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WE are informed, on good authority, that Archbishop McCABE in a recent Charge has attributed all the evils of revolution, all the changes of political struggles, and has attributed all the uneasiness and even "Nihilism" which are at present afloat, to Freemasons and Freemasonry. He places, as far as he can do, "under the ban of the Church" all Freemasons, everywhere! Poor Freemasons! And yet, we think, we are justified in saying that not a single member of our Order is in any way affected by this terrific discharge of maledictory artillery. Even those worthy Roman Catholic brethren of ours,—for Freemasonry boasts many such,—and who are doubly condemned, do not seem to "heed" this too common "outcome" just now of ignorant intolerance and rampant bigotry. We speak strongly because we feel so. What can be a greater farce? What must be a more intense mockery than this outpouring of unjust, ill-informed and self-constituted judges of Freemasons and Freemasonry, against a Society whose first principles they have not even mastered,—whose acts and results they complacently ignore? Indeed, we sometimes feel that such an expression of vindictive reprobation is not only very unfitting, but very impertinent, on the part of those who are in no way justified or competent to express such condemnation, and whose "definitive sentence" is openly contrary to the express provisions of their own vaunted "Canon law." All such "leather and prunella," for it is nothing more, really and truly constitute a mournful parody on the "dogmata" of any religious body which professes to offer to fallen man the Divine message of mercy, sympathy, pity and charity. That in some cases Freemasons abroad are foolish in speech, and perverse in act, we do not think it worth while to contend, nor do we even seek to deny; but in Great Britain, as is well-known to Archbishop McCABE and all industrious incriminators of Freemasonry, Freemasons are an emphatically loyal and peaceable Order, manfully supporting, as in Ireland, law and good government, opposing sedition and revolution under all circumstances. To show the effect of such unwise proceedings even abroad, the result of such harsh speeches, and such childish censures, a young Roman Catholic Freemason, whom we ourselves know, finding himself openly and personally excommunicated simply because he was a Freemason, has left a religious communion which so tramples under foot deliberately and completely every principle of toleration and justice, fair dealing and truth. Archbishop McCABE deserves grave reprehension from all who value honesty, reality, kindly good will and common sense, in that, ignoring the past and ignorant of the present, he seeks to brand with unhallowed stigma our beneficent and loyal and kindly-hearted Fraternity. Luckily, Freemasonry cares little for such attack or such assailants; and perhaps, after all, the best course for us to do is to leave them all to the "limbo" of silence and contempt.

WE call attention elsewhere to a little review of a "facsimile sheet" anent ELIAS ASHMOLE, which, interesting itself, serves to show in what direction careful students are now moving—the happy and long-needed path of accurate and consistent investigation. For much yet remains to be "overhauled," more to be "unearthed," before we can fairly say we have marked the "prolegomena of actual Freemasonry." When the history of Freemasonry comes to be written,—and we may live to see more than one,—we think that

common justice and fairness will require that due praise be accorded to that little band of Masonic students, which for years past, "in season and out of season," has raised the cry of "fact, not fiction." To them, one and all, corporally and individually, separately and collectively, we owe some gratitude, we venture to think, for often unvalued labours and unrequited exertions. To them—the "pioneers" of Masonic investigation—we in England especially are indebted for the fact, that we can boast an English Masonic Critical School, and which, we feel bound to add, is second to none in zeal, accuracy, and acumen. The *Freemason* has from the first hailed all such efforts and commended all such enquiries in that, favourable to "light," in the true spirit of Freemasonry, it has felt it ever to be its bounden duty to encourage all such investigations as tend to the elucidation of the mysterious annals of our Order, and to smooth away those difficulties which still constitute a clinging "crux," alike to the Masonic believer and student—a subject of ridicule to the non-Masonic sceptic, and the ill-informed antagonist.

THE "Bore" is an institution of society whose existence we all recognize and at whose presence we all tremble. Against his attacks we are absolutely defenceless, and often our only resource is patient resignation to an infliction we all equally deplore but we have no possibility of avoiding. Even Freemasonry is not free from such a state of things, and though, owing to less frequent opportunities of meeting, the habits and proceedings of the "bore" are less trying than in normal society; still he has it in his power, and we need not doubt but that he persistently and exultingly uses such power, to inflict considerable annoyance and pain on his "brethren in Masonry." Such is the Mason of one idea, which he will ventilate whenever he has a chance; such is the brother with a grievance, which he will dilate upon, more or less connectedly in every society and on every occasion when he thinks he can find an opportunity of doing so; such is the orator who will speak when every one else is fully satisfied with the "feast of reason and the flow of soul;" such is the member of the lodge who will bring forward motion upon motion, though he has not the remotest chance evidently of carrying one or the other. The memory of our readers will supply them, we venture to think, with more than one pregnant illustration of the truth of our description, and the reality of the evil, and the nuisance—an unmitigated evil and nuisance, especially in Freemasonry, which we think it right to denounce and deprecate to-day.

THE last number of the "Masonic Magazine" is a very interesting one for various reasons, and the contents contain a great deal of important information for Masonic students as well as instruction for Masonic readers. We understand also that the number for October will contain some most interesting articles.

OUR readers will see that a correspondence has arisen relative to a Masonic Archæological Association, and the possibility of either reviving an old one or forming a new one. Of the need and desirability of such an Institution we have no doubt, and that it will do a great deal of good to Freemasonry in England is, we also think, beyond question. That there is also plenty of matter for Masonic students to consider, both as regards the history and archæology of our Order, has long been well-known to those who have looked into the subject however lightly. But when we say this we do not shut our eyes to many special difficulties, and before we commence a new Institution, if we do so, we ought, we think, to have some account of the older one. It existed, as we know; it held meetings; it elected life members; it received subscriptions; but what has become of it? As far as we know, no account of its proceedings, no list of its members, no balance-sheet of its account have ever been published. It may be that the best course to follow for those who wish to form an Archæological Association is to commence "de novo" entirely; but for fear that "abortive efforts" and "unsuccessful results" in the same direction previously should prejudice a new Institution, we have thought it well to say what we have said in all frankness and friendliness, and we await any explanations which any one is good enough to offer, as we feel certain that all will admit both the propriety of our suggestions and the fairness of our remarks.

CONSECRATION OF THE GALLERY LODGE.

The inauguration of a thoroughly representative lodge is always a matter of interest, and it is therefore not a matter for surprise that the establishment of a lodge representing an important section of the "Fourth Estate" of the realm should have been a subject of comment and inquiry during the season now drawing to a close. It is now our gratifying duty to record that the Parliamentary reporters for the press who, during the session are associated night after night in the dreary work of watching the debates, and putting into an intelligible shape speeches that proceed from the mouths of members often in a very mixed condition, are now drawn still closer together by the ties of Masonic brotherhood. The Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, when the ceremony of consecration was performed by the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, assisted by the V.W. Bros. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., P.M., Grand Chaplain of England, and the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, Past Grand Chaplain of England, as Consecrating Chaplains; the W. Bros. Capt. Nathaniel George Phillips, Past Grand Deacon of England, as S.W.; Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon of England, as J.W.; Frank Richardson, P.M., P.G.D. of England, Director of Ceremonies; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary of England, as I.G.; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler of England, as Tyler. There were also present as visitors W. Bros. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; R. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer of England; J. Sampson Peirce, G.D. of England; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; J. Allen, P.M. 1297; G. J. Dunkley, 1777; J. J. Brinton, 1329; R. W. Godard, P.M. 1604; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1777; E. J. Wallis, P.M. 173; J. S. Vine, 87; L. F. Littell, W.M. 1827; A. Helt, 1744; M. Keith Frith, 1839; R. J. Griffiths, 1293; F. Jewson, 1827; R. R. Davies, P.M. 256; H. Coulter, P.M. 52; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; and W. Lake, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The names of the Consecrating Master and those Grand Officers who assisted him guaranteed the able performance of the ceremonies of consecration and installation, and it was generally admitted that the work could not have been done in a more perfect or impressive manner than it was executed on Saturday by Col. Clerke and his assistant Grand Officers. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, and the anthems and chants, rendered by Bros. Ashton, Carter, Seymour Smith, and Lawler, added to the impressiveness of the solemn rites.

When the final benediction had been given by the Chaplain, the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Henry Massey, P.M. 619, the W.M. designate, was introduced to the Installing Master, and having been duly obligated, was thereafter formally installed into the chair of K.S., and at once proceeded to invest his principal officers designated in the warrant, viz., Bros. H. E. F. Bussey, S.W., and T. Minstrell, J.W. Bro. W. M. Duckworth was elected Treasurer, but being absent his investiture was postponed. The appointment of the other officers was as follows: Bros. C. B. Cooke, Secretary; McIntyre, S.D.; J. D. left open until next meeting; R. J. Albery, I.G.; and J. Very, Tyler.

The Installing Master having delivered to the W.M., the other officers, and the lay brethren the customary orations, and a large number of brethren having been proposed for joining or initiation, the lodge was closed in due form, and the company adjourned to the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, for dinner.

When the cloth had been withdrawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the musical brethren enlivening the proceedings with ballads, glees, and part songs between the speeches.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," the W.M. referred to the ability of the Grand Master and the experience he had acquired. He (Bro. Massey) had the honour of seeing His Royal Highness installed as Grand Master—a sight which those who witnessed it would never forget—and also of seeing him take his first chair at one of our Charity festivals. He considered that His Royal Highness being at the head of the Craft had done a great deal to elevate it in the estimation of some of those who did not think much of it before.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. held that he need say very little. They could not be improved, they did everything so well. The Earl of Carnarvon attended the duties of Grand Lodge, and the Earl of Lathom generally attended also, and was ever ready to preside where a President was wanted. As regarded the rest of the Grand Officers, their fame was in all the earth. Nothing he could say would add one jot to their talents or their skill, but so long as the Gallery Lodge existed the Grand Officers would have the gratitude and esteem of its members. For his own part, he could not thank them sufficiently for their very great kindness and great consideration.

Bro. Col. BURDETT, P.G.M. Middlesex, returned thanks, and in doing so, said he could hardly say more than the W.M. had said. The Grand Officers were always ready to assist with their services and advice. The Grand Officers were pleased to assist in consecrating the Gallery Lodge—a lodge which, he felt sure, would make its mark in Masonry hereafter, embracing as it did some of the most important persons in the kingdom—the representatives of the Press, who report our speeches so ably that, when we see them in print the next day, we are surprised to see what talent we have displayed.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, I claim your attention for a few moments while I propose "The Health of the Consecrating Master." The brethren here present little know how much they are indebted to that Grand Officer who has performed that ceremony to-day. We are under great obligations to many brethren for their assistance, but more especially to our Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke for the honour of obtaining our warrant, because the Grand Master has not been granting warrants for London lodges for a long time. It is only under very exceptional circumstances that they can be obtained, and I believe it is not without great difficulty that we have got ours. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke consented very kindly to come and consecrate this lodge, putting himself, I know, to great inconvenience in doing so, for he had arranged to go out of town for a few days for a well-deserved holiday. The brethren of this lodge, therefore, may feel themselves highly flattered—first, that they have got their warrant, and, secondly, that they have got Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to consecrate the lodge. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke has also been assisted by several brethren to whom we are also much indebted for their aid. In passing the resolution electing the Consecrating Master and his assistants honorary members of the lodge, one or two names were accidentally omitted. The error will be rectified at our

next meeting, and I trust the oversight will be pardoned. I will also express the hope that the brethren so elected will not consider that election an empty compliment, but will frequently honour us with their presence, and they may rely on receiving notices of our meetings like any other of our members.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE: Worshipful Master, brethren of the Gallery Lodge, and brethren, I rise to thank you, sir, for the very flattering speech in which you have mentioned my name, and for the very flattering way in which you, brethren, have received it. It is a great satisfaction to me to come to-day. As you said, sir, there have not been many warrants for London lodges granted lately, but I am glad to see the Grand Master has been pleased to grant this warrant, because I was sure the brethren who applied for it will form a thoroughly representative lodge. It is a great pleasure and gratification to me to be here to-day, and at any time my advice or services may be required I hope that they will call upon me to assist them. Passing on from personal remarks, which are to me distasteful, I must refer to an omission made in the toasts set down on the printed card, but in doing so it is my privilege to repair the omission, and propose to you the health of that Worshipful Brother who has been installed to-day in the chair of K.S.; who has ruled a lodge in former days, and who, in assuming the gavel, will assume his powers of discipline as before, and wield that gavel with justice; and on the part of all those who are not members we wish him prosperity in the new Masonic career he has commenced—"To the Newly-Installed Master of the Gallery Lodge of Freemasons."

The CHAIRMAN: Bro. Clerke and brethren, it is very difficult indeed to respond to the toast of the W.M. I have been in that position once before, but did not desire it again. However, when I was asked if I would go into the chair again, I consented, and resolved to do my duty to the best of my ability, and I trust to do it to the satisfaction of the brethren. I beg to thank you for the toast proposed by Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Assistant Consecrating Officers," drawing special attention to those whose names had been accidentally omitted in the resolution passed in lodge, viz., Bros. F. Richardson, Rev. A. Hall, and Buss.

Bro. AMBROSE HALL returned thanks.

"The Health of the Visitors" was next proposed, the W.M. calling upon the first visitor who signed the book to reply, and

Bro. JOHN ALLEN, P.M. 1297, an old gallery hand, responded.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. RICHARDSON.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge." Few knew what these brethren had done in promoting this lodge. It was started entirely by Bro. Duckworth and Bro. Albery. The brethren had very properly selected Bro. Duckworth to be their Treasurer; they could not have any one better fitted for the office, for he had the greatest horror of owing any money. Bro. Cooke, who had been appointed Secretary, had also worked very hard to bring the lodge to its consecration. But while mentioning Bro. Duckworth and Bro. Cooke he must add that many others had worked hard and taken a great interest in the lodge.

Bro. DUCKWORTH: Being the Treasurer of this lodge I am anxious to make a speech. I am a very bad speaker. I write too much of other people's speeches. As regards this lodge, I say to the men most interested in supporting it that the Gallery was, and is, an undoubtedly historic association of men. We have all sorts of associations in the Gallery, but there are no associations of a Masonic nature, and although Freemasons are a world-wide body of men, it is pre-eminently an English Institution. As regards this lodge, it started under great advantages, and so far has been a remarkable success. The best test of that is the opinion of the Treasurer. I may say that we have got a number of subscribers to-day, and every subscriber has paid his subscription, and a great many of them have paid more. I believe that in twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty years this will be one of the most remarkable lodges in England.

Bro. COOKE also responded.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was next honoured, and the Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful Masonic meetings of the season.

CONSECRATION OF THE MOZART LODGE,
No. 1929.

