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THE Masonic Reception organised at York by the two York lodges during the meeting of the British Association in that ancient and famous city deserves the notice of a Masonic journal, and the recognition of our readers, all Masonic students, and the Craft. It is under high Masonic patronage, and promises to be a success in every respect, and to help on the cause of Masonic archæology and investigation, and to advance the pleasant claims of Masonic sympathy and fellowship. This fraternal proposal of the two York lodges we trust will meet with general approval, and the members of our Order who have laboured so zealously to bring about such a desirable assembly will, we feel sure, receive the warm thanks of all their brethren. It is not often that we Freemasons meet together out of our normal line of thought and action, and all such occasions should be hailed and utilized as means of promoting a more general taste for Masonic researches, and strengthening those links of fraternal amity and comity which ought to bind all Freemasons with one adamant chain of sympathy and goodwill.

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AN esteemed brother, in last week's *Freemason*, suggests some doubts as to the advisability of seeking to form a Masonic Archæological Association, and argues from the past as to the future. But the truth is, that the whole question is a very difficult one, and requires patient consideration and serious thought. There are many elder Freemasons and some young students who would gladly join some such institution, if merely like other similar societies, for the purpose of publishing some Masonic MSS. and works, and that there is room and place for such a society we do not think there need really be any doubt. But it will depend on the direction given to it, and the form it assumes, and the work it takes up. There are Masons and Masons, and what is ever to be feared in such societies is, that spirit of "dilettanteism" (to coin a word for the occasion), which does not care for the work for the work's sake, but uses it as a means for personal views, or private aims. A society carefully constructed out of good materials, with a definite aim, and a distinct purpose, and with a real working Committee, would, we feel fully confident, just now especially, render no little service to Masonic history, archæology, and criticism.

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WE are pleased to read that the Freemasons of the various lodges at Valparaiso have formed a society to encourage the saving of life from shipwreck. It seems a very praiseworthy idea and Masonic undertaking, and we wish it all possible success in every way. At any rate, as the *Monde Maçonnique* truly says, it deserves notice; and we shall be glad to hear of the progress and prosperity of so useful an association.

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WE are arrived at a point in our Masonic criticism when the greatest caution is needed, inasmuch as Freemasonry is likely otherwise to suffer from its latest as its earlier friends. The older school deliberately dogmatized; "it was, because it was," was their favourite line of argument, and they would listen to no doubts, and accept no denials. To-day, we must be very careful lest we fall into the same great error from the "opposite tack," and having escaped the "Scylla" of hasty and unreliable criticism, run ashore on the "Charybdis" of hasty and unreliable scepticism. There are many questions on which it seems to us it is impossible to speak positively at present—they all want more investigation, more study, more thought. The Guild system, Masons' marks, Hermeticism, Egyptian Mysteries, the Ancient Mysteries, early and latter Symbolism, the Rosicrucians, the Operative Guilds, 17th century English Masonry, the real history of grades and ritual—all these have to be treated and recon-

sidered practically before we can pretend to say that we have exhausted the sources of Masonic study, enquiry, and research. Take Masonic symbolism. From an illustration sent us the other day by a younger student, to whom we wish all good, it is clear that 16th century Masonic symbolism has yet to be hunted up. We have a remarkable proof of this in a non-Masonic work published in 1525, where the square and compasses have distinctly the letter G in the centre. The subject, therefore, as we remarked above, deserves careful thought and study, and hasty decisions are to be deprecated in the best interests of Masonic history.

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WE note that under the able Chairmanship of Bro. C. E. MEYER, who has many warm friends on this side of the Atlantic, the catalogue of the library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been issued, and may be obtained, for one dollar, by writing to our always courteous Bro. C. E. MEYER, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, U.S. The catalogue contains sixty-six pages, and many choice and scarce works. This is as it should be. We wish all lodges and Grand Bodies would do the same. A very large amount of interesting Masonic literature would thus be realized as existing, and recovered often from that oblivion where indifference and "laissez aller" have allowed it to remain unnoticed and unknown.

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WE think it right to mention an interesting fact for "bibliomaniacs," and, as the Latin grammar once had it, "et hoc genus omne," that a large sale has been found in America alike for Masonic and Hermetic works as for scarce "tractates" and valuable MSS. We do not know that we need grudge our friends and brethren in America such "good things," as we feel sure they will properly value them, and make a good use of them. We believe we are violating no confidence in mentioning a fact, which will we fancy be confirmed by the distinguished Masonic writer Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, that the largest Masonic library is now to be found in America, and that more than one of our brethren there are in possession of scarce works and valuable MSS., which, though we might have wished to retain in the mother country, yet we have no right to complain are fallen into the possession of zealous and intelligent collectors in the United States.

