otherwise they might have been, nothing could be done towards their acceptance or rejection. One brother was accepted as a joining member. Two members were passed. A circular was read from a number of Masons in Ireland soliciting aid for the widow of a deceased brother, but as the appeal was not authenticated in any way the consideration of it was deferred to the next meeting to enable the W.M. to make enquiries respecting it. Several propositions were made, and the lodge was closed. A slight repast followed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, July 9, 1881.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, JULY 4.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
 Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M. Tav.
 " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
 " 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
 Festival Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
 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.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
 West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
 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.
 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, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Canonbury, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, JULY 5.

Colonial Board, at 4.
 Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 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 Fred. 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.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, 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, Morgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 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-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.
 Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
 " 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
 " 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound H., Hampton Crt.
 K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
 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, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
 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, 8.
 United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, St. Long Acre, at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
 Ranclagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., N.V., at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
 " 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Longfield-rd., Wimbledon.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Milford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, M.H., S, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.

LOGES 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.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 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 8.30.
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 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.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)

FRIDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
 Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
 Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES 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.
 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.
 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.
 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.

SATURDAY, JULY 9.

Quar. Gen. Court Girls' School.
 Lodge 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
 " 1637, Unity, Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore.
 " 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Mark 234, Buxton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, July 9, 1881.

MONDAY, JULY 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
 " 1204, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.

TUESDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side, Manchr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
 Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
 De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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

Amusements.

GAIETY THEATRE.—Again another leaf has been added to the crown of laurels so deservedly earned by Mdlle. Bernhardt. Those who have known her in the parts of *Ernani*, the *Sphinx*, and *Frou-Frou* could have formed but a slight conception of the fund of versatility lying dormant within her. In tragedy her power had already been acknowledged as sublime; in the part of the guilty wife in "Frou-Frou," torn by a hundred emotions in rapid succession; but it was only in a play so thoroughly French as "La Dame aux Camelias" that the varied fickleness of the courtesan could be held up to view in all its horrible ghastliness. The Lord Chamberlain did well to sanction the performance of such a piece, for nobody could witness it without coming away from the theatre impressed with a sense of horror at the inevitable consequences of reckless vice. Those who were present at the performances of 1879, when Mdlle Bernhardt was so ably supported by the company of the Comédie Française, cannot but regret the unfortunate separation which has taken place between the great tragedienne and her former allies. But it must be confessed that Mdlle. Bernhardt has been well supported in the important rôle of "La Dame aux Camelias." M. Landrol, as *M. Duval père*, was appropriately dignified, and his appeals to *Marguerite* not to mar the prospects of his daughter by a marriage with his son were fully appreciated. The part is carefully written. *M. Duval* is not an old fool, he is a man of the world, and his argument that after all his son will only abandon *Marguerite*, should the liaison or marriage take place, is forcibly represented in the libretto, and was ably interpreted by the actor. Too much praise cannot be accorded M. Angelo, who, as the headstrong *Armand Duval*, rushes blindly on to his own ruin, heedless of all save his love for the unfortunate *Marguerite*. His display of the emotions of rage, jealousy, and yet intense affection, were indeed ably brought out, and M. Angelo may be congratulated on having made a most favourable impression on an English audience. Messrs. Ch. Pascal, Bativer, Corbin, Candé, Bernes, Pascal père, and Ismael, together with Mesdames Angèle, Duchesne, Berge, Vignault, and Achard, were all excellent in their respective parts, and we might well on the English stage imitate the capital method of our French neighbours in acting up to the person they are addressing instead of gazing blankly at the audience, as is too often seen even in our best theatres. But having said this much about the company, how can we properly describe the one bright star who for three years past has brought such light and radiance on our London season? Mdlle. Bernhardt may fairly be said to have excelled herself this year as compared with her previous performances. We would particularly draw attention to the natural manner in which—the disease from which she is suffering making rapid advances—the poor *Marguerite* stops short in the act of dancing and pants out "J'etouffe un peu," and soon after, when her friends have left the room, she murmurs on looking at herself in the glass, "Comme je suis pâle. Ah!" These are the first regrets which are expressed for the past, and are enunciated with a bitterness that suggests but little hope for the future. This appears to us to be the turning point of the play. The reckless gaiety of bye-gone days is forgotten in a moment when the sufferer realises her true condition. And this leads on to the concession to *M. Duval père* that the heartless *Marguerite* will sacrifice for once her own selfish will to secure the happiness of his beloved daughter—"car'c'est à elle que je veux sacrifier mon bonheur." How far this promise is kept is seen in the next act, when all her old affection is revived at the sight of *Armand*. The end of the play, the death of *Marguerite*, was a superb piece of acting, and literally drew tears from the eyes of the audience. Before these lines are in print Mdlle. Bernhardt will have left our shores. All who have seen and heard her brilliant performances during the last fortnight must feel that they owe her a deep debt of gratitude for the pleasure she has once more afforded them, and must unite in the heartfelt wish for her future happiness and success.

OPERA 'COMIQUE.—"Patience" is in as great favour as ever, and the playgoing and music-loving public are as impatient to see what "Patience" is like as ever. Seats are being booked eight weeks in advance. Why won't they book dress circle seats, I wonder, only stalls? It is not a little strange that Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan have neglected to secure the American right in their latest production. I know of two gentlemen in New York who are going to speculate on this.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.—"The Colonel" is drawing big houses here. No dress circle seats to be had till the 10th of July. "The Colonel" is poor stuff, quite bad in fact, but it attracts a certain set. The intense ones derive a kind of satisfaction, I suppose, in seeing themselves mirrored on the stage, although the mirror is only the concave of a bright metal spoon.

THE STRAND THEATRE.—"Olivette," charming "Olivette!"—may she be stranded here for ever—increases in popularity and in public favour every week. The man or woman who has not seen "Olivette" cannot be said to have completed his or her musical education.

THE HAYMARKET THEATRE.—With "Society" and "Good for Nothing," this theatre has no complaint to make as to the sun shining.

THE OLYMPIC THEATRE.—There has been a falling off at this theatre since "Love's Sacrifice" took the place of "Ninon." By the way, what could have induced Mr. Wills to turn this once exquisite drama, as produced at the Adelphi, into a tragedy, as it is now?

THE ROYALTY THEATRE.—This theatre has been doing but very indifferent business, although "The Member for Slocum," by clever G. R. Sims, is the funniest piece to be seen in London.

THE CRITERION THEATRE.—"Butterfly Fever" is not doing badly, yet this comedy is exceedingly poor in its English dress, shabby to a degree; only the vivacity of Mr. Charles Wyndham keeps it alive. Take him out of it and the fever will abate, and the butterfly die within the hour.