The consecration of this lodge was performed at the Masonic Hall, Harewood House, High-street, Croydon, on the 12th inst. The proceedings were attended with considerable éclat owing to the presence of an array of distinguished Grand and Prov. Grand Officers and brethren to assist in the ceremonial. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, occupied the chair at about four o'clock, and appointed W. Bro. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D., to assist as S.W., and W. Bro. W. C. Beaumont, Prov. G.S.W. Surrey, as J.W. There were also present V.W. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., Rev. A. W. Hall, M.A., Grand Chap., Right Worshipful Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, W. Bros. Rev. R. Fawcett Ward, Prov. G. Chap. Surrey, H. E. Francis, P.G.D. of C. Surrey, Right Worshipful Bros. R. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand, South Africa, J. Rhodes, P.G. Org. Surrey, and other brethren. Lodge having been formed was opened in the Three Degrees. The Prov. Grand Master was saluted, also the Grand Lodge Officers present, Bro. Francis acting as D. of C. The Prov. Grand Master having in a few words explained the objects of the meeting, the petitioning brethren were arranged in due order and the petition, together with the warrant of constitution, were read by the acting Secretary, Bro. T. Tremere. The following are the names of the founders, Bros. E. M. Lott, P.M. 245, 1765, P.P.G.J.W. Jersey, P.P.G.O. Middlesex, P.P.G.O. Surrey; F. C. Compton, W.M. 1615; H. J. Lardner, W.M. 1745; T. Tremere, 1314; W. P. Thomas, 1415; J. King, 1623; W. Aynsley, 1677; E. Moss, 1706; and T. T. Phillips, 1706.

Besides those brethren already mentioned there were present Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; J. Kift, P.M. 256; A. F. Goodenough, S.D. 1745; H. W. Schartau, Org. 1549; E. C. Gibbes, J.W. 1872; A. J. Thompson, 1507; H. O. Martin, 1309; H. W. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; E. Mallett, P.M. 141; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; R. M. Brooks Cooch, 1420; G. H. Stephens, J.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

The brethren having confirmed their choice of officers designate, Bro. A. W. HALL, Grand Chaplain, was called upon for an oration on the nature and design of the Institution, which the Rev brother delivered as follows:

It is the object of the founders of every new lodge, that it should be, at any rate as complete, if not more complete in its organisation and working

than its predecessors. A most praiseworthy object my brethren, and I trust a feeling which animates the breasts of you who are selected this day to raise up another temple of Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons—another band of living hearts cemented by ties of brotherly union—where you may all meet in perfect equality for Masonic instruction and social intercourse—another abode in an Order which the wisest and best of men have been proud to join, and for which even monarchs themselves have for a time laid aside their sceptres. And I am called upon to-day, brethren, to remind you (in what is termed an oration) of the principles which you will have to promulgate in the future labour that is before you. From my knowledge of those to whom the Mozart Lodge owes its origin I am well aware that there is little I can say as regards their respective duties that they do not know already. My duty, which I approach with pleasure, is not to tell them anything new, but to impress upon them on this interesting occasion the good old truths that have been ours in ages past, and which it will be theirs to unfold in times to come, through the medium of a most sacred deposit entrusted to their care. When I look around and realise the position and characters of the main part of the brethren I address, I feel a certain diffidence. I feel that it must be mine to take good care that “the trumpet gives forth no uncertain sound” in preparing you for the Masonic warfare, which as years roll on you may have to contend against for the “Order’s good.” Therefore, whilst guarding against too many words, I am anxious that what I say should be to the purpose, and should be remembered, and as coming from the lips of one who has the interest of the Craft at heart and wishes you all “God speed.” And now, brethren, lend me your ear a little space whilst I call your attention to the more immediate object of my address—a word or two on the “nature and principles of our Order”—and this embraces so vast a field that I can only dwell briefly, as it were, upon the outworks, and bid you remember the pure foundation of this and every lodge—“piety and virtue”—attended by the three grand principles of our Order—“brotherly love,” “relief,” and “truth.” In all your dealings with the brethren let the first of these beautiful feelings animate you; perform the three great moral duties to God, your neighbour, and to yourself. To the Great Architect by holding his name in reverence; to your neighbour by acting on the square; and to yourself by enjoying God’s bounties without abusing them. Then comes “relief,” or charity, as embodied in our excellent Institutions. Let “bright-eyed charity” be practised by you without alloy. Take an interest in the management of our Charities; and at once in your new lodge establish a Benevolent Fund, supported by a collection amongst the brethren, either during lodge or afterwards at the banquet, so that you may always have money at hand to support those members who represent you as Stewards at the respective festivals. And, lastly, we have “truth.” Exemplify this virtue in your Masonic work by acting in a “conformity of words to thoughts,” by fidelity and honesty in all your dealings, and by showing to your immediate brethren, and to the world at large, that a Mason’s word is his bond. As to the duties which will devolve upon you as Masters, Wardens, officers, and members of your lodge, the excellent address of the Consecrating Officer and esteemed Grand Secretary leaves me but little to inculcate. Indeed, the amount of Masonic lore permeating (if I may so speak) through the founders and members generally scarcely requires that I should say much. I will only bid you persevere in all that you have been taught to-night, as under the eye of T.G.A.O.T.U. Bring to bear upon your work energy and application, and zealously endeavour to promulgate the great truths upon which you take your rise. Then will the Mozart Lodge not only hold its own, but will become a beacon light in future ages, when you, its founders—you, the parent stem—rest in the Grand Lodge above. The little seed you have sown to-day will, like the mustard seed of scripture, take root and grow into a mighty tree, where (speaking figuratively) the birds of the air may nestle amongst its branches, *i.e.*, your lodge may become a temple, where the brother, careworn and weary, may find a resting place; he who seeks instruction in our sublime teachings may find it; and where all may discover in the badge of innocence and bond of friendship that wisdom and virtue which should mark Masons above all other men. And, in conclusion, brethren, I congratulate you on the name you have taken to symbolise your new lodge—“Mozart”—a very word which at once brings before us notions of harmony; and I trust the beautiful music emanating from that great man will animate especially the brethren of this new lodge. For nothing more increases the solemnity of our rites and ceremonies than the accompaniment of good music, and nothing adds more to the enjoyment of our social gatherings out of lodge than the rendering of good glees and the songs of old and revered composers, in a manner in which I am sure they can be rendered by the members of the new Mozart Lodge. And now, brethren I will end by offering you “Hearty good wishes” for prosperity, health, and happiness during the Masonic journey upon which you enter to-day. Pursue a straightforward course, look not to the right hand or to the left, but conscientiously, as W. Master, Wardens, Deacons, and other officers perform your allotted tasks, rendering all assistance and encouragement to the brother in the chair. Remember that, symbolically, “Wisdom stands in the East to mark the rising sun; strength in the West, to mark the approach of night and to close the lodge; and beauty in the South, to mark the sun at its meridian and bid you rest from your labours.” And may you all rest tranquilly from work in your earthly lodge, and at last be at peace with God and man in the Grand Lodge above.

“May He whose smile can bless,
Make darkness bright,
And give you happiness and rest
In that resplendent world,
Where partings are unknown,
And where there is no night.”

At its conclusion the reverend brother was received with applause. An anthem (the music from Mozart’s “Ave Verum,” adapted by Bro. E. M. Lott) was excellently rendered by the musical brethren, who were Bros. Schartau, Martin, Thompson, Moss, Kift, Lott, and J. Rhodes, Organist. One very pleasing and noticeable feature was that all the music performed during the lodge business was from the works of the great master after whom the lodge is named. The careful listener would have recognised among the selections Bro. J. Rhodes performed upon the organ during the intervals, &c., of the proceedings, the overtures of “Don Giovanni,” “Non Piu Andrai,” “La chi darem,” and “Vedrai carino.” The music of the anthems, &c., also from the same source, being arranged for the occasion by Bro. E. M. Lott.

After the dedication prayer the Provincial Grand Master gave the invocation, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain read a portion of the scriptures (2 Chron., chap. iii., verses 1—16).

The lodge board was uncovered, and the Master, assisted by the acting Wardens, went in procession round the room, after which the Provincial Grand Master solemnly dedicated the lodge.

A solo anthem, sung with much taste, was here given by Bro. Thompson, and the Grand Chaplain carried the censer thrice around the lodge, and gave the conclusion of the dedication prayer.

The lodge was then formally constituted and resumed in the Second Degree.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, that brother proceeded with the installation ceremony. Bro. Edwin Matthew Lott was duly presented as W.M. designate, and the brethren below the degree of an Installed Master having retired, Bro. Lott was inducted into the chair of King Solomon, and, on the re-admission of the brethren, was saluted in ancient form.

The investiture of officers was next proceeded with, as follows: Bros. Edwin Moss, S.W.; Theophilus T. Phillips, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Arnold, Chaplain; Thomas Tremere, Secretary; H. J. Lardner, Treasurer; J. King, S.D.; W. Aynsley, J.D.; W. P. Thomas, I.G.; J. Kift, Organist; and J. Harrison, Tyler.

The Installing Master, in view of Bro. Lott being already an Installed Master, did not give the three charges, with which he said the brethren were all, doubtless, familiar.

A goodly number of propositions for initiation and joining members were received, giving promise of a good start for next meeting.

The whole of the Consecrating and Installing Officers were unanimously elected honorary members; and “Hearty good wishes” having been given, lodge was closed and adjourned.

We may mention that this lodge being formed mainly for the convenience of brethren connected with the musical profession, the meetings are arranged to be on the second Tuesdays in the months of April until September.

When the room had been arranged for the banquet, grace was sung—“Deum Laudate.” The usual banquet was disposed of; much valuable time was, however, lost whilst serving the same, necessitating the coupling together of several of the toasts which were to follow.

Bro. LOTT, W.M., gave “The Queen and the Craft,” which was followed by the National Anthem.

“His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.,” together with “The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,” were toasted collectively and in an enthusiastic manner.

After a verse of “God Bless the Prince of Wales,”

The W.M. next said: As the trains wait for no man, and time was his governor, to save time he would couple the two next toasts. He, therefore, asked them to drink to “The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, the Past Prov. Grand Masters, and the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past.”

After a glee had been sung,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said: He was greatly relieved to find the toasts were being coupled. He had felt afraid he should have been called upon to play the part of Cerberus of being three rolled into one—having to reply for several of the offices he represented. He expressed the great pleasure it had afforded himself and the Prov. Grand Officers of the Province of Surrey to be present and assist in the consecration of the lodge that day. It was nine years ago since he became the ruler of the province, which then consisted of nine lodges, to-day it numbered twenty-three. This was a great advance in a province not geographically large, and he hoped it would be a long time before another warrant was granted for a new lodge in the province. When the application was made to him to support the petition for the Mozart Lodge he already doubted the expediency of having any more. It was impossible, however, to deny anything to Bro. Lott, and at the request of that brother he had a sufficient inducement to forward the petition. What he had seen that evening had convinced him his action had been right. He had been never more touched to see the manner in which the brethren worked so harmoniously together. He had seen the Treasurer and S.D. going about during the banquet attending to their wants in a manner which displayed the most gentlemanly feeling. Such conduct could proceed only from gentlemen, and it reflected the highest credit upon them and the lodge, which had evidently started with the proper feeling towards each other (Cheers.)

Bro. W. C. BEAUMONT, Prov. G.S. Warden, also responded to the toast. When he listened to the speech of their Prov. Grand Master he was in great hope that after it he should have nothing to say. Having recently been honoured with provincial purple he had expected to find he had no duties to perform. He had found otherwise. His duties had proved not arduous, but very agreeable. Provincial Grand Officers had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge, and to assist the Provincial Grand Master on such occasions as the present in consecrating new lodges. The Provincial Grand Master had expressed a hope that they might have no more new lodges for a long time. For his own part, he could only wish there might be many afloat whilst he held the present position in the province. (Laughter.)

The W.M. then said he had the pleasure to propose a toast not on the list, which was sure of a hearty and warm reception, “The Installing Master, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.” (Cheers.)

Bro. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said he highly appreciated this unexpected mark of kindness and respect. He had had much pleasure that day in attending to instal their W.M., Bro. Lott, again. He well remembered years ago having had the pleasure of installing him, and felt it had been a most agreeable duty to do so again that day. He concluded by wishing Bro. Lott and the Mozart Lodge all prosperity in the future.

Bro. Tremere having rendered the air, “Non Piu Andrai,”

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said: When the Prov. Grand Master calls upon the W.M. to rise his gavel it is sometimes for the purpose of censure or of punishment for something in the working of the lodge. On the present occasion there had been no opportunity for judging of the latter, but he could not let the occasion pass without expressing his fraternal feeling to the W.M. of the Mozart Lodge. He was sure the brethren had exercised good sense and discrimination in the selection of Bro. Lott for their W.M., and that as he understood most of the brethren were musical, the meetings of the lodge would be sure to be among those the brethren would like to attend. He (Bro. General Brownrigg) did not like in a man’s presence to say too much about him to make him blush, but he offered him all fraternal, greeting, and asked the brethren to join him in drinking “The Health of the W.M., Bro. E. M. Lott.”

After some music, Bro. LOTT, in a highly appreciative speech, acknow-

ledged the compliment unanimously paid him, and referred at length to the circumstances and difficulties attending the obtaining of the warrant. He had experienced the same kindly advice from the Grand Secretary in this matter as he had received from him years ago, before Bro. Clerke was Grand Secretary, and was deeply indebted to that brother. He (Bro. Lott) had through all the vicissitudes of the past two years been assisted and well backed up by as capital a set of brothers as could possibly be found, and hoped to see the Mozart Lodge flourish and become a prosperous, if not a large one. (Cheers.)

In proposing "The Visitors" the W.M. said: They had now only a sprinkling of the brethren left. On referring to the signature book the W.M. experienced some difficulty in deciphering the names. This, he humorously explained, was not owing either to the dinner or the lateness of the hour, but to the meeting. Bro. E. Mallett, P.M. 141, was coupled with "The Visitors," who were cordially toasted.

After an able speech the officers were toasted, the W.M. dwelling upon their support in brief but expressive terms, as the time was far advanced, and many of the brethren had left or were leaving. Bros. Lardner, Treasurer, and Tremere, Secretary, duly returned thanks; and the toast of "The Masonic Charities" was honoured, coupling the name of Bro. Hugh L. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal. After a madrigal had been given by the musical brethren, Bro. Sandeman said: As a Life Governor of the charities, he returned them his cordial thanks for their reception of the toast of the Masonic Charities on the first night of their lodge meeting. They had listened to a beautiful oration that day from their Rev. Bro. Hall, Grand Chaplain, ably inculcating their duty of benevolence to the charities. They were justly applied to the Order, and the manner in which they were supported by the members of the Craft, gained them great credit even from the outside world for the immense amount of good they were doing. It had afforded him great gratification to be present that evening amongst gentlemen who were skilled in the science of music. He (Bro. Sandeman) was but an amateur in the art, but had put several musical items together, which, although they might feel disposed to laugh, had given him great pleasure, as he was very passionately fond of music.