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THE claims and grants at the last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence were fewer and not so heavy as usual. Eighteen fresh claims were made, of which two were postponed for further consideration, and the remaining sixteen received £500 in grants varying from the maximum of £100 to the minimum of £5. There can be no doubt that the care exercised by the brethren present in making such grants is very great and very commendable. We rejoice to notice, that a former tendency to hurry on votes and accept the "dicta" of one or more brethren is now obsolete, and under the able presidency of Bro. CLABON, the claims of the candidates for our beneficent and valuable "Charity" receive full, fair, and ample consideration.

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WE think it well to call attention to a passage in the allocation of the GREAT PRIOR of CANADA, as we fear it may lead to much misconception. Bro. CARSON, taking the old Guild Legends, which are undoubtedly Christian, endeavours to prove that ANDERSON altered the Constitutions of 1721, and went beyond his authority, in which statement the GREAT PRIOR concurs. He seems also to intimate that the Masonic Knights Templar then existed, side by side with the Grand Lodge, and conferred the Degree on all who wished, in contradistinction to ANDERSON'S Theistic changes, to uphold Christian dogma. With great respect for the GREAT PRIOR and Bro. CARSON, there is not the slightest available evidence of such assertions. That ANDERSON altered the Constitutions rashly and unauthorisedly of the old Masons is "not proven," inasmuch as we have after the Antiquity MS., 1686, nothing in evidence before 1721. The change, such as it is, took place probably in this period, and seems to arise from the development of the Speculative system. As regards the existence of "Templars" in 1723, we know of no evidence whatever that can be adduced in support of such a startling statement. They are, we believe, really late 18th century. Bro. CARSON and the GREAT PRIOR seem to forget that Christian prayers were extensively used in English Freemasonry during the 18th century until 1813, and are still used in Scotland and Ireland. It seems a pity that to favour "a hobby" such unhistorical statements should be put forward.

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SOME most interesting papers, whether for special student or general reader, are to be found in the September number of the "Masonic Magazine." We beg to commend this very useful little serial to the notice of our many kind friends in both hemispheres.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 7th inst.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st of June for confirmation.

2. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, London	200 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Sincerity No. 174, London	150 0 0
A brother of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven *	50 0 0
A brother of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, Camberwell	50 0 0
A brother of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99, London	250 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of St. John, No. 104, Stockport †	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 491 Jersey	100 0 0
A brother of the Priory Lodge, No. 1003, Southend	100 0 0
A brother of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, Dulwich	100 0 0

3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.—The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:

The Grand Lodge having at its last meeting on the 1st of June referred back to the Board the question of purchasing certain freehold premises, with stable in New Yard, adjoining the property of Grand Lodge, with authority to purchase the same at such sum as they may think proper.

The Board accordingly reconsidered the matter, and having ascertained that the owners of the property would not accept less than the sum originally asked, viz., £1000, and being strongly of opinion that the premises were not worth that amount, decided to drop the negotiation.

(Signed) FRANK GREEN,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., Vice-President.
16th August, 1881.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th ult., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4753 6s. 10d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

4. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 20th of May, 1881, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

5. PROPOSED MOTIONS.

(1) By W. Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence—

“Alteration of Laws—Fund of Benevolence.

“Article 16, page 104 (small edition).

“11th Line: After the words ‘but should the vote exceed fifty pounds’ to add ‘no greater sum than fifty pounds be paid until the confirmation at the next Grand Lodge,’ and omit the words ‘it shall not be valid until confirmed at the next Grand Lodge.’

“15th Line: Substitute ‘twenty pounds’ for ‘ten pounds.’

“19th Line: Substitute ‘twenty pounds’ for ‘ten pounds.’”

(2) By Bro. CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, P.M. 1607, London—

“That any applicant seeking relief from the Board of Benevolence, and being voted such a sum as requires the confirmation by Grand Lodge, shall, within twenty-four hours, or immediately after such grant has been so confirmed, be entitled to receive the same in full without any further delay, save only £10 or such portion (if any) of £10 the grantee may have received on account.”