In giving the toast of "The Masonic Press," Bro. Lott said, their success depended in a great measure on the tone of the press towards their opening ceremonial. They were, as a body, greatly indebted to the Masonic press for a large amount of information upon Craft matters, and he asked them to drink to "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens.

Bro. STEPHENS having suitably replied on behalf of this paper, the W.M. in kind and appreciative terms spoke of the unflinching support which had been accorded him by the brethren, especially mentioning Bros. T. T. Phillips, S.W., Lardner, W., and J. King, S.D.

After mutual congratulations had been expressed, the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings, which were throughout of a highly enjoyable character, terminated, and the brethren separated to return to town. This part of the day's proceedings however was rendered very unpleasant by the heavy rain, which fell unceasingly.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The installation of the R.W. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., which took place on Monday last, as the third Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, was the occasion of much rejoicing amongst the members of the Mark Degree in that province, and the arrangements made were most satisfactory for all concerned.

The Grand Master, having nominated the R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, as Installing Master, that well-known brother, we need not say, performed the duties of so responsible a position with considerable tact and ability. Bro. Binckes was no stranger to the office, having installed the first Provincial Grand Master in 1867, at Truro, and hence was well received by many of the brethren who remembered how well he had conducted the ceremony on that memorable occasion. Since then another Provincial Grand Master had been appointed and died, and so Cornwall has thus had three Provincial Grand Masters in fourteen years. We trust that, under the genial rule of Sir Charles Sawle, the degree will continue to flourish as in the past, and that the lodges generally will long be favoured with so highly-esteemed a brother to preside over them.

The reports were most encouraging as to the numerical state of the lodges, the eight on the roll (all being represented at the meeting) having a total of 272 members, or fifty increase since the last assembly of the province. We do not know the average generally of Mark Masters to Craft Masons, but we conclude they are as one to six, which appears to be a good proportion.

We regret being unable to furnish the address delivered by the acting Grand Master, Bro. Binckes, but possibly it may be furnished by one of our correspondents for the next issue.

The meeting was a great success.

The following officers attended: W. Bros. T. Chirgwin, D.P.G.M.; E. Milford Cock, P.S.G.W.; C. Truscott, P.J.G.W.; W. E. Mitchell, P.G. M.O.; M. Little, P.G.J.O.; G. L. Church, P.G. Chap.; H. Tilly, P.G. Reg.; W. J. Johns, P.G. Sec.; J. F. Hooper, P.J.G.D.; S. Harvey, P.G.D.C.; W. Mason, P.G.A.D.C.; R. H. Heath, P.G. Org.; H. Trembath and W. Huthnance, P.G. Stwds.; W. Rooks, P.G.I.G.; J. Langdon, P.G. Tyler. The brethren present were Bros. R. Lean, S.W. 78; W. B. Morris, J.O. 78; G. D. Pearce, P.M. 87; J. Tillman, W.M. 78; C. Trevithick, 78; W. Simons, S.J.; W. L. Rowe, I.G. 73; N. J. West, P.M. 87, P.P.G. J.W.; J. Wearn, M.O. 87; F. J. Vivian, J.O. 87; J. Poole, P.M. 87; James Packson, 101; J. W. Higman, J.O. 275; R. Passons, S.E. 275; J. A. Blamey, D.C. 275; J. H. Hoil, 275; W. D. Rogers, J.O. 94; T. C. Polglase, P.M. 94, P.P.G.J.O.; J. Wallace, S.O. 94; J. Brewer, 275; W. Rusden, Tyler 94; J. Estlick, J.W. 101; J. H. Mitchell, J.W. 94; W. P. Smith, 78; W. Guy, J.W. 275; W. J. Trythall, S.O. 78; R. Housley, 275; R. J. Toms, 94; G. Timmins, 94; W. H. Jenkins, 78; S. Wade; H. H. Whitley, Org. 78; and E. P. Whitley, J.D. 78. The lodges represented were Meridim, 73, Redruth; Fortitude, 78, Truro; Cornubian, 87, Hayle; Love and Honour, 94, Falmouth; Boscawen, 101, Chacewater; St. Michael, 175, Helston; Port, 206, Newquay; and St. Austell, 275.

A vote of condolence with Mrs. Peard and family on the decease of the lamented Bro. Colonel Peard, late P.G.M.M. of Cornwall, was passed, and this was followed by the installation of Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, by the

R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, as P.G.M. Master of Cornwall. Bro. Binckes was assisted in the ceremony by W. Bro. T. Chirgwin, D.P.G.M.

After the installation the R.W. Bro. Sir C. B. G. Sawle, Bart., P.G.M., invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—

W. Bro. T. Chirgwin, 78	-	-	-	Prov. D.G.M.
W. E. Mitchell, 206	-	-	-	Prov. S.G.W.
Dr. W. Mason, 275	-	-	-	Prov. J.G.W.
H. Tilly, 94	-	-	-	Prov. G.M.O.
G. B. Pearce, 87	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.O.
Bryant Wellington, 206	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.O.
W. Twcedy, 78	-	-	-	Prov. G. Treas.
W. L. Fox, 94	-	-	-	Prov. G. Reg.
W. J. Johns, 78	-	-	-	Prov. G. Sec.
H. Trembath, 175	-	-	-	Prov. S.G.D.
R. Lean, 78	-	-	-	Prov. J.G.D.
W. D. Rogers, 94	-	-	-	Prov. G.I.O.W.
S. Harvey, 78	-	-	-	Prov. G.D.C.
W. Guy, 275	-	-	-	Prov. G.A.D.C.
W. B. Smith, 275	-	-	-	Prov. G. Swd. B.
H. Heath, 73	-	-	-	Prov. G. Org.
W. Wearne, 87; W. Bro. J. Tilman, 78; W. Bro. J. W. Highman, 275	-	-	-	Prov. G. Stwds.
W. Rooks, 78	-	-	-	Prov. G.I.G.
J. Langdon, 78	-	-	-	Prov. G. Tyler.

A desire was expressed that the next Provincial Grand Lodge should be held at St. Austell, the most recently organised lodge of Cornwall. A vote of thanks to Bro. Binckes concluded the business proceedings, and the brethren afterwards dined together at the Red Lion Hotel.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I do not see that my esteemed friend from the other side of the "little millpond" leaves me much to say, or that there is any need really for my trespassing on the patience of my readers and the space of these pages. Practically, Bro. Norton admits the justness of my criticism, which was directed to establish the "bona fides" of Anderson, which seemed to me to be impugned by Bro. Jacob Norton's elaborate criticism. If that acute objector thinks that his words were a defence of Anderson, or complimentary to him, I can only repeat Canning's famous apostrophe—"Save me, oh! save me, from a candid friend!"

I should not have interfered at all, but that I have seen more than once an attempt to disparage Anderson, and as one who has carefully studied him, I feel bound to defend what he did do, as I believe conscientiously, for the Craft. He, in fact, "digested" the "Guild Legends," and made them readable by Freemasons who were not "scholars."

That the Guild Legends abounded in anachronisms and errors historically was not Anderson's fault. His commission was not to revise, criticize, or reconstruct, but to put into proper form existing Constitutions. That to-day the careful writer and the caustic critic reject his patriarchal Masonry, and his elaborate pre-historic annals is not to be surprised at; but we find in all this nothing but a paraphrastic explanation of the legends themselves, with the "increment" of several floating Masonic traditions.

And if to-day we have to reconsider the whole story of the "mystery connection," and to find in Oriental Hermeticism the "germs" and "scintillæ" of our speculative system, it is but fair to recall to mind that all this "hyperbole" of Masonic antiquity and this claim of patriarchal and illustrious members in remote ages—is but the throwing back of the mysteries themselves to "primeval truth." For various reasons confessedly the subject is a very difficult and delicate one, and requires judicious handling and cautious treatment.

But all these considerations do not detract from, be it observed, but rather augment, the credit of Anderson, who, on admittedly imperfect "data," and with deficient evidences and dubious legends, constituted the first readable history of Freemasonry. That it does not do for to-day is possible; that it did do for 1723 is, I apprehend, indubitable.

Masonry does not have to depend upon its great men of the past, nor upon its connection with religious reformations, to justify its existence. Neither does it rely upon its great antiquity for its future success. It possesses the inherent principle that will command respect. It needs no apologist. Its acts of kindness and deeds of benevolence have spoken to the ages and to all of the nations of the Earth.—*Rev. W. H. Scott.*

JOHNSON.—The name of an impostor, whose real name appears to have been Leucht, though he also called himself Becker. He gave himself the name of Johnson à Fünen and George Friedrich von Johnson. He seems to have appeared at Jena from Bernburg in 1758, and for some time was very friendly with Von Hund. He professed to have authority from the so-called Scottish Templary to extend its system in Germany, and set up a Chapter at Jena, over which he placed Dr. Teichmeyer. He had, it appears, as Master of the Mint, swindled the Duke of Anhalt Bernburg out of considerable sums, and entered the Wurtemberg service and came back to Jena, as captain, and recommenced his operations in 1763. He called himself Rittmeister von Johnson, a born Englishman, though he could not speak English, and was apparently a Hebrew who had mixed himself up in occult studies and illegal pursuits. He gave himself the names "Gross Prior" and "Commissarius Generalis Ordini" (that is, of the Templars of Jerusalem). He generally signed himself Der Gross Prior S.G.C.C. de l'Ordre Sublime et Frère R.L., or L.G.F.C.G.P., or L.G.C.L.C.S. de St. J., whatever these letters may mean. For a time all went well with him, and he propounded with success his High Grade teaching and mysterious Hermetic declaration. But at the Convent of Altenburg, in 1764, he was exposed, and he was arrested by Von Hund's wish in Alsleben, in 1765, by Prussian soldiers, having taken to flight, and conducted to the Wartburg, with the full approval of the Grand Duchess Regent Amalie, of Weimar. There he remained under the care of Von Fritsch until her death, kindly treated, in 1775, when he died. He was fed at the expense of the Order at some cost. He is said to have been of a forbidding countenance, and little education.—*Kenning's Cycloædia of Freemasonry.*

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The twenty-fourth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on Friday, 15th July, M.E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Z., presiding.

After the routine business of opening, &c., the M.E. Grand Z. delivered the following address:

Companions,—Another year has passed away, and, under the protecting care of the Supreme Being, we are again permitted to meet in this, the twenty-fourth annual convocation for the transaction of such business as the interests of the Royal Craft may demand. I am gratified to be in a position to report the continued prosperity of Capitular Masonry and the absence of any unpleasantness in connection with our affairs. So far as I have been able to learn, all our chapters continue to prosper, and the utmost good-will prevails among the companions.

As we are now assembled in the city where, on the 20th January, 1857, this Grand Chapter was duly established, it may not be out of place to make some remarks in reference to that important event. At the convention held on the 19th January, 1857, there were present but eight companions, viz., Comps. Kivas Tully, St. John's Chapter, Toronto; Thomas Duggan, Chas. Magill and John Harris, of Hiram Chapter, Hamilton; Thomas B. Harris, of St. John's Chapter, Hamilton; and W. C. Stephens, Richard Bull, and Wm. Mercer Wilson. And on the following day, when the Grand Chapter was duly formed by the representatives of Hiram and St. John's Chapters, Hamilton, and St. John's Chapter, London, there were present, in addition to those above named, Comps. Thomas Francis, Joseph F. Rolfe, Wm. Daniel, James Riddell, James M. Rogerson (now of Toronto), Henry Guest, Mills, and Harley—in all, sixteen companions. Of this number who, twenty-four years ago, did so much to be remembered with gratitude and respect by the Grand Chapter, four of the most prominent are dead, and only one or two of those who are living take any interest now in Masonic matters. The progress which the city of Hamilton has made during the past twenty-four years may well be esteemed a source of pride by the many enterprising citizens who have aided in placing it in the proud position which it occupies, of being one of the principal centres of the commercial, manufacturing, and many other useful interests and industries of our great Dominion, while the Masonic Fraternity have every reason to be gratified with the success which has attended their efforts in making Hamilton the great centre of Masonry for the Province of Ontario. The magnificent hall in which we are assembled is a practical proof of their devotion to the Fraternity, and an evidence of their ability to rear a monument in its honour that will endure for ages to come, and point out to those who will be companions of the Order in the far distant future the munificent generosity that flowed from the hands that carried out the design of so elegant a structure.

In the midst of our congratulations we are reminded of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and are called upon to mourn the departure of some of those who were near and dear to us. On the 28th day of March last R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Weller, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge and Past Grand H. of this Grand Chapter, died at Cobourg after a short illness. Our distinguished brother was initiated into Masonry in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, during the year 1846, and was exalted in Ionic Chapter, E. R., on the 10th May, 1848, and very soon took an active interest in matters pertaining to Freemasonry. As a citizen he was highly esteemed, as evinced by the positions of trust which he occupied, and as a Freemason he enjoyed the good will of all who knew him. His genial good nature, and quiet, unobtrusive manner rendering him so exceedingly popular that his absence will be generally felt. We have also to mourn the departure of M. Ex. Comp. Jas. Kimball, who was our representative near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Comp. Kimball was well-known as a zealous and earnest Mason, and one of the earnest workers in Freemasonry. We extend to the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts our warmest sympathy.

During the year no new chapters have been established. This is a cause for congratulation, as, for the present, there are sufficient chapters for all practical purposes; and to decline to issue any more dispensations for opening new chapters—unless in localities where there are several lodges in the surrounding district—will be highly beneficial to the working of the present chapters.

Notwithstanding the well-known views of Grand Chapter against granting dispensations to permit companions to be installed as Principals without having previously served in the offices which the Constitution requires, I have had to issue the following, which are three less than were issued last year:—

- To instal as Z., not having served as W.M., 4.
- To instal as Z., not having served as H., 3.
- To instal as H., not having served as J., 3.

The action of Grand Chapter in adopting an authorised ritual for the several degrees, has had a beneficial effect. The officers of chapters have availed themselves of every opportunity for obtaining proper instruction, and as a result, there is much greater uniformity and more zeal displayed in working the several degrees.

Although my time has been so much occupied that I could not devote a great portion of it to Freemasonry, I have, as occasion offered, officially visited the following chapters: The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton; St. Johns, No. 6, Hamilton; Signet, No. 34, Barrie; Victoria, No. 37, Port Hope; Georgian, No. 56, Owen Sound; Orient, No. 79, Toronto. On each of these occasions some of the officers of Grand Chapter accompanied me, and our reception was of a most hearty character.

During the year the following appointments have been made, of representatives near this Grand Chapter: Vermont, R. Ex. Comp. James B. Nixon, to fill the vacancy caused by resignation. Illinois, R. Ex. Comps. W. Forbes, Grimsby, Nebraska; John Ross Robertson, Toronto, Ohio; Hugh A. MacKay, Hamilton; to fill vacancies caused by the absence for several years from the annual convocation of Grand Chapter of the companions, who were the representatives of these Grand Chapters. Wisconsin, R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Meakins, Hamilton, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Weller.

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution has completed its labours, and as the members of Grand Chapter and subordinate chapters have been supplied with advance copies for their consideration, I trust that we will be enabled

to settle this important matter finally and intelligently during the present session.

The receipts for the past year have been 2035.63 dollars, and the expenditure 1568.54 dollars, leaving a surplus of 467.09 dollars. This gratifying increase in our receipts has entailed considerable additional labour upon the Grand Scribe E.

It is again a pleasure to me to speak of the energy and perseverance of our worthy Grand Scribe, who so faithfully discharges the duties of his office. As I now desire to surrender to my successor the sceptre, which owing to your unvarying kindness, I have held for two years, I wish to thank you for the cordial support and generous courtesy accorded to me in the discharge of my official duties. The report of the Executive Committee on the Grand Z.'s address having been received and adopted, several companions presented their credentials, and were received and saluted in the usual manner.

The following were elected members of the Executive Committee: R.E. Comps. Henry Robertson, Collingwood; J. M. Meakins, Hamilton; James B. Nixon, Toronto; W. Forbes, Grimsby; J. J. Mason, Hamilton. Appointed by the M.E. the Grand Z.: R.E. Comps. A. G. Smyth, London; R. Hendry, junr., Kingston; T. C. Macnabb, Chatham; John McLaren, Orangeville; H. K. Maitland, Guelph.

A resolution was adopted appointing a special Committee to take into consideration the advisability of organising a scheme of benevolence in connection with the funds of Grand Chapter, and to report some such scheme, if found advisable, at the next annual convocation. R.E. Comp. Henry Robertson, M.E. Comps. Daniel Spry, L. H. Henderson are the Committee.

A Committee was appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to the retiring Grand First Principal, M.E. Comp. Daniel Spry. The next annual convocation will be held at London.

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The National Great Priory of Knights Templar held its annual conclave at Hamilton on Tuesday, July 12th, when the following officers were elected and installed:

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| M.E. Sir Kt. Col. W. J. McLeod Moore, | Laprairie | G. Prior. |
| R.E. Sir Kt. Jas. A. Henderson, Q.C., | D.C.L., Kingston | G. Sub-Prior. |
| " Daniel Spry, Barrie | | G. Chancellor. |
| " Rev. V. Clementi, Peter- | boro' | G. Chaplain. |
| " John Kennedy, Hamilton | | G. Constable. |
| " A. G. Adams, Montreal | | G. Marshal. |
| " D. McLellan, Hamilton | | G. Treasurer. |
| " T. C. Macnabb, Chatham | | G. Registrar. |

Provincial Priors—R.E. Sir Knight D. B. Burch, Lambeth, District of Ontario West; R.E. Sir Knight R. J. Hovenden, Toronto, District of Ontario Centre; R.E. Sir Knight W. D. Gordon, Kingston, District of Ontario East; R.E. Sir Knight Isaac H. Stearns, Montreal, District of Quebec; and R.E. Sir Knight Hon. R. Marshall, St. John, District of New Brunswick.

The Great Prior then gave a very lengthy and able address.

In the evening a banquet was given the visitors by the Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory of Hamilton, in their asylum, James-street. This preceptory has made very rapid progress during the past few months, and at the banquet the visiting brethren took occasion to compliment the members upon the good work done. There were present Right Eminent Sir Knights James A. Henderson, G. Sub-Prior; D. Spry, G.C.; James Seymour, D. B. Birch, C. Magill, J. Kennedy, Jno. Moore, and A. G. Smythe; Eminent Sir Knights H. A. Baxter, H. A. Grannis, J. B. Smythe, J. B. Bishop, and others. The question of uniforms was settled by allowing each preceptory to choose its own style of uniform. An invitation was received from an eminent commander of California to the Canadian knights to attend a Grand Conclave to be held in San Francisco in 1883.

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

ITS CLAIM OF AUTHORITY OVER THE SYMBOLIC DEGREES.

In days happily gone by, so far as any desire of government or interference in the Symbolic Degrees by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite existed, many strange and singular incidents transpired, which are, as a matter of curiosity, worth calling to mind. To one or two we propose to refer.

No thoughtful student of Masonry will deny that the first Three Degrees are a part of the system of the Scottish Rite, but the necessity or occasion for the control of or interference with the Symbolic Degrees by that Rite, where Grand Lodges exist, and the excellent representative form of government prevails, is to be deprecated and condemned. Whenever, and as soon as, Grand Lodges are established in distant lands where they at present are not, the Supreme Councils there governing, in the exercise of wisdom, should surrender entire control over the Symbolic Degrees.

This we know to be the sentiment individually and collectively of the members of the Northern and of the Southern Jurisdictions of the United States. The difficulties and the unfortunate dilemma of the brethren in Central America, Peru, Colon, the Argentine Republic, Mexico and in Belgium are not out of our memory.

Bro. Albert Pike, Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, well expressed the subject in a manifesto when he wrote: "The brothers who compose the symbolic lodges know that in England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States, Germany, Sweden and Denmark, symbolic lodges are governed by Grand Lodges, composed of their delegates. Brethren become restive and discontented under a different form of government, denounce it as an aristocracy and oligarchy, a self-constituted despotism, and at length break out into open revolt. Sooner or later Masons become discontented with an absolute self-perpetuating power, composed of but few persons, and these not bound to render any one an account of their actions.

Popular representation in Masonry throughout the world is moving to a triumphant success, at least in the symbolic degrees. So it should be. And these Grand Lodges

should be nationalised, the Supreme Councils should make their surrender of authority, and the provincial lodges, wherever established, should be given their liberty, that National Grand Lodges may be established, holding supreme control and government over Symbolic Masonry.

The Grand Lodge system by representation having been thoroughly established in the last century, before the Scottish Rite assumed any large proportions, no difficulty was experienced in the Northern States, and only locally in the South, in consequence mainly of acquisition of territory by the United States from France, when Louisiana caused dissension, as is ever the case with anything "Frenchy." True, in the North, the Scottish Rite would re-confer the first three degrees in accordance with its peculiar ceremonies on some of its candidates, but mainly for instruction. This was more particularly a Cerneau practice, and a very wise one it was, and might with profit be adopted at the present day, save that the ceremonies in the City of New York may at any time be witnessed upon attendance at the French, Spanish, and some of the German lodges.

After the whirligig of transformation which was ever going on in the Cerneau Council, that is, after Cerneau, in 1821, assumed the title of "Honorary" Commander, and thereby let in John W. Mulligan as Commander, who resigned in 1823, that Dewitt Clinton might be elected, and he in turn dying in February, 1828, was succeeded by Henry C. Atwood. The Council in him had found a brother equal to any occasion or emergency—brilliant, versatile, fearless, bold, but eccentric, as is particularly seen in his relationship and connection with the symbolic Degrees while Commander of his Supreme Council.

It is worth remembering, however, that in 1832 the Cerneau-Atwood members merged with the Supreme Councils of South America, New Spain, &c., and called themselves the "United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere," thus taking in half the world. The next transformation was in December, 1836, but we pass to 1846, when the members became so few that on the 27th October, on motion of one of their number, John Telfair, the funds in the treasury were divided and the body disbanded. After sundry changes and side scenes, Bro. Foulhouse, Grand Commander of a Supreme Council in Louisiana, reinducted Henry C. Atwood as Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the State of New York and successor of Cerneau, who so continued until he died in September, 1860.

The government of Symbolic Lodges under the Scottish Rite was one of Atwood's particular aims. In 1850, as G. Commander, with Edmund B. Hays as Deputy, and Charles W. Atwood as Keeper of the Seals, this Supreme Council "in and for the Sovereign State of New York, &c.," "Considering, that the Scotch Rite having for its object the physical, moral, and intellectual progress of individuals, and the religious, political, and social emancipation of nations, is an eminently philosophical institution, and has nothing in common with other Masonic rites, except the great principles of philanthropy which characterise all benevolent societies."

"2nd. That the A. A. Scottish Rite, beginning with the 'Apprentice' Degree and terminating with the Degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, forms a single and inseparable totality, which should continue distinct from and free and independent of any other Rite; and that the government and administration of the three first or Symbolic Degrees therefore belong exclusively to the Inspectors General or their representatives."

"3rd. That the independent sovereignty of States should be proclaimed and observed."

"4th. Consequently there should exist in every State of the Union a Supreme Council of the Scotch Rite."

"8th. That the Grand Lodge of the State of New York commits a monstrous error, and endeavours to usurp power in arrogating to herself the administration and government of the three first Degrees of Scotch Freemasonry; that the said Grand Lodge tramples under foot the great principles of toleration," &c.

Under Article 4 of the Rules and Regulations, it was provided that each symbolic lodge for every candidate initiated should pay one dollar. The fee for the Thirty-third Degree should be ten dollars. "The representatives of the lodges shall form the Symbolic Chamber. The lodges shall transact their business in the First Degree."

These declarations and proclamations of the Cerneau Council under Atwood, Commander, are quite lengthy, covering sixteen printed pages, and were distributed freely in April, 1859, and the friendly intercourse of Grand Lodges and Supreme Councils of both hemispheres solicited.

The Cerneau-Atwood Council then commenced establishing Supreme Councils in every State of the Union, but lost its energy after establishing one for the "Sovereign State of Connecticut," with a full corps of officers and a similar declaration of instructions as that retained for the Supreme Council of the "Sovereign State of New York."

What a kaleidoscope! It would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer to follow the Cerneau branch of the Scottish Rite, sometimes dating from 1807, and some of its seals 1815. Stability was not one of its characteristics until its final and last merger into the United Supreme Council, the most sensible and only permanent act for which it should receive all commendation, and in consequence of which the Symbolic Degrees can rest without further annoyance.—*New York Dispatch.*

Bro. A. S. Emanuel, head of the firm of H. M. Emanuel and Son, silversmiths and jewellers to the Queen, Portsea, had the honour of an interview with Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on Tuesday last, on board the Royal yacht Osborne, at Osborne, and submitted for view the very handsome silver-gilt cup manufactured by the firm for the Royal Portsmouth Corinthian Yacht Club. His Royal Highness also purchased one of the yacht club pins for himself, and a club brooch for the Princess, as well as several other articles of jewellery. Bro. A. S. Emanuel had also the honour of submitting to the Queen's inspection the silver cups manufactured by the firm for the club; which visit was duly recorded in the *Court Journal*. On Wednesday afternoon, the same firm received a telegram from Bro. Major General Du Plat, equerry in waiting to Her Majesty the Queen, requesting them to submit the cups before their Serene Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany. Bro. A. S. Emanuel therefore had another honour conferred upon him, as he showed the cups to their Royal Highnesses, on board the Royal Yacht *Alberta*, the same afternoon in Portsmouth harbour.

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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.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND STANDARD BEARERS, &c.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last week's edition you publish the reports of the annual meetings of four Provincial Grand Lodges, viz., Devon, Hampshire, Middlesex, and Essex.

Now, I have always understood that the number of officers in a Provincial Grand Lodge were the same as a Grand Lodge, with the exception of the two extra Deacons and Assistant Pursuivant, annually appointed in Grand Lodge. I will take Devonshire first. Here there is no "Sword Bearer appointed;" then comes Hampshire with a "Standard Bearer;" and then Middlesex with an "Assistant Pursuivant;" then Essex, which has a "Sword Bearer," but neither a "Standard Bearer" nor an "Assistant Pursuivant." Why these discrepancies? According to the Book of Constitutions, Essex is the only province which has acted in accordance with the established custom of our Order.

I see that Sir Lucius Curtis appointed Prov. Grand Standard Bearers in Hampshire up to 1866, and there has not been any brother appointed to that office since. There are some few of the old Standard Bearers still in existence, and they wear the purple and rank as Past Provincial Grand Officers, which, according to the statement of Bro. McIntyre, the Grand Registrar, at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, is clearly irregular; and it seems more strange that the appointment should have been made in the above province as its R.W. Master presided at the last meeting of Grand Lodge.

I am, yours fraternally, LEX LOCI.

THE SO-CALLED PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much interest the communications from W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead and others, in the *Freemason*, discussing the status of American brethren who have received the Past Master's Degree who desire to be recognised as such in English Lodges.

It may be interesting to your readers to know that there are two divisions in this so-called Degree of Past Master in America, i.e. the *actual*, and the *virtual*.

An "Actual" Past Master is one who has been elected by lawful authority to preside over a lodge of Master Masons as its Worshipful Master, and having presided over the same for a lawful time becomes on the election and installation of his successor a Past Master by merit, or actual Past Master. We do not have the office of Immediate Past Master a I.P.M. as you do in England.

A "Virtual" Past Master is one who receives the Degree of Past Master (as the fifth in the American Rite), under the warrant of a chapter of Royal Arch Masons and in a lodge of Past Masters. When Thomas Smith Webb, the American Masonic Degree manufacturer, introduced his Royal Arch system in this country, he found that it was necessary that the candidate for the Royal Arch should be a Past Master; he therefore introduced it without law or reason, and made it one of his series of Degrees, ranking after the Mark and before the most Excellent Master's Degree.

In Pennsylvania, before the commencement of this century, the R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge would, upon the application of the Master and Wardens of any particular lodge, issue his dispensation to that lodge to "Pass to the Chair" the brother recommended.

This dispensation was sent to the lodge, and the Master proceeded to act upon the same and actually installed the brother for the time being a Master of that particular lodge, and he was greeted as such with all the honours, and presided over its works. Then the brother became a *member* of the Grand Lodge. The number of brethren who had passed the chairs by dispensation increasing, the Grand Lodge declared in a short time that a brother passing the chair by dispensation did not become a member of the Grand Lodge.

This was the custom nearly a century ago in Pennsylvania, and such are our regulations at the present day.

We do not recognise any one here as a Past Master except he has presided *actually* in a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

In our Grand Chapter we confer the Degrees of Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Mason.

There is another reason why the "Virtual" or Chapter Past Master should not be recognised by a Craft lodge or lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, since in a large number of Grand Chapters the Worshipful Master, or Past Master of a Blue Lodge, in taking the capitular Degrees in their chapters are required to take the Degree of a Past Master, thus the chapter Past Master will not recognise the lodge Past Master.

A chapter Past Master ("Virtual") has no rights or privileges as such except in a lodge of Past Masters open under a chapter warrant. This should not be recognised in the lodge in any manner or form whatever, unless, as I have said before, they have actually presided over a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES E. MEYER.

Philadelphia, Penn.

ANSWER TO BRO. JACOB NORTON.

Dear Bro. Jacob Norton,—

I have heard from Mr. Halliwell Phillips, and I now give his reply, as you will be expecting it:—

"I am sorry to say that I have not a single note on the subject of Masonry, nor even a copy of my little book—the subject has very long passed altogether out of my memory. It has never been my habit to keep notes or drafts of any book after it has been published, or I need not say how gladly I would have placed them at your disposal."

Yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR.