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- Lodge 1912, The Foochow, Foochow, China.
- 1913, The Faith, Saharunpore, Bengal.
- 1914, The St. Thomas's, Kildgrove, Staffordshire.
- 1915, The Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, Kent.
- 1916, The Conyers, Sydenham, Canterbury, N.Z.
- 1917, The Ionic, Leceston, Canterbury, N.Z.
- 1918, The Lincoln, Lincoln, Canterbury, N.Z.
- 1919, The Malvern, Kowai Pass, Canterbury, N.Z.
- 1920, The Eurydice, Surbiton, Surrey.
- 1921, The Victoria, Jamestown, South Australia.
- 1922, The Earl of Lathom, Streatham.
- 1923, The United Brethren, Malta.
- 1924, The Wickham, Brockley.
- 1925, The Lodge of Concord, Papanui, Canterbury, N.Z.
- 1926, The Wayfarers, Malta.
- 1927, The Victory, Nelson, Wellington, N.Z.
- 1928, The Gallery, Brixton.
- 1929, The Mozart, Croydon, Surrey.
- 1930, The Opetiki, Opetiki, Auckland, N.Z.
- 1931, The Lodge of Fiji, Suva na Viti Levu, Fiji.
- 1932, The Whitworth, Spennymoor, Durham.
- 1933, The Kingston, Kingston, Jamaica.
- 1934, The Lodge of Concord, Terowie, South Australia.
- 1935, The Star of Africa, Jagersfontein, Orange Free State, South Africa.
- 1936, The Star of Agra, Agra, Bengal.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

On Tuesday the Grand Lodge of this young but very promising province was held under the banner of the Abbey Lodge, No. 225, at Abingdon, and attended by a large number of the members of the various lodges in the two counties, besides several Grand Lodge Officers and visitors from other provinces.

In fulfilment of the kind invitation given at the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Oxford last year, Bro. E. J. Trendell, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, received the brethren at his residence, The Abbey, entertaining them with that genial hospitality which is one of the leading traits in his character. It may interest our Masonic readers to know that Bro. Trendell has filled the civic chair in the good old town of Abingdon on several occasions, and

* Died 25th June, 1881. † Died 10th August, 1881.

that he is deservedly held in the highest possible esteem by his fellow-townsmen.

An elegant luncheon awaited the guests, who subsequently spent some time in the Abbey grounds, but the wet weather, of course, interfered with this part of the day's programme.

At 3.30 Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and opened in due form by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, who was supported by the V.W. Bro. Charles Stephens, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. A. M. Broadley, District Grand Master of Tunis and Malta, and Grand Master designate of the Mediterranean; Bro. Davison, Grand Treasurer, D.G.M. Middx. and Surrey; Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.W., Grand Secretary; Donald M. Dewar, Grand Assistant Secretary; T. J. Pulley, G.S.D., Prov. Grand Secretary; E. L. Shepherd, P.G.S.W.; C. Park, P.G.J.W.; E. J. Trendell, P.G. Treas.; W. R. Bowden, P.P. Grand Org.; J. M. Dormer, P.P. Grand Assistant Secretary; Jno. Bance, P.G.M.O.; W. Hedges; H. Howard Hodges, P.G.R.M.; J. Tomkins, P.P.G.J.W.; A. H. Simpson, P.G.S.; W. Baillard, P.P.G.M.O.; E. Margrett, P.P.G.J.W., P.G.S.; W. Park, Provincial S.G.D.; G. J. Cosburn, Provincial Grand Standard Bearer; J. T. Morland, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Chandler, T. Benham, P.P.G.S.D., Hants and Isle of Wight; G. Shanks, P.P.G.S.W. (Devon); G. M. Knight, R. Berridge, W. Graham, S. Knight, E. Head, W. B. Farr, P.P.G.S.W. (Bengal); G. Westall, P.G.J.O.; Arthur Welch, W. Ravenscroft, J. T. Stanson, C. H. Tench, S. Bradley, W. C. Moffatt, C. G. Butler, W. B. Wilson, W. T. Toms, W. Barrett, R. Payne, B. Challenor, M. Wheeler, W. Hinckley, J. Reade, E. Townsend, J. J. Hughes, S. Patey Spiers, P.G.S.O.; W. Thompson, P.G.S.O.; and others.

The P.G. SECRETARY successively called over the list of Provincial Grand Officers and the roll of the six lodges, each being well represented. The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge, held at Oxford in October, were read and confirmed, and the Prov. Grand Secretary presented his annual report, from which it appears that the advancements in the lodges of the province during the past year had numbered thirty-seven. The province had sustained a severe loss by the death of Bro. Hedges, of the University Lodge, Oxford, and had it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to have spared his life he would that day have been appointed to a high office in the province. The P.G. Secretary read apologies from a large number of Mark Masons who regretted their inability to attend.

The financial statement of the past year was presented and passed, and Bro. Trendell was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer on the motion of the Deputy P.G.M., who remarked upon the efficient manner in which Bro. Trendell had performed his duties.

The P.G.M., on behalf of the brethren generally, expressed deep regret at the death of Bro. Hedges, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence with his family should be forwarded.

Bro. SPIERS, of the University Lodge, thanked the brethren for the kind sympathy they had shown, and testified to the loss which the University Lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Hedges.

Bro. FARR said he rose with great pleasure on behalf of the brethren of the Jersey Lodge to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge to assemble under the banner of that lodge at Maidenhead next year; and

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER replied that he felt sure he might on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge accept the kind invitation.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, a list of whom is subjoined:

V.W. Bro. C. Stephens, 235	-	-	-	Prov. D.G.M.
W. Bro. W. B. Farr, 257	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.W.
„ J. T. Morland, 225	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.W.
„ H. H. Hodges, 257	-	-	-	Prov. G.M.O.
„ W. G. Flanagan, 235	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.O.
„ G. M. Knight, 27	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.O.
„ Rev. E. De Ewer, 257	-	-	-	Prov. G. Chap.
„ E. J. Trendell, 225	-	-	-	Prov. G. Treas.
„ J. Reade, 247	-	-	-	Prov. G. R.M.
„ T. J. Pulley, 235	-	-	-	Prov. G. Sec.
„ W. Ravenscroft, 235	-	-	-	Prov. G.A. Sec.
„ W. Hedges, 225	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.D.
„ J. T. Stransom, 235	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.D.
„ S. Sandbach, 55	-	-	-	Prov. G.I.W.
„ F. H. Lyon, 27	-	-	-	Prov. G.D.C.
„ W. C. Moffatt, 235	-	-	-	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ A. H. Simpson, 225	-	-	-	Prov. G. Sw. Br.
„ R. Nicholson, 257	-	-	-	Prov. G. St. Br.
„ R. Hodgson, 247	-	-	-	Prov. G. Org.
„ R. Payne, 247	-	-	-	Prov. G.I.G.
„ W. Hinckley, 257; E. J. Shrewsbury, 257; } and R. E. Baynes, 55	-	-	-	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bros. W. Hemmings, 235, and G. Norwood, 55	-	-	-	Prov. G. Tylers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

At five o'clock the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided in the handsome Council Chamber, the caterer being Mrs. Pilgrim, of the Queen's Hotel. The P.G. Master presided, but only for a short time, being compelled to leave by train early in the evening.

His LORDSHIP, before quitting the room, expressed the great pleasure he had derived from meeting so many of the brethren on this occasion, and also thanked Bro. Trendell for the most hospitable reception he had accorded to them. The noble earl further expressed his special thanks to Bro. Pulley for the great care and ability with which he had conducted the secretarial business of the province.

His lordship then left, amidst the cheers of the brethren; and the Deputy Grand Master having taken the chair, proposed the usual toasts, which were drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. BROADLEY, in responding for “The Grand Officers,” said that two years ago he witnessed the beginning of this province, and it was a source of great satisfaction to come back and see the wonderful progress that had been made. He believed much of the success attending the lodges in this and other provinces was due to the excellent plan of endeavouring to go hand-in-hand, as far as possible, with Craft Masonry, and in showing that the teaching of the Third Degree was scarcely complete without the beautiful Degree in connection with which they were assembled. Having mentioned that satisfactory progress had been made in the district over which he had the honour to preside, Bro. Broadley said the Berks and Oxfordshire Province was not unknown to his district, their indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Pulley, having paid a visit to Gibraltar, which would never be forgotten. Whatever might occur in the district of which he (Bro. Broadley) was

Grand Master, the beautiful teachings of Mark Masonry would always exercise an influence for good. He had felt much pleasure in attending on this occasion, and his pleasure had been much enhanced by meeting Bro. Farr, who in a distant part of the world advanced him to this degree. He congratulated the province on having for their Secretary such an energetic Mason as Bro. Pulley, and also in having Bro. Farr as their Senior Grand Warden. (Cheers.) In conclusion he proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master." (Cheers.)

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER suitably responded, and proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," coupling with the toast the name of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, whom he thanked most heartily for the very hospitable manner in which he had entertained the brethren. (Cheers.)