THE USES OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was reading a work the other day entitled, "Journal of Adventures with the British Army from the Commencement of the War to the Taking of Sebastopol," by Geo. Cavendish Taylor, late 95th Regiment, when I stumbled on the following passage, page 278; and, as I always remember Captain Cuttle's apothegm, "When found make a note of," I send it on to you:

"At first he (Captain Vaughan, 90th Regiment) was ill-treated by the Russian soldiers, and the officers took no notice of him, until he discovered *one of them to be a brother Freemason*. This officer immediately gave him nourishment, and sent him down to the hospital."

Yours fraternally, OUT FOR A HOLIDAY.

A MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

So little response has been made to the suggestions of your former correspondent on this head, that I fear, to use a proverbial expression, it is like "whipping a dead horse to life" to advocate the formation of such a society. Still, I think it but right to keep the question before your readers, and so I revert to it in these "quiet times" of Masonry to-day. Can nothing be done in it? Is it impertinent to ask, What has become of our older institute? Were there not Life Fellows? Are there no officers extant, or is it completely defunct?

Yours fraternally,

JOHN DORY.

MENDICANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have had a man named Sam Simmons in this city for about a month, who alleged he was a Mason, and he had in his possession letters from several brethren in one of the Midland Counties towns, to the effect that he was a brother in distress, and by the aid of these documents he is evidently imposing upon members of our Order.

He was suffering from rheumatism, and by the assistance of some brethren he has had the benefit of about three weeks' stay in our Mineral Water Hospital, and came out much better last Friday. On Saturday he applied to me for help, and I took the trouble to thoroughly examine him, and found he was unable to satisfy me as to his being a Mason. His letters are now in my possession, and he will not get them again unless he can be more satisfactory.

Kindly insert this in your next edition, so that the members of our Order may be prepared for "Sam Simmons."

Yours fraternally,

W.M. 41.

Bath, August 15th.

Reviews.

ENTRIES IN ASHMOLE'S DIARY.

As is well known to Masonic students, Elias Ashmole mentions in his diary his initiation at Warrington, 1646, and his presence at a lodge, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, 1682. Mr. W. H. Allnutt, of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, has had these extracts lithographed in facsimile with a copy of Elias Ashmole's autograph. These interesting "souvenirs" of early Freemasonry in England, and which are very well executed, may be had of Mr. W. H. Gee, 28, High-street, Oxford, post free 1s. 6d. Some recent investigations serve to throw around the name of Elias Ashmole, his initiation at Warrington, and his presence in London, some importance in the actual position of Masonic criticism and investigation.

THE GAME OF LAWN TENNIS, WITH THE LAWS.

The laws of Lawn Tennis are very remarkable; they represent a growth of civilization and "outcome" of "aesthetic emotion" not known to our forefathers. Time was when "young men and maidens" persistently played at Croquet, and some of our readers no doubt arrived at such a pitch of excellence in that interesting game that their performance was alike artistic and marvellous, and many happy "souvenirs" still abide to all those poor wayfarers, of pleasant combinations, attractive dresses, "wreathed smiles," and fascinating partners. Indeed, we can hear, we fancy, some poor married man exclaiming, "Oh! that game of croquet, which enticed me into the—well, noose of matrimony, and gave me the undeniable blessing of my dear Carry." And the same attraction seems to linger around the recollections and "outcome" of Lawn Tennis. Are we not taken back to a shady lawn, to refreshing trees, to energetic "dramatis personæ" and applauding spectators, to lithe maidens and "active youths, to a grateful hour of tea and small talk" and the inevitable accompaniment of real or factitious juxtaposition? We trust that this is so, unless as Freemasons we be, which we do not opine we can justly be said to be, the dullest of mortals, and, therefore, it is that in the grave columns of the *Freemason* we say a few passing words, and offer our humble tribute of praise to the graceful and agreeable game of Lawn Tennis. If any of our readers are furnished with one of those admirable boxes of operative instruments and gay paraphernalia so deftly supplied by that courteous firm of Feltham and Co., in the good City of London, they will not only find the means of spending pleasantly many a summer hour, but afford their young people some merry moments of innocent gregariousness, which may lead, who knows, to permanent partnership and prevailing "life interests," whether for the good or the evil, the happiness or the trouble, of many a laughing youth and fair-haired or dark-haired maiden. Who can pretend to forecast? If doubt lingers on any such futurity, if a possibility of dark clouds tinges the blue heaven now above us, let us not seek to anticipate the stern decrees of fate, let us leave to the morrow the things of to-morrow,—“sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.”

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.

It is well to remember the names of those present at Warrington in 1646, and in London in 1682. At Warrington in 1646, were Mr. Richard Penketh, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Rich. Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer. Some writers have assumed that there is a difference in social "status" between those to whose names the "Mr." is prefixed, and those wanting it. It has too hastily been assumed also that all were of the "Craft" of Masonry. It seems from recent researches that Penketh, Sankey, and Ellam were not so, and were all "Speculatives" probably. Can any brother throw any light on any of the names? In 1682 Mr. Thos. Wise, Master of the Masons' Company, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, Wainford, Esq., Mr. Richard Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton were present with Elias Ashmole. Sir Wm. Wilson, Captain Rich. Borthwick, Mr. Wm. Woodman, Mr. Samuel Taylor, and Mr. William Wise were the candidates initiated March 11th, 1682. Can any brother throw any light on these names, or suggest any possibility of identification?

I have seen Mr. Allnutt's admirably lithographed facsimile of their entries. It is highly to be commended.

MASONIC STUDENT.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

As hinted in your last, I have the pleasure to present an interesting fact or two bearing on "Freemasonry in Jamaica," an article on which, by Bro. Bürger, appeared the week previously. Through the kindness and courtesy of a prominent brother in this neighbourhood, I have had an opportunity of inspecting two certificates in his possession, originally the property of a relative. This was Bro. Simon Miller, an officer in the navy. The first certificate, dated July 19th, 1775, is wholly in manuscript, and it appears that Bro. Miller merely was initiated on the date named. I give the certificate verbatim, premising that at the head of the half-sheet of foolscap are pen and ink sketches of the square and compasses in the centre, with a plumb rule and level on either side.

"From the East, where shines ye Great Light.

"Lux ex Tenebris.

"These are to certify that Simon Miller was made an Enter'd Apprentice in the Union Lodge, at Savannah La Mar, in the Island of Jamaica. We, therefore, pray all respectable brethren to receive our dear Brother Simon Miller in his respectable Qualities, and to entertain him in everything relative to them. We promise to have the same regard to those who shall present themselves to our Lodge, furnished with proper and Authentic Titles. To which we have subscribed our names and affixed our seal, this 19th day of the month *Sevan* of the year 7775, of the Restoration 2305, and of the vulgar *Ara* the 17th day of June, 1775.

"WILLIAM HENRY RICKETTS, Mr.
JOSEPH WILLIAMS, Senior Wm.
JAS. ROB. TOMLINSON, Junior Wm.
JAMES BAIN, P.Mr."

[SEAL.]

In looking carefully through Bro. Bürger's article,

find no Union Lodge at Savannah La Mar; and it may therefore be worth his while, when convenient, to explore the matter. The second certificate, recording the Second and Third Degrees, is also very interesting, but it so happens these stages were acquired in another part of the globe, and at a long interval of twenty-eight years. Up to 1793 Bro. Miller was stationed in the West Indies, he then being in command of the Vanguard, seventy-four guns. Subsequently he appears to have gone into France, between the signing and revocation of the peace of Amiens, a period of fourteen months. Bro. Miller being a British naval officer, was made a prisoner of war, and, in accordance with the orders of Napoleon, a close watch kept on all such lest they escaped. However, he seems to have adopted the expedient of passing himself off as a merchant, for in the certificate recording his passing and raising, at Valenciennes, he is described as "Simon Müller, *negotiant.*" This certificate is a full sheet of foolscap, with a circular engraving at the head—square and compasses, &c., surrounded by the following: "Loge De La Parfaite Union à l'Orient De Valenciennes." The certificate proper is in manuscript, and it is countersigned by no fewer than fourteen officials. Bro. Miller became a Rear Admiral in 1814, and died in 1825. I may add that the French lodge as above does not appear in the *Cosmopolitan Calendar*.
W. F. LAMONBY.

Cockermouth, August 13th.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE FREEMASONRY.

The *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* is publishing a series of articles, entitled "Annals of the Northern Counties." In its issue of the 13th inst. it was stated as follows, viz.: "1215. A Society of Freemasons was instituted in Newcastle by King John." Can "Masonic Student," or any of your learned contributors, give any particulars of the Society mentioned or of King John's Freemasonry?
NOVOCASTRIAN.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ERA LODGE (No. 1423).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst. at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. The attendance was not numerous, as many of the brethren are pleasuring abroad at this time of the year. The members present were Bros. John Faulkner, W.M.; James W. Baldwin, Past G.W. Middx., P.M., Treas.; Eugene H. Thielay, Past G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Edward Thos. Henman, S.D.; George L. Wingate, J.D.; John Gilbert, Tyler; Charles D. Slater, Alfred Cracknell, and the following visitors: Bros. H. Higgins, P.M., and J. W. Long, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; Bro. Alfred Cracknell was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Charles D. Slater was raised to that of Master Mason. The work was rendered by the W.M. in that perfect and emphatic manner which drew forth manifestations of eulogium from those present. Telegrams and letters regretting inability to attend the lodge were received from the R.W. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master; Bros. Auguste F. Loos, I.P.M.; Edward W. Devereux, P.M.; Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, S.W.; William A. Sims, W.S.; Arthur W. Mitchell, and others.

The brethren dined at the above hotel, enjoying the modest, but very excellent spread, as prepared by the new proprietor, Bro. John Scott. The loyal and Masonic toasts ensued, and after a very pleasant and harmonious evening the brethren separated.

CARDIFF.—Glamorgan Lodge (No. 36).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Bros. H. Curteis, W.M.; D. Duncan, Jun., S.W.; Geo. Thomas, J.W.; H. Horder, Sec.; Scott, Acting S.D.; Hemingway, J.D.; Christie, Steward; Davies, I.G.; Jenkins, Tyler; D. Watson, R. Sothorn, and R. S. Fisher.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, after which Bro. Westyr-Evans was passed and Bro. Harris was raised in a masterly and impressive manner by the W.M.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—A general lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. There were present Bros. G. C. Watson, W.M.; J. H. Leach, S.W.; C. McNamara, J.W.; J. R. Pattison, Sec.; J. C. Moor, S.D.; W. Vincent, J.D.; C. M. Wake, and R. Davison, Stewards; R. Singleton, I.G.; and J. Thompson, Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. Kimmond, W.M. So; Huntley, P.M. So; Hawdon, P.M. So; Munro, W.M. 99; Egglestone, P.M. 99; Frampton, P.M. 94; H. Tonkinson, I.P.M. 97; T. M. Watson, P.M. 97; Dadds, W.M. 1119; J. S. Nicholson, P.M. 97; J. J. Clay, D.C., P.M. 97; G. Lord, P.M. 97; and Visitors, Bros. Craven, So; Broughton, So; J. W. Bell, So; and Swain, J. W. 949.

There were two initiations, Mr. James Storey, who was initiated by W.M. Bro. J. C. Watson, and Mr. J. C. Marshall, initiated by Bro. A. Munro, W.M. Williamson Lodge. There were two brothers passed to the Second Degree—Bro. Thomas Thompson, by P.M. J. S. Nicholson, and Bro. R. M. Burgess, by Bro. Kimmond, W.M. So.

ERITH.—St. John and St. Paul's Lodge (No. 615).—The installation of the above pretty little lodge took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Avenue Hall, in the presence of a goodly muster of the brethren and visitors. To mark the occasion, which was one of more than ordinary interest to the inhabitants of this cosy, quiet little village beside the Thames, so famed for its "Zots," the whitebait, long lines of flags stretched across the avenue, and fluttered in the breeze, giving a festive appearance to the scene at once picturesque and exhilarating. The lodge was opened soon after three o'clock by the W.M., Bro. E. Tomkins. There being no other business before the lodge but the installation, Bro. R. G. Stope, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. T. W. Knight, P.M., Treas., and P. P. G. D. C. Kent, for the benefits of installation, and on being placed

in the chair of K.S. was saluted with the usual honours. The following officers were then invested: Bros. J. Hutton, S.W.; W. Hill, J.W.; H. B. Poole, Treas.; T. W. Knight, P.M. and Treas.; J. Aillud, S.D.; H. King, J.D.; G. Mitchell, I.G.; James Shepherd, W.S.; G. Biles, Organist; and G. Martin, Tyler.

The three charges were then splendidly delivered by the Installing Officer, and the ceremony was closed amid many manifestations of approval from the brethren assembled. Bro. Knight was then unanimously chosen to represent the lodge at the Provincial Charity meetings, and that brother returned thanks for the compliment paid him. A vote of thanks was then accorded Bro. Knight for his services as Installing Officer that day, and it was unanimously resolved that the same should be inscribed upon the minutes of the body. Bro. Knight having briefly returned thanks, several proposals for initiates were then given notice of, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet was served at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith, and was all that could be desired. Around the table were, besides those already mentioned, the following well-known brethren of the Craft in the locality: Bros. Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M. and P.P.G. J. W. Kent; R. Stone, P.M.; W. Woods, W.M. 1050 and P.G. J. W. Kent; T. Butt, P.M. and Treas. 700; H. J. Piper, W.M. 503; R. Pickering, W.M. 483; J. C. Briggs, W.M. 77; T. W. Neech, S.W. 1837; J. F. Randall, 913; R. Randall, 1050; H. De Gray, 700; G. Barth, 913; G. Mather, 299; G. Tedder, 11; W. Bradbrook, 299; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The W.M., in proposing the first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft," said, as the time was getting short the speeches would have of a necessity to be very brief; but as Freemasons were all loyal subjects, he could not allow this toast to pass without a few words. Her Most Gracious Majesty took a deep interest in the doings of her sons, and her sons took a great interest in Freemasonry, so that the inference must be that Her Majesty took a great interest in Freemasonry also; therefore he asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales" followed, and in putting it, the W.M. said it was the health of one who was honoured and revered in every household "in this right little, tight little island" of ours; and nowhere was it more honoured and revered than in a Freemasons' lodge among Freemasons. They felt it a great honour to have so illustrious a brother at the head of their affairs, and he asked them to drink the toast in bumpers. After "The Pro Grand Master, the D. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers" had been honoured, the W.M. rose to propose "The Health of the P.G. Master for Kent, Viscount Holmesdale." He said they had had the pleasure of seeing his lordship at Erith a few years ago as the guest of that lodge, which had always been leal and loyal in its fidelity to the Province of Kent; and their esteemed Grand J.W., Bro. Woods, must think so, or else he would not have come so far from his home in the province to visit them and honour them by his presence as he had that day. He was sure that every member of that lodge would strive his utmost to further the interests of the province by every means in his power, and help the G. Master in the arduous duties he had to perform. He asked them to drink the toast, which was one of the most important that could be brought into that or any lodge in the province, with the heartiness it deserved. "Bro. Eastes, the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," was then proposed. The W.M. said their respected Bro. Eastes would have been with them but for a slight illness; but they had Bros. Wood, Spurrell, and Knight present, although Bro. Wood would at once have to leave to catch the train for home, and to Bro. Spurrell, therefore, he should entrust the response. Bro. Eastes and the whole of the Grand Officers worked most zealously, with the Grand Master, for the success of the Craft, and, therefore, the toast must have especial claim upon their consideration. Bro. Spurrell, in reply, thanked the brethren for the compliment, and spoke highly of the care made in the selection of Grand Officers by Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes. The toast was one that was always drunk most warmly, and, as a P.G. Officer, he thanked them for their hearty reception of it that night. Bro. Tomkins, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Robt. G. Stone." He said the gavel had been entrusted to him for a short time to enable him to propose the "toast of the evening," and he trusted it would not be the last time he should have such a duty to perform. It gave him a very great deal of pleasure to propose the health of their W.M., who, he was sure, felt proud to preside over his mother lodge. He knew that what he had to say must be brief, because the W.M. had himself said so, and set them an example in this respect; but "when the heart was full, the tongue must speak," and so he would say that having assisted at the initiation of their W.M., and watched his upward progress in the lodge, he felt proud to have the opportunity on that occasion of proposing his health and prosperity. He trusted they would support Bro. Stone in the same genial and hearty manner they had him, and then at the conclusion of his year of office he fully believed their W.M. would have a good account of his stewardship to lay before them. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers. Bro. Stone, Worshipful Master, in reply, humorously alluded to the flattering terms in which his health had been proposed by Bro. Tomkins, as one of the best "Parr's Life Pills" he had ever taken in his life. He felt already that it had done him good and would stir him up to deserve the confidence of the brethren and the generous eulogiums so eloquently passed upon him by Bro. Tomkins. When he was introduced as a candidate to that lodge three years ago by his father, he little thought that he should so soon fill the chair of the lodge, but he attributed it in the first place to their kindness, and in the next place to the fact that he had carried out the minor duties entrusted to him to their satisfaction. Of course every one knew he had to thank his father for a great deal of the success; in fact, if it had not been for him he should not have been there at all; but there was one thing he could tell them, and that was that he should so earnestly strive to carry out the duties, that the lodge would, if possible, be better, stronger, and more esteemed than it ever had been, and also to keep it worthy of its name and position among the lodges of the province. He thanked the Past Masters for their assistance in the past, and asked for it in the future, and hoped to work in harmony with both officers and brethren for the good of the lodge, and its continued prosperity. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and in proposing it the W.M. said he hoped he should follow in their footsteps, but felt it would be unwill-

work for him. Their I.P.M. had set a brilliant example for he was not only a hardworking, but a generous and affable Mason, and he should now proceed to show Bro. Tomkins, in substantial form, what the brethren thought of his efforts for the good of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren during his year of office, by pinning on his breast a Past Master's jewel, which had been presented him by the unanimous voice of the lodge. In their name and his own he did so with pleasure, and trusted Bro. Tomkins would long be spared to wear it, and to continue to aid and help them onward in their Masonic work. Bro. Tomkins in response said that when he proposed the W. Master's health his heart was full, but now it was full to overflowing, and yet he hardly knew what to say or how to thank them for their hearty reception of the toast, and also the handsome jewel just pinned on his breast by the W.M. He was trying to put a few words together while listening to the delightful music Bro. Chaplin Henry and his colleagues were rendering them from the other end of the room, but as soon as he thought of something to say it got mixed up with "Bacchus every bosom fires; Venus soothes with power divine," &c., so that he was as far off as ever. He then referred, in glowing terms, to the good feeling that existed in the lodge, and hoped to see his two sons grow up and become good and faithful members of it. He thanked them for the handsome jewel they had presented him with, and trusted to wear it well and worthily through his life, and then that it would be handed down in his family for many generations to come. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Butt, Chaplin Henry, Briggs, and Pickering responded. The toast of "The Past Masters" was then proposed, in eloquent terms, by the W.M., and coupled with the name of "my old dad," Bro. Robert Stone. Bro. Stone having briefly responded, and spoken feelingly of the pleasure it gave him to see his son in the chair, "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Poole and Knight," was drunk with enthusiasm, and, in reply, Bro. Poole spoke of the time, some seven years ago, when the lodge was a Portuguese Lodge, and of the exertions he and a few other brethren made to make it a local lodge. He was present at the initiation of the W.M., three years ago, and considered the extreme rapidity with which he had gained the highest honours of the lodge very encouraging. He believed in the future of the lodge, which he could tell them was in a prosperous condition, and none who desired to become good Masons in a good lodge could do better than join the St. John and St. Paul. The other toasts were "The Officers," which was responded to by the S.W.; "The Masonic Press," acknowledged by our representative; and the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were enlivened by a splendid selection of songs and glees, magnificently rendered by Bros. Chaplin Henry, Arthur Thompson, and James Kift, under the direction of the former. The table was decorated with some lovely flowers, and the whole affair was most successful and enjoyable.

MORPETH.—De Ogle Lodge (No. 636).—On Thursday evening, the 4th inst., this Northumberland lodge held its regular meeting. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. A. E. Brewis, I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., initiated Mr. G. Watersoff into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. A. E. Brewis then examined Bro. Thos. Dick, and Bro. Geo. Jeffrey, S.W., passed Bro. Dick to the Second Degree. After which came the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. G. Jeffrey, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; and Bros. T. Gillespie, P.M., and James Thompson were re-elected respectively Treasurer and Tyler by acclamation. The next business was of a most interesting and pleasing nature. Bro. A. E. Brewis, I.P.M. (who is about to leave for an appointment in Liverpool, and who has laboured hard in the interests of the Craft, and of this lodge in particular), was presented by the brethren of his lodge with a most elegant and chaste jewel and apron. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. A. E. Brewis, P.M., by the brethren of De Ogle Lodge, as a token of esteem. August, 1881." The presentation was made by Bro. A. M. Loades, P.M., in very commendable terms; and Bro. Brewis acknowledged the present in a most feeling manner. The lodge was then closed in due form. Officers present: Bros. C. C. Davison, W.M.; A. E. Brewis, I.P.M.; W. Davidson, P.M., D.C.; G. Jeffrey, S.W.; J. C. Wilson, J.W.; R. H. Dickenson, Sec.; J. Gillespie, P.M., Treas.; T. E. Schofield, P.M., Org.; J. Ashton, S.D.; J. Graham, I.G.; H. Aynsley, I.G.; C. Lea, S.S.; J. Watt, J.S.; and J. Thompson, Tyler.

TYWARDREATH.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1151).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous little lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present W. Bros. R. C. Pearce, W.M.; Colonel Bake, I.P.M.; T. C. Stephens, P.M.; J. Tregaskis, P.M.; J. Stephens, P.M.; J. S. Rundle, P.M.; W. Tonkin, P.M.; N. Pellow, S.W.; J. Nettle, J.W.; T. S. Bailey, Sec.; Dr. Tuckey, Treas.; J. Parkyn, S.D.; R. Higman, J.D.; W. H. Tregaskis, I.G.; H. Elliot, Tyler; J. T. Baker, S. Yeo. Visitor: Bro. William Thomas Davey, No. 330.

After the lodge had been opened and the usual business transacted, the W.M., addressing W. Bro. Col. Bake, said that it was with profound regret that the brethren had heard that he was about to leave the county, as his connection with the St. Andrew's Lodge had been a long and honourable one, and in order to show their love for him and their appreciation of the way in which he had acted towards them, the whole of the brethren had subscribed (without any money from the lodge funds) towards practically showing the esteem in which he was held by them; and he (the W.M.) therefore begged to present to Col. Bake a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in 18 carat gold, attached to a ribbon with three bars, on which is inscribed in raised letters: "St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1151, S.G.B.," and on the other side is the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Colonel Samuel Graham Bake by the brethren of the St. Andrew's Lodge as a token of their affection and regard for his generosity to the Masonic Charities in general, and to this lodge in particular. Dated 11th August, 1881, A.L. 5881." W. Bro. Col. Bake, who appeared in his new jewel, and with the Charity jewels of all the Institutions, and with the Steward's Jewels of the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions for the present year, was heartily received, and said how grateful he was for this ex-

pression of their love. He should remember with pride his connection with St. Andrew's Lodge, and although he was leaving the county he was not going to leave the lodge, but would still take the same interest in its welfare, and visit them whenever it was convenient. The gallant colonel then resumed his seat amid many expressions of love and fraternal greetings. The value of the jewel is about twelve guineas, and is in a beautiful case. A large number of brethren who subscribed were unavoidably absent from the gathering.

LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—The success and geniality which have usually attended the annual celebration gatherings of the members of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge since its consecration at Wavertree and transplantation to Liverpool, were again conspicuous at the yearly installation meeting, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst. The working was excellent, and the good fellowship which prevailed was undimmed by a single cloud. In this respect the "Duke" is a kind of model Masonic combination, and worthy of the name and fame which it has acquired in the extensive province over which the Earl of Lathom holds supreme sway. Bro. A. D. Hesketh, W.M., presided at the opening of the proceedings, which commenced at four o'clock, and amongst those who were present we observed Bros. G. Musker, I.P.M.; B. Myers, P.M.; John Williams, P.M.; T. Davis, P.M.; Alex. Barclay, S.W.; Thos. O. Dutton, J.W.; R. Martin, jun., P.M., M.C.; J. O. Rea, Sec.; Thomas Waring, S.D.; T. Holden, J.D.; J. H. Tyson, I.G.; Thos. Wright, S.S.; W. H. Gick, J.S.; P. Ball, Tyler; G. B. Kirkland, R. Baines, J. Potter, J. Pittaway, Isaac Jacobs, J. J. Ratchford, Geo. Tagg, D. Ritchie, Webster Williams, W. Arkell, J. B. Galloway, Jno. Meales, W. Harvey, J. T. Jarvis, S. Wilkinson, Jno. J. Jarvis, J. Newport, A. Finger, A. T. Shore, J. B. Mackenzie, I.P.M. 1609, W. W. Chapman, W. H. Morrison, J. Roberts, J. P. Davey, and others.

The visitors included Bros. J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, P.P.G.S.B.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S.W.; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; L. Herman, I.P.M. 673; Councillor Jos. Ball, W.M. 673; C. Marsh, S.W. 673; W. Brackenbury, P.M. 673, P.G.S.; W. J. Chapman, P.M. 1609; John Whalley, P.M. 249; W. Williams, jun., P.M. 1356; John Devaynes, P.M. 667; James Keet, W.M. 1356; H. Ferguson, W.M. 1756; John Duncan, jun., P.M. 1473 and 1547; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; W. H. Vevers, W.M. 549; T. H. Walker, 1675; Wm. Gick, P.M. 1756; J. Grierson, S.W. 1756; R. E. Mellon, J.W. 1756; H. Coulson, W.M. 1505; G. Black, P.M. 100 (Dublin); C. Ardin, P.M. 1356; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

After the transaction of the usual routine business, Bro. A. D. Hesketh, who had most successfully performed the duties of the chair during the past year, concluded his twelve months' services by installing, in a remarkably effective manner, Bro. Alexander Barclay as the W.M. of the lodge. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. A. D. Hesketh, I.P.M.; T. O. Dutton, S.W.; J. O. Rea, J.W.; Robert Martin, jun., P.M., Treasurer; T. Wareing, Secretary; T. B. Myers, P.M., D. of C.; W. Davies, Organist; J. H. Tyson, S.D.; T. Wright, J.D.; W. H. Gick, I.G.; G. B. Kirkland, S.S.; J. Pittaway, J.S.; and T. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). The balance sheet, which was taken as read and passed, was of a most satisfactory nature, and the list of donations to the various Charities, by the private members and other sources, showed the following results: Royal Masonic Institution for Old Men and Women, £21 2s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £31 10s.; West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, £10 10s.; and to the Hamer Fund, £15 9s.

An excellent banquet was served at the conclusion of business, and during the after-dinner proceedings a very valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. D. Hesketh, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren. A capital musical programme was given by Bros. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Webster, Williams, C. Heywood; and the various loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given and responded to.

The picnic in connection with the lodge took place at Lymm, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., a special train leaving Lime-street Station about 10.25 a.m. The dinner was provided at the Plough Hotel, near the station, at one o'clock, and tea was served at the same place at 5.30. The attendance of a military band had been secured, whose performances greatly added to the pleasure of the outing. The return train left Lymm at 8.50 p.m., arriving in Lime-street Station at about 10 p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual picnic of the members of this lodge, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., the scene of the day's festivities being the charming Welsh town of Llangollen. About sixty members and friends started from the landing-stage shortly before ten o'clock, and in the unavoidable absence, in consequence of family bereavement, of the W.M., Bro. T. H. Arden, the arrangements were carried out by Bro. J. Pemberton, P.M., assisted by Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M.; J. Healing, P.M.; W. Cotter, P.M.; and H. Williams, P.M. The weather was exceedingly unfavourable for outdoor sports, but, as an improvement in this respect took place in the afternoon, the party enjoyed the "out" with much zest. The catering of Mr. G. T. Allen, of the Ponsonby Arms, Llangollen, who provided dinner and tea, gave universal satisfaction. The only hitch in the day's proceedings was the delay which took place in connection with the return journey. Timed to start at twenty minutes past nine o'clock, the party could not move towards home till a few minutes to eleven o'clock, and Liverpool was not reached till nearly one o'clock in the morning.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Baldwin Lodge (No. 1398).—On Wednesday, the 10th inst., the members and friends of this lodge met at the Masonic Temple, The Castle, one of the few ancient castles dating from the time of the Monks of Furness, in which a room has been beautifully fitted up for the Masonic lodge. His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch generously places the Castle at the service of the Freemasons of Dalton, and all the surroundings harmonise with the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Masonic Order. On this occasion there was a large gathering of Masons to take part in the ceremony of

installation of Bro. Robert Blake, P.S.W., to the position of Worshipful Master of the lodge. Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. J. M. Morgan, P.P.G. Chaplain; Worrall, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; G. Cornfield, P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; W. Whiteside, P.M. 1398; F. H. Clark, P.M. 1398; F. Bell, P.M. 1398; R. Hosking, P.M. 1398; J. Garden, P.M. 1398; T. Grieve, I.P.M. 1398; Paxton, W.M. 995; C. Richards, W.M. 1021; T. Morgan, W.M. 1225; C. Godby, S.W. 1398; G. S. Heath, S.W. 1021; Klyne, S.W. 1225; G. B. Ashburner, J.W. 1398; W. Brickel, J.W. 1715; J. Stables, J.W. 1225; E. A. Atkinson, J. W. 1390; J. P. Balbirnie, P. Wuryburger, H. F. Wright, G. Coulton, J. Smith, W. Wilson, E. B. Mitchell, R. Townley, R. Whiteside, E. Todd, M. Wilson, J. T. Lawn, W. Maudall, W. E. Whiteside, A. Cottam, and P. Derbyshire, 1398; E. Gradwell, 1021; W. M. Airth, 40; R. Black, 1390; J. Berry, 995; James Eddy, and others. The ceremony of installation commenced at 2.30 p.m., by Bro. W. Whiteside, who fulfilled the duties of Installing Master in a highly commendable manner, and was assisted by Bros. F. H. Clarke and T. Grieve, P.M.'s 1398; after which Bro. Blake, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Grieve, I.P.M.; C. Godby, S.W.; G. B. Ashburner, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain; E. B. Mitchell, Treasurer; R. Whiteside, Secretary; R. Townley, S.D.; J. P. Balbirnie, J.D.; W. Wilson, I.G.; E. Todd, Org.; H. F. Wright, S.S.; Geo. Coulton, J.S.; and P. Derbyshire, Tyler.