Bro. TRENDELL feelingly replied, expressing the pleasure he had derived from their visit, and his hope that they might be spared to meet at The Abbey on some future occasion. (Cheers.)

Bro. BROADLEY proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Brethren of the Abbey Lodge," for whom Bro. J. T. MORLAND returned thanks.

Bro. FARR gave "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and Bro. BRNCKES responded in eloquent terms, and mentioned that the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Jersey) hoped to be able to preside at the festival to be held in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund next year. (Cheers.) He was much delighted with the progress made in this province, and characterised this as a magnificent meeting.

"The Health of the Visitors," coupled with Bro. Chandler's name, was then drunk, and the company rose soon afterwards.

Several of the brethren contributed greatly to the pleasure of the party by their excellent vocal performances.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHOLMONDELEY LODGE, No. 1908.

The addition of a new lodge to the popular Province of Cheshire, which is so well governed by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M., was an event which was celebrated with more than ordinary enthusiasm and *éclat* on Saturday last. The scene of the ceremony was the Commercial Hotel, Frodsham, charmingly situated in the neighbourhood of the Overton Hills, which have frequently been the shrine of picnics by members of the Fraternity. The title of the new Masonic combination is the Cholmondeley Lodge, No. 1908 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England; and the chief celebrant in the important ceremonial of the pleasant and profitable afternoon was Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.P. G.M. of Cheshire, who was specially appointed by Bro. Lord de Tabley to act P.G.M. on the occasion. The new lodge has been started under the most favourable auspices, and the large and imposing gathering on Saturday last—which was the most influential and thoroughly representative which has been seen for a long time—gave vitality and interest to its inauguration.

Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, R.W.D.P.G.M., acting P.G.M., was in attendance at the fixed hour, and he was supported by a very large array of Provincial Grand Officers. The consecration took place in the well-appointed lodge room at the Commercial Hotel (handsomely furnished by Bro. Kenning); and amongst those present, according to the Tyler's book, were Bros. W. D. Finney, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Lancashire; E. Smith, P.P.D.C. North Wales and Shropshire; Rev. W. Spencer Stanhope, Grand Chaplain; H. Holbrook, P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire, P.D.G.M. British Columbia; J. H. Hollaway, P.G. Tyler; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G. Chaplain; H. Finch, P.G.D.C.; A. S. Collins, S.W. 1375; H. Collins, P.P.G.D.; H. Jackson, P.M., P.G.P.; Horatio Lloyd, P.P.G.W. Cheshire, Past G.D. Eng.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. M. Lockwood, P.M. 425, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. K. Digges, P.G.A.D. of C., P.M. 673 and 758; G. Moss, S.W. 758, P.G.S.; F. Dickson, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; E. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., 1124; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B., 537; Stanhope Bull, P.G.S. of W.; James White, I.P.M. 1384; J. B. Mackenzie, I.P.M. 1609; J. Hoekin, P.M. 673 and 1505; W. T. May, P.M. 673 and 1393; John Yapp, 594; T. T. Radford, 721; J. D. Wainwright, 1182; T. Wilkinson, P.M. 1126; Robt. Statter, 32; W. Booth, S.W. 104; G. Balfé, 104; H. F. Lloyd, W.M. 721; G. F. Heywood, 1357; F. Field, 1576; G. F. Adams, 721; D. Baynes, 425; M. Jones, 721; T. Brown, 823; J. Binson, 721; S. W. Ramsden, S.D. 425; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

The assembly took place in the lodge room about two o'clock, and shortly after that hour an especial P.G. Lodge was opened by Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, D.P.G.M., assisted by the chief P.G. Officers present.