At the conclusion of this beautiful and imposing ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a most appetising banquet awaited them. After due justice had been done to the good things provided, Bro. Blake proposed in appropriate terms the first toast on the list, that of "The Queen, the Princess of Wales and rest of the Royal Family," followed by that of "The Most Worshipful H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," which were most warmly received and responded to with musical honours. Bro. Blake next proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Master "The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, the D.P.G. Master, the Hon. F. A. Stanley, and rest of the Provincial Officers of West Lancashire," coupling with it the name of Bro. G. Cornfield, P.P.G.S.B., West Lancashire, who briefly responded. Bro. T. Grieve, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the newly elected Worshipful Master of the Baldwin Lodge," at the same time enumerating the many excellent qualities possessed by Bro. Blake, his most assiduous attention and long connection with the lodge, which so eminently fitted him for the high and proud position of Worshipful Master, the toast being responded to most heartily by the whole assembly. Bro. Blake, in reply, expressed his appreciation of the high honour in placing him in the position which necessitated his replying to the toast, and the confidence thus reposed in him so unanimously by the brethren. He also took the opportunity to propose "The Health of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Grieve," and passed a high eulogium upon Bro. Grieve for his past services, and in the name of the Baldwin Lodge said it fell to his happy task to recognise the services of Bro. Grieve in a substantial manner, by presenting him with a Masonic jewel, adding that it was always a pleasure to recognise the services of a friend, and that pleasure was manifestly increased when it was known to be shared by the whole of the lodge membership, as was the case in that instance; and he hoped that Bro. Grieve would be spared many long years to look upon it as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the members of the Baldwin Lodge. The toast having been heartily acknowledged, Bro. Grieve replied, tendering his best thanks for the high appreciation of his services. Bro. R. Hosking proposed "The Health of the Wardens and Officers of 1398," with a few words of encouragement for the manner in which one and all fulfilled their duties, coupling with it the name of Bro. Godby, S.W.; after which Bro. Godby responded on behalf of his colleagues in office, hoping that if they had done well so far they would still emulate a greater state of perfection in their various duties, and desiring the full attendance of the lodge members on all occasions, as well as the Past Masters to encourage with their presence. Bro. G. B. Ashburner, J.W., afterwards proposed "The Health of the Past Officers of 1398" in an appropriate speech, coupling with it the name of Bro. Bell, P.M., of whom it might also be said that he had that day, by his excellent provision for their wants, deserved the additional title of "Fast Master." Bro. Bell made a suitable reply to the toast. Bro. Blake next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," who, he said, had that day so well and ably fulfilled the duties, and carried through in so admirable manner the beautiful and impressive ceremony. As a partaker in the day's duties, he felt very much indebted to Bro. Whiteside, and he was sure the brethren would be only too pleased to acknowledge the praise due to their Installing Master. Hearty and due acknowledgment having been given the toast, Bro. Whiteside thanked the company for the honour they had done him by drinking his health, and he could assure them it had been to him a labour of love, as they all knew the great interest he took in Masonry. Bro. E. B. Mitchell, Treasurer, proposed "The Health of the Clerical Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Rev. J. M. Morgan, P.P.G. Chaplain. In the absence of the respondent, who had been called away upon urgent business, Bro. Blake, W.M., was deputed to reply on his behalf, who, in doing so, expressed his regret at the Chaplain's absence, whose presence in the lodge and at their festive gatherings was always so much appreciated. Bro. F. Bell, P.M., by desire of the W.M., also replied on behalf of the Chaplain, and spoke in high terms of his many and appreciated good qualities. Bro. F. H. Clarke, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," remarking the great pleasure it afforded to see so many visitors present from neighbouring lodges, helping, as it always did, to bring them closer, and thus encourage each other in their work, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Worrall, P.M. and P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, who replied, expressing the pleasure it always gave him to be present at the gatherings of the Baldwin Lodge. Bros. Paxton, W.M. 995; Richards, W.M. 1021; and Morgan, W.M. 1225, also replied. Bro. Blake next proposed "The Host and Hostess." The spread they had that day placed before them was but a repetition of what Bro. and Mrs. Bell had done for years past—rendering satisfaction to every one, and carried out in such a manner that had rendered Bro. and Mrs. Bell so deservedly famed. Bro. Bell, in reply, said it was a pleasure to them to know they had given such satisfaction, and they were amply repaid for the efforts they had put forth by the knowledge

that their efforts had been appreciated. The Secretary proposed "The Health of the Ladies," coupling with it the name of Bro. E. Gradwell, who made a suitable response. The Tyler, Bro. P. Derbyshire, proposed the toast "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," which having been drunk with due and solemn silence, the proceedings, which had been greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. E. B. Mitchell, C. Richards, C. Godby, G. B. Ashburner, Gradwell, Derbyshire, and Worrall, were brought to a termination. Bro. Worrall acted as Master of Ceremonies in a manner which added very much to the harmony, good feeling, and satisfaction which characterised the whole of the day's proceedings.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 4th inst., Bro. W. W. Wilde, W.M., in the chair. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the ballot was severally taken for Mr. Riley and Mr. Willan, and proving unanimous, they were initiated in the order named into the mysteries of the Craft, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., and Bro. William Longmire, I.P.M. The working tools were given by the J.W., Bro. Poole. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., when there was a good muster, Bro. R. Wilson, W.M., in the chair, with the following officers: Bros. James Harper, S.W.; Jordan Ashworth, J.W.; D. Bell, S.D.; F. T. Allatt, J.D.; William Martin, P.M., Sec.; John Banks, I.G.; W. J. Hervey, Tyler; with other members and visitors from several local lodges. The general business before the lodge was to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, and pass Bros. Peel and Routledge to the Second Degree. Both having given proof of their proficiency, were duly passed. The lodge, after presenting one brother with his certificate, was closed in form and good harmony.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. The brethren present were Bros. Steingraber, W.M.; J. T. Tanqueray, S.W.; Davidson, J.W.; H. Clay Sudlow, Preceptor; Joseph Langton, Treas.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Shaw, S.D.; Bentley Haynes, J.D.; Henri Buc, I.G.; Pocock, and others. Visitor: Bro. Roberts, 1693.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. Pocock acting as a candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Third Degree, he was duly raised to the Degree of M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history. The lodge was called off and on, and closed down to the First Degree. The Second and Third Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by Bro. Sudlow, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. T. Tanqueray was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. John William Roberts, of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was elected a member of the lodge. It was resolved to hold a special meeting of the lodge in the month of November, and a Committee, consisting of Bros. Sudlow, Buc, and Langton, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 8th inst. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. R. N. Field, who was supported by Comps. S. Poynter, H.; J. Terry, acting J.; James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E.; and Henry Smith, P.Z., Treas.; and amongst others present during business were Comps. B. R. Bryant, N.; J. W. Watts, P.S.; H. Baldwin, A.S.; M. S. Larham, P.Z.; W. Wilkins, J. Gilbert, and others. The visitors present were Comps. J. Keith Gorjean, P.Z., and G. Archer, P.H. of the Zetland Chapter, 1157; Wale, Dobie, 887; and T. S. Watts, P.Z. 916.

The members of the chapter appeared in deep Masonic mourning, and the furniture was draped with crape, in token of sad respect for the late Ex. Comp. Thomas Meggy, the recently installed J. of the chapter, whose loss was greatly deplored by the members generally. In the course of the evening Ex. Comp. James Stevens addressed the companions on the subject, and bore testimony to the many good qualities of the departed companion, as well in relation to the claims of friendship outside Freemasonry as in connection with lodges and chapters, and proposed a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow and family, which was unanimously recorded on the minutes. Four candidates for exaltation were approved, and two being in attendance, viz., Bros. F. C. Taylor and Alfred Boar, both of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, were introduced and exalted, with full ceremony and lectures. The work was very ably carried out, and gave great satisfaction to the visitors and newly-exalted companions. Notice was given of election and installation of J. at the ensuing meeting, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order, and the chapter was then closed. The companions afterwards adjourned to refreshment.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The meeting of the members of this chapter took place at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 15th inst. Ex. Comp. H. Longman occupied the chair of M.E.Z., there being also present Comps. Duff, H.; Ellershaw, J.; Stanton, Scribe E., and others. After the regular business of the chapter had been transacted, Comp. W. H. Bagnall presented to the chapter, in the name and on behalf of Comp. Colonel Stanley, P.Z., P.G.H., a handsome set of sceptres, as a memento of his year of office as First Principal. Comp. H. Longman, the M.E.Z., accepted the sceptres on behalf of the chapter, and proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the donor for his valuable gift. The motion was seconded by Comp. Duff, and carried by acclamation. Comp. Colonel Stanley was detained in London by his Parliamentary duties, and unable to make the presentation himself. The chapter was afterwards closed with the usual formalities.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., P.Z., P.G.H., has presented to the Rowley Chapter, No. 1051, a handsome set of sceptres, as a memento of his year of office as First Principal.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., has consented to preside at a congratulatory banquet to Sir Hugh Owen in the month of November, in connection with the recent distinction conferred on him by Her Majesty.

Bro. the Hon. Stanley Matthews, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, is about to present his entire collection of paintings to the Cincinnati Art Museum.

At a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall, held at Truro on Monday, R.W. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle was installed Provincial Grand Master, in the place of the late Bro. Col. John W. Peard.

Sir Nathaniel de Rothschild, Bart., M.P., Chairman of the London Committee for Promoting Education in Palestine, and his fellow-members, have purchased a plot of ground in Jerusalem, upon which to erect larger classrooms and provide space for a playground.

Bro. Charles Lomax Tiplady, of Blackburn, who was killed in the Blackburn railway accident, was buried on Thursday, the 11th inst., a number of brethren following.

Bro. Justice Cave on Tuesday commenced sitting at Judges' Chambers as vacation judge.

Bro. the Hon. Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, is a member of the Joint Commission of Congress on the Yorktown Centennial Celebration, which will be celebrated on the field of Yorktown, Va., October 18th. He is also one of the invited guests, as Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday the obelisk which has for so many years stood opposite Leman-street and Commercial-street, dividing the City from Whitechapel, was placed about a hundred yards to a spot eastwards, in order to make room for increased and improved lighting-up of the locality. In 1851, at the exhibition in Hyde Park, this stone, which is one solid block of Scotch granite, was shown, and was considered to be a fine specimen of its kind. At the close of the exhibition the parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel, bought the stone.—*City Press*.

Bros. Jones and Barber will hold a race meeting for hacks, galloways, and ponies at their course, Buckhurst-hill, on Monday next.

Bro. Sir Knight George O. Tyler was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, at the annual conclave, held at Burlington.

Several influential gentlemen (travellers) on the Brighton Railway have formed themselves into a Committee with a view of presenting to Bro. R. Pierpoint an appropriate testimonial, in recognition of his assiduity, uniform attention, and general courtesy, during the twenty-two years he has faithfully discharged the arduous and responsible duties that have devolved upon him.

Bro. R. Biddulph Martin, M.P., was present at the annual excursion of the Tewkesbury Liberal Association.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton left London on Tuesday with his eldest son for Brussels, en route to the Lake of Lucerne, to spend a short and well-deserved holiday. Bro. Peter de Lande Long, his brother-in-law, also accompanies him.

THE INNER TEMPLE GARDENS.—The Inner Temple Gardens are open to the public every evening between the hours of six and nine o'clock. This privilege, however, will not be extended beyond the end of this month.

CELEBRATION OF BELGIAN INDEPENDENCE.—The fêtes celebrating the Belgian Independence commence this year at Brussels on Sunday, the 21st inst., and comprise a regatta, horse races, rifle competition, free admission to the theatres, fireworks, illuminations, exhibition of fine arts, and an agricultural exhibition.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 31st inst., by Bro. R. P. Tate, W.M. 862, at eight o'clock precisely.

In recognition of her husband's political services to the county of Kent, a division of which he represented in Parliament for twenty-one years prior to his elevation to the peerage as Baron Amherst, Lady Holmesdale was, on Friday, the 12th inst., at Linton Park, presented with a portrait of Bro. Lord Holmesdale, the work of Mr. Frank Holl, R.A., and which has been on view in the Grosvenor Gallery during the London season. In honour of the occasion Lady Holmesdale gave a garden party at Linton Park, the guests including Earl Amhurst, Sir W. Hart-Dyke, M.P.; Mr. Akers Douglas, M.P.; Sir E. Filmer, M.P.; and Major Ross, M.P. The presentation was made by Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Chairman of the Kent General Sessions, and both Lord and Lady Holmesdale acknowledged the gift.

Rather unpleasant tidings reached M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson during the session of Grand Lodge through the telegraphic columns of the daily press. It seems that on the night of the 13th ult. his residence in Kingston was burglarised, and a quantity of valuables stolen. The despatch stated that "the burglar ascended an iron ladder in the rear of the house and gained access by it to the attic. He explored the house and collected a quantity of jewellery, and was about to make his exit when one of the domestics heard his footsteps and gave the alarm. The burglar escaped, first getting out upon the verandah, and then jumping off it to the ground, a distance of 15 feet. He was barefooted. On the verandah was found a gold chain, and on the street articles of lace, and other valuables. An entrance to the house was effected some time ago in a similar way. The thief is suspected and may yet be arrested." We trust the whole of the stolen property has been recovered, and that the thief may be arrested and punished for his crime.—*Keystone*.

Mr. Henry Edwards, M.P. for Weymouth, has offered to bear the expense of turning a large piece of land reclaimed from the backwater into an ornamental recreation ground for that borough.

The camp at Shoeburyness broke up on Friday, the 12th inst., the first detachments marching out at seven o'clock. At nine the 2nd Durham, the winners of the Queen's prize for the second year in succession, also left the camp, headed by their Colonel, Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry.

Nova Casarea Harmony Lodge, No. 2, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the wealthiest lodge in the world, its real estate and other investments being worth half a million dollars.—*Keystone*.

Bro. Howard Paul is on his way to America, where he hopes to pick up some attractive novelties for the Alhambra. During his absence Mr. Sidney Alport, whom we are glad to see again to the fore, looks after business arrangements in his place.