During the ceremony, which was of an impressive nature and most admirably performed, an oration was delivered by the Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G. Chaplain. He said: Right Worshipful Acting Prov. Grand Master—It is generally usual on these occasions to give a detailed account of the rise and spread of Masonry. I think I need not take up our time with recounting a history so well known to all the brethren. Suffice it to say that our origin is lost in antiquity, not that we owe very much to that nationality, many of whose members are at the present suffering so cruelly in a neighbouring country. Many of the Mosaic customs, much of the ritual of the Temple, is still practised in all our lodges. The consecration of a new lodge is no unimportant matter. What does it mean? That a number of old, and we presume zealous Masons, are anxious to spread their tenets and enrol new members to follow in their place in our ancient Brotherhood. It means that they are so convinced of the benefits of the Craft, that they heartily desire to communicate its blessings and advantages to others. It means that they have the well-being of their fellow creatures so at heart as to be willing to undergo great expense and much mental and bodily labour in order to impart to them the moral, religious, and temporal benefits that Masonry so undoubtedly confers. I trust and pray that this Cholmondeley Lodge may prove a great success, and that it may nobly fulfil all the purposes for which it is to be consecrated to T.G.A.O.T.U. to-day. Here are to be inculcated the purest principles of piety and virtue; here the knowledge of the mystic art is to be extended; here all social virtues are to be cultivated; here universal beneficence and charity are to be shown forth. From this lodge all envious, uncharitable, unforgiving tempers and feelings are to be banished; here no controversy, political or religious, must ever be engaged in; and here, above all, are to be exhibited in their fulness, brotherly love, relief, and truth. I trust, then, these great principles of our Order will never be lost sight of. May all the brethren seek the grace of T.G.A.O.T.U. to carry them out. In our conduct to Him let us be reverent, obedient; in one word, filial; in our behaviour one to another let us ever be courteous and loving,

knowing no difference of rank or wealth; let us hide each other's faults and bear with each other's infirmities, and be brethren in heart and reality as well as in name. And then what shall I say as to relief? It is a difficult, almost a dangerous subject to touch. Truth compels me to say that many lodges, otherwise sound and good, fail in this important matter. Would that brethren would remember that whilst good fellowship and the enjoyment of those things which our Great Architect has given us so lavishly are things highly to be prized, yet, after all, if Masonry means anything, if there is any reality in its glorious ritual, the one thing needful in Masonry, the one thing far above all others, is charity, or relief. May this new lodge now about to be consecrated be conspicuous for this. A little while ago I read of a lodge in which £155 were spent in eating and drinking and £4 4s. on charity. Surely this ought not so to be. Let it ever be remembered that lodges, as well as individual members of lodges, ought to support all our noble Charities. One of our local institutions—a most useful one indeed—the Cheshire Institution for the Education of the Children of Distressed Masons, has just issued its annual report, in which the Secretary has to state: "Heretofore they have always had a surplus of receipts over expenditure, but this year the contrary is the case." I trust this, as well as the great London Charities, and a local Fund of Benevolence, will be at once started and generously supported by the brethren of the Cholmondeley Lodge. Lastly, may we all of us show ourselves such true men and good that the charges brought against our Craft by a certain archbishop of late, as being fosterers of revolution, nihilism, and all that is bad, may be plainly refuted by our peaceable, law-abiding, loving conduct and behaviour. In every relation of life, not only amongst our own brethren, though specially amongst them, but in the world at large, may Masons set such a noble example of every moral and social virtue that those words of Bro. Scott may be found increasingly true when he said, "Masonry does not have to depend on its great men of the past, nor with 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 the nations of the earth."

The musical portion of the consecration was performed by a choir under the direction of Bro. H. Collier, P.G.O., who presided at the harmonium.

At the close of this part of the afternoon's proceedings, the ceremony of installation of W.M. and officers of the new lodge was conducted by Bro. Councillor Birch, of Manchester, whose working was remarkably effective. Bro. Joseph Kertland Digges, P.G.A.D.C., was installed the first W.M. of the Cholmondeley Lodge, No. 1908; and he subsequently invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Salmon, I.P.M., and Master of Cers.; George H. Danby, S.W. and Secretary; John J. Yapp, J.W., and Treasurer; Henry E. Heywood, S.D.; Matthew Rodgers, jun., J.D. (by proxy); John R. Lamb, I.G.; and D. Baynes was unanimously elected Tyler.

Votes of thanks were passed, and ordered to be recorded, to Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton for his services as the acting P.G.M. that afternoon, and also Bro. Councillor Birch, for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony.

"Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M. from the representatives of about twenty lodges in East and West Lancashire and Cheshire; and after several initiation propositions had been made, the business portion of the proceedings were brought to a close.