The corner-stone of a Normal College at Mitchell, Indiana, was laid by the M.W. Grand Master Masons of Indiana, on the 28th July last.

September 3rd has been fixed this year for Hospital Saturday. During the last seven years nearly £34,000 has been contributed to the various hospitals and dispensaries of London from this fund.

Bro. Ralph Guichard, of Walla Walla, has been elected Grand Master of Masons of Washington Territory, and Bro. T. M. Reed has been re-elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Comp. David P. Mason, of Albany, has been re-elected Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, and Bro. R. P. Earhart, of Salem, has been re-elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter.—*Voice of Masonry*.

Bro. Alderman Staples has printed in a volume his notes on St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, which he read at the opening of the garden in the churchyard. He has distributed nearly 500 copies amongst the parishioners, a gift which is highly appreciated.

Last Saturday the members of the Brighton and Sussex Natural History Society had a field excursion to West Grinstead, one of the most picturesque districts in Sussex, from which can be viewed the famous Clancotbury Ring, and where is also situate the Sussex seat of Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Third Class of the Royal Order of Victoria and Albert on Louisa Jane, Duchess of Abercorn.

The *Citizen* states that Mr. Charles Kettlewell, of Armadale Castle, Isle of Skye, has given £10,000 to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, as a memorial of his late brother, who died of fever at Naples. The donor is one of the governors of the hospital.

Bro. G. S. Graham was re-appointed Prov. G. Organist of Middlesex at the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. W. Benson manufactured the decorations worn by the Committee at the Guildhall Conversation held on Friday of last week, which consisted of an enamelled Geneva cross, embellished with the City arms and monograms.

The performances given by Mr. John S. Clark at the Vaudeville came to an end last week, and Mr. Clark has already started for America.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom and Lord Derby will visit Southport on September 8, to open the new markets, which have been erected at a cost of £25,000.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold (Duke of Albany) has been pleased to signify to the hon. sec. (Dr. Farquhar Matheson) his acceptance of the invitation of the Committee of Management to preside at the 217th anniversary festival of the Scottish Corporation, to be held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th next.

Bro. F. B. Chatterton has taken Sadler's Wells for the next season.

The drama written by Bro. G. R. Sims for the Princess's is entitled *The Lights of London*, and is to be produced early next month.

Bro. Col. Bake was presented with a handsome P.M. jewel, on the occasion of his leaving the county, by the members of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1151, Tywardreath, bearing the following inscription: Presented to Bro. Col. Samuel Graham Bake by the brethren of the St. Andrew's Lodge, as a token of their affection and regard for his generosity to the Masonic charities in general and to the lodge in particular. Dated 11th August, 1881, A. L. 5881.

A magnificent jewel is to be presented to Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, Past Grand Master of Knights Templars of the United States. The beautiful jewel is 4½ inches in length; the aureole, or blazing sun ray, 3½ inches long, surmounted by the triple cross in the most exquisite red enamel, so clear and transparent as to show the fine gold carpet-cut figure upon the background, the cross nearly one quarter of an inch in thickness. At the junction of the cross angles are three diamonds of fine water; these, with the chiseled lace-work on the borders of the cross, make a brilliant showing. Between the cross and aureole, and branching from the cross angles, are the sword and sceptre of Knight Templarism, and these two are magnificently enamelled into colours—with black and red—with platinum visor to helmet sword hilt. All of these are artistically carved. The jewel is suspended by massive rings and small cross and crown trimmings to a sweep suspension of elaborately-carved lace-work, and the whole made of finest gold.

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.

The number of patients under treatment at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, for the week ending August the 13th, was 893.

The Ministerial Whitebait banquet took place on Tuesday at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, when forty-seven members of the Government sat down to dinner. Previous to the dinner there was a public presentation of an oak chair and an address to Mr. Gladstone by the Liberals of Greenwich.

The Rev. J. A. Wylie, LL.D., author of the well-known "History of Protestantism," published by Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin, is a candidate for the post of Historiographer to the Queen for Scotland, vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Hill Burton.

A fête of the Foresters' Society will be held at the Crystal Palace, on the 23rd inst., in aid of the Distress, Gift, and Asylum Funds, and the benevolent object of the promoters will, it is hoped, be appreciated by the public.

Bro. Henry Massey, P.M. 619, was installed first W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, No. 192S, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, on Saturday last. The first Wardens are Bro. H. E. F. Bussey, S.W., and Bro. T. Minstrell, J.W.

Bro. George B. Van Saun, of Cedar Falls, has been elected Grand Master of Masons of Iowa, and Bro. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa City, has been elected Grand Secretary.

The latest reports regarding the state of Bro. General Garfield are slightly more favourable. He has been able to take and retain some nourishment, and the condition of the wound is satisfactory.

Bro. Prince Leopold is expected to visit Dublin on the occasion of the meeting of the Social Science Congress in October.

Bro. E. Edward Gellowski, of 13, Bruton-street, W., has modelled a bust of Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts, for which he gave several sittings, and which is considered by himself, Lady Roberts, Bro. Sir J. Fayur, Lord George Hamilton, and others as the best and most life-like portrait they have seen. Bro. Gellowski is now engaged on a marble bust of Major-General Sir Louis Cavagnari for the Great Hall, Christ's Hospital.

NEW FLOATING BATH ON THE THAMES.—After a considerable amount of correspondence and discussion it is stated that the Thames Conservancy Board has given permission for a floating bath to be erected in the river near Kingston Bridge, the concession being mainly due to the action of the Mayor and Corporation of Kingston.

Bro. E. M. Lott, P.M. 245, 1765, P.P.G.J.W. Jersey, P.P.G.O. Middlesex, P.P.G.O. Surrey, was installed Past Master of the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, at the Masonic Hall, Harewood House, High-street, Croydon. The first Wardens are Bros. Edwin Moss, S.W., and Theophilus T. Phillips, J.W.

The meeting of the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, will be resumed on Thursday, September 1st, at 8.30 p.m.

Bro. Robert Blake, P.G.S.W., was installed W.M. of the Baldwin Lodge, No. 139S, Dalton-in-Furness, on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

Bro. R. G. Stone was installed W.M. of the St. John and St. Paul's Lodge, No. 615, Erith, on the 10th inst. Bro. T. W. Knight, P.M. Treas., P.P.G.D.C., was the installing officer.

Bro. Alexander Barclay was installed W.M. of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, Liverpool, on the 11th inst.

The annual picnic of the members of the Neptune Lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Llangollen.

Bro. Locock Webb, Q.C., has removed from 5, New Square, to 4, Elm Court, Temple.

Bro. the Earl Ferrers has left Brown's Hotel for Lincolnshire.

Bro. Lord Sherborne has left Pulteney Hotel for Malmesbury.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lethby has left the sum of £1000 to the London Hospital, Whitechapel, where her husband was for many years Professor of Chemistry, to form an annual scholarship to be awarded to the best pupil in Chemistry.

The City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education has, according to the *City Press*, arranged for a winter course of lectures, including laboratory and workshop instruction, at the temporary class-room of the Institute, Cowper-street, Finsbury, commencing on October 4. There will also be evening trade classes, transferred from the Artisans' Institute. Among the lecturers will be Professor W. E. Ayrton, F.R.S., and Professor H. E. Armstrong, F.R.S.

There is some probability that the Prince of Wales will visit Chatsworth before the shooting season terminates. Should His Royal Highness do so, he will, it is believed, open the new wing of the Derbyshire Hospital at Buxton.

The first of a series of meetings in connection with the West of England Sunday School Union was held at the Congregation Church, Bridgewater, on Wednesday. Every one brought bunches of flowers or fruit for distribution among the sick in the hospitals and infirmaries.

It is believed that the Queen, having been recommended by her medical advisers to take a sea trip, will, instead of travelling by rail to Scotland, after leaving the Isle of Wight on the 22nd inst., proceed to the north in the yacht Victoria and Albert.

Six soldiers of the 66th Regiment were on Wednesday presented with medals by the Queen, at Osborne, for bravery on the field of battle, in the presence of the whole regiment. As the Queen pinned the medals on their breasts she addressed a few encouraging words to each, applauding their courage in the hour of battle.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, August 27, 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, AUGUST 20.

Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hot., Walthamstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
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, AUGUST 22.

No Meetings.

LODGES 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.
Tredgar, 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.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Mau, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23.

Chap. 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton 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, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, 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, AUGUST 24.

Gen Com. Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

LODGES 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, S.
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, 81, 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.
Ranelagh, 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., S.W., at 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, G.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, AUGUST 26.

Chap. 1602, Sir Hugh Myddleton, Agricultural Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
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, AUGUST 27.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, A.P., Muswell-hill.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, August 27, 1881.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22.

Lodge 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Concert Hall, Liscard.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 26.

Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

FORREST.—On the 13th inst., at Prah-road, Finsbury-park, the wife of Mr. William David Melville Forrest, of a daughter.

WOODLAND.—On the 10th inst., at Hammerwood Vicarage, East Grinstead, the wife of the Rev. Clement C. Woodland, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BEACHCROFT—JOHNSON.—On the 16th inst., at St. Mark's Church, Sandringham-road, Stoke Newington, William Beachcroft, of Forest-road, Dalston, to Fanny, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Johnson, [of Mildmay-road, N.

DEATHS.

BLOOD.—On the 14th inst., Major Francis Gamble Blood, late of the 69th Regiment, son of the late Col. John Aylward Blood.

PARRIS.—On the 5th inst., at Churchill, Somerset, Mr. James Henry Parris, aged 67.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervous Debility.—No part of the human machine requires more watching than the nervous system—upon it hangs health and life itself. These PILLS are the best regulators and strengtheners of the nerves, and the safest general purifiers. Nausea, headache, giddiness, numbness, and mental apathy yield to them. They dispatch in a summary manner those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fulness at the pit of the stomach, abdominal distension, and overcome both capricious appetites and confined bowels—the commonly accompanying signs of defective or deranged nervous power. Holloway's Pills are particularly recommended to persons of studious and sedentary habits, who gradually sink into a nervous and debilitated state unless some such restorative be occasionally taken.—[ANVT.]

PRESENTATION TO BRO. G. MATT, 1391.

On Monday evening Bro. George Matt, formerly Secretary of the Leicester Conservative Club, and who on his retirement from office had been unanimously elected Hon. Sec., was presented by a few friends with an admirable oil-painted portrait of himself, from a photograph by Mr. W. Mobbs, Gallowtree-gate. There was a good attendance of subscribers, though everybody felt that had the presentation of a testimonial been more largely made known many more would have liked to have joined in an acknowledgment of the services of Bro. Matt. In the absence of Bro. Major-General Burnaby, M.P., Bro. W. Beeson, formerly of South Croxton, but now residing in Leicester, presided.

Mr. ROBERT READ, jun., made the presentation, and, in doing so, observed that the cause which had brought them together was to him a very pleasant one, as it was always agreeable to the best impulses of human nature to give honour to whom honour is due. (Hear, hear.) That Bro. Matt was deserving of the warmest thanks of the Conservative party of the town and county would be cordially acknowledged by his friends and political comrades present. (Applause.) He (Mr. Read) might claim without boastfulness that a letter of his to the public Press was one of the first calls for the formation of a Conservative club—(hear, hear)—but for the completed institution, in which they gloried, the credit was largely due to Bro. Matt. (Applause.) He could not in his presence indulge in the same strain of commendation that he might do in his absence, but he must be allowed to say how much he admired his consistent Conservatism, his capacity of organisation, and his extensive knowledge, as well as the urbanity by which he was distinguished. (Applause.) These qualities deserved their recognition, for to them they must largely attribute the auspicious existence of that comfortable home of loyal Constitutionalism—a home which formed a grand rallying ground, a precious link between county and town; the political friendship between which was well illustrated by the presence of Bro. Beeson in the chair. (Applause.) He had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Matt, on behalf of subscribing friends, with that portrait of his own genial countenance, and he hoped it might be long before they or his family had to mourn the loss of the much esteemed original. (Much applause.)

Bro. MATT, who was very warmly received, acknowledged in appropriate terms the compliment which had been paid him, and expressed himself not only willing but anxious to do in the future as in the past—all in his power to promote the continued success of the Conservative party. He hoped the Committee of the club would do him the honour of accepting a portrait of himself as a reminiscence of his connection with the club.

The picture was accepted by the Committee.

On the motion of a MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, seconded by Mr. J. VAUGHAN, another member of the Committee, a resolution was adopted requesting the Committee to allow the portrait to be hung in one of the rooms of the club. Mr. Vaughan availed himself of the opportunity of adding his testimony to the valuable services which Bro. Matt had rendered to the club.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—*Leicestershire Advertiser.*

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at half-past seven o'clock. Although there were advancements on the summons, the attendance of members, for various reasons, was very limited, including Bros. Captain Sewell, W.M., P.G. M.O.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.G. Sec.; R. W. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, W.M. elect, P.P.G. Org., as J.W.; T. C. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O., P.G.I.G.; T. Mason, Sec., R.M.; and J. Hewson, Tyler, P.G. Tyler. The following visitors were present from Derwent Lodge, No. 282, Workington: Bros. T. Dixon, W.M., P.G. Reg. M.; J. A. Salkeld, M.O.; E. Burrows, J.O.; J. Jenkinson, S.D.; and F. Paul, J.D.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. H. Carruthers and J. Towers, Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, were balloted for, and accepted as candidates for advancement. Bro. Towers having previously intimated his inability to attend that evening, on account of business, it was arranged to hold a lodge of emergency for his advancement between then and the installation of W.M., which takes place on the 31st inst. Bro. Carruthers, on being admitted, was regularly advanced to the honourable Degree, several of the visiting brethren present rendering valuable assistance; in fact, considering that it is only a month since the consecration of Derwent Lodge, the proficiency of the members thus early bespeaks a bright future for the youngest Mark lodge in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. The lodge was closed in time for the visiting brethren to catch the last train home, previous to which they were accorded a hearty and well-merited vote of thanks.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

DEVONPORT.—St. Aubyn Chapter (No. 20).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall. E. and P.P.E. Aitken-Davies, the M.W.S. elect, was installed by his predecessor, E. and P.P. J. Austin, with the following attendance of P.M.W.S.'s: Fraters R. H. Rae, C. Watson, T. Goodall, of the St. Aubyn Chapter; J. E. Curteis and T. S. Bayly, M.W.S., of the Huyshe Chapter. At the close of the installation the following fraters were appointed as the officers for the ensuing year: Frs. J. Austin, J.P.M.W.S.; W. H. Honey, Prel.; John Allen, 1st G.; John Baxter, 2nd G.; Lieut. E. L. Wilson, R.N., G.M.; C. Watson, R.; John Planagan, H.; James Spry, C.G.; T. Goodall, Rec.; R. H. Rae, Treas.; T. Goodall, O.; and E. Stephens, Equerry. The Treasurer's accounts were audited, and showed the chapter occupied a very favourable financial position.

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