The majority of the brethren subsequently banqueted at the Town-hall, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. K. Digges, who was supported by the P.G. lodge officers already named. The banquet was provided by Bro. Baker, of Chester. After the toast of "The Queen," given by the W.M., Bro. Horatio Lloyd proposed the toast of "The M.W.G.M. and the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." In doing so, Bro. Lloyd said they had never possessed a Grand Master who had so endeared himself to the brethren as the Prince of Wales; but in connection with his approaching visit to Liverpool, he (Bro. Lloyd) trusted that no Masonic demonstration such as that which had been suggested by one or two correspondents in the newspapers would be carried out, as the Prince's time was so limited. Besides, he (Bro. Lloyd) thought the less they made a parade of Masonry the better for the Order. (Hear, hear.) Bro. J. Salmon proposed "The Pro. G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. Lloyd, Past G.D. The S.W., Bro. Danby gave "The Health of Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M.," which was cordially received; and Bro. W. T. May, P.M. 673, in proposing "The Health of Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., D.P.G.M.," also spoke of the undesirability of any Masonic demonstration in connection with the Royal visit to Liverpool. The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he was glad to find so many P.G. Officers present that afternoon, and hoped the new lodge would enjoy a prosperous existence. "The Worshipful Master," proposed by the D.P.G.M., and other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

One of the most interesting questions connected with the history of the Operative "Guilds," as far as Masonic archæology is concerned, is the point where Speculative and Operative Masonry, so to say, intersect. You can if you like cut the Gordian knot by saying, as some like to do, that 1717 Freemasonry is but an adaptation of earlier operative terminology and legends, and there really is no other connection between the Freemasons of 1717 and the Operative Guilds. But weak and untenable as is that theory *per se* on every ground of historical evidence, it is rendered still more weak and still more untenable by recent discoveries at Warrington, thanks to the researches of a rising young Masonic student, by which it is clear that the greater part of those who received Elias Ashmole were not Operative Masons of the Craft of Masonry, as has been generally held, but, like ourselves, "Speculative and Free and Accepted Masons," to use familiar words.

If so—and there seems to be no doubt of the fact—we have Speculative Masonry in England in 1646, again in 1682, and the statements of Anderson, which some have deemed unhistorical, that the movement of 1717 was a "revival," not an "initial step," receive full countenance and support. Hence it becomes a most important "factor" in the history of Freemasonry—What is the connection of the Guilds with Freemasonry, and vice versa? Do they form two independent bodies, or only one?

It may be remembered that Mr. Hope in his able work draws a very remarkable picture of the early formation of Freemason Guilds on lines almost entirely akin with our own to-day. Where he derived his evidences or authority for such statements he does not tell us, but as he was, I believe, a non-Mason, his expression of opinion may clearly be cited in favour of the view of those who find in the Guild system *one* explanation of Masonic life and continuance in the world. We have yet to obtain a good deal more evidence as regards the Guilds before we can pretend to arrive at a clear and definite conclusion in respect of their bearing on architectural labours and Masonic development.

Whence the Operative Guilds came into this country is also a moot point. Findel says from Germany; but it has always appeared to me, that the anterior evidence in favour of Italy is so great, that the Roman origin of our Guilds, and of the whole Guild system, may be taken as a fact. It is quite clear now that Guilds are not of Anglo-Saxon formation, though the name is no doubt so, but they were the product of Roman previous civilization and customs in this country.

Bro. Fort, in his valuable work, derives the great architectural revival from Byzantine sources. I am inclined to think he is right. Only a few days back the able correspondent of the *Times* in his letters on Russia declares that Russian church architecture is the work of Italian Master Masons, being Byzantine run mad.

All these points are interesting to the general student of archæology and architecture, but the essential point for the Masonic student to ascertain and to realize is—What is the connection of the Operative Guilds with our Speculative system?

When did it begin; and how?

Oliver's theory, that about 1663 the change or transformation began in the opening of the Operative Guilds to Speculative Masons, cannot be sustained, and the evidence of Elias Ashmole and Dr. Plot has long since convinced Masonic Students that we have to seek an earlier starting point for this junction of Operative and Speculative Masons.

EARLY USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

The quotation given by "Brighton" in the *Freemason* appears, as suggested by "Masonic Student," to have its source in "Wren's Parentalia," pp. 306-7. The full description, as given under the division "History of the Arts in Great Britain from 1216 to 1399," in the sixth edition of "Henry's History" (London, 1823, Vol. VIII., pp. 273-4), is as follows:

"For (as we are told by one who was well acquainted with their history and constitution) the Italians, with some Greek refugees, and with them French, Germans, and Flemings, joined into a fraternity of architects, procuring papal Bulls for their encouragement, and particular privileges; they styled themselves Free-masons, and ranged from one nation to another, as they found churches to be built (for very many in those ages were everywhere in building, through piety or emulation); their government was regular; and where they fixed near the building in hand they made a camp of huts. A surveyor governed in chief; every tenth man was called a warden, and overlooked each nine. The gentlemen in the neighbourhood, either out of charity or commutation of penance, gave the materials and carriages. Those who have seen the accounts in records of the charge of the fabrics of some of our cathedrals, near four hundred years old, cannot but have a great esteem for their economy, and admire how soon they erected such lofty structures."

The "Historia Major," of Matthew Paris, having been referred to, the following quotations are given, as they may be of service to anyone with leisure to consult the original manuscripts in the British Museum. Paris, in recording the death of Richard, Bishop of Durham, 15th April, 1237, I. 52 * says:

"It also redounds to his immortal praise that he transferred the Church of Salisbury from a hollow, dry place in the neighbourhood of the earl's castle to a fitting situation, and by the help of some famous architects, whom he had summoned from distant provinces, he laid a large foundation, and himself placed the first stone; to promote which work, not only the bishop, but also the king and a great many nobles, lent a helping hand. Hence some versifier gives—

Rex largitur opes, fert præsul opem lapidæ,
Dant operam; tribus his est opus, ut stet opus."
[The king finds money, the stonemason hands,
The bishop aids, and so the building stands.]

Again, in 1245, II. 62, when the King orders the Church of St. Peter, at Westminster to be enlarged, and pulls down the old walls, he causes "new and handsome ones to be erected by clever architects," &c.

On the 5th of June, 1251, I. 448, in recording the death of Poyntz Piper, a knightly clerk, it is mentioned that "he embellished the manor of Teddington by building a palace, &c., &c." The workmen on his buildings are stated for several years to have received a hundred shillings each week, and often ten marks, as their pay."

In the account of the discovery of St. Alban's tomb, 1257, II. 213, "masons' labourers" are mentioned.

It would appear that in "Bede's Lives of the Abbots of Wearmouth and Jarrow," it is stated that Benedict brought over Masons from France to build a church in the "Roman manner," and William of Malmesbury † records that he [Benedict] "was the first person who introduced into England constructors of stone edifices, as well as makers of glass windows." ‡

In Bede's "Ecc. History" § it is recorded that Naitan, King of the Picts, renounced the error which he and his nation had till then been under [A.D. 710], and sent messengers to Ceolfrid, Abbot of Wearmouth, and "prayed to have architects sent him to build a church in his nation after the Roman manner." Ceolfrid "sent the architects he desired."

The following notes, with reference to the words *Cementarius* and *Latomus*, collected from the two volumes of "Vocabularies" dating from the tenth to the fifteenth century, edited by the late Thomas Wright, and privately printed 1857 and 1873, at the expense of Joseph Mayer, F.S.A., &c., &c., may be interesting.

In Archbishop Alfrie's Vocabulary of the Tenth Century we have *Architectus*, yldest-wyrhta, to which the following note is added:

"Here again the translator has mistaken the meaning of his word rather singularly, for he supposed that the import of the first member of the compound word was the same in *Architectus*, as in *Archepiscopus*, and words of that class."

The "Lexicon, Infin. Lat." explains the word "Faber qui facit tecta."

The same meaning, yldest-wyrhta, or chief or principal workman is attached to this word in an Anglo-Saxon vocabulary of the eleventh

century" (p. 73); and again, in a semi-Saxon one of the middle of the twelfth century, it is explained by "eldest wurhtena."

It appears again in an English vocabulary, early fifteenth century (p. 194), and also "Hic Architector, Ae. thekare," i.e. [thatcher], and (p. 212) *Hic tector*, a theker, (p. 227) *Hec tectura*, thak [thatch]. The same appears in the pictorial vocabulary of the fifteenth century. *Hic tector*, a thaser [thatcher]. In "Latin and Anglo-Saxon Glosses" the word *Archiatros* is explained by heah-læcas, odde cræfgan [architect] (vol. ii. p. 2, 7, &c.)

Cimentarius is explained in the tenth century (I. p. 19), by weal wyrhta, i.e., the maker of a wall. In the eleventh century (I. 75).

Cementum, lim to wealle.

Cimentum andweorc to wealle (p. 85), i.e., mortar or other stuff of which a wall is made.

Cimentarius, weal-wyrhta.

Again in the same century we have (II. p. 15) *Cimentarii*, weal-wyrhtan; p. 23) *Cimento*, wrade; (p. 130) *Cementum* ccsura lapidis, vel lim; *Cementa*, petre, grundstanas, vel funes; and, on (p. 131), *Cimentum*, stan-lim.

Cimentarius, murare (p. 154).

In the treatise "De Utensilibus," of Alexander Neckam, written probably between 1157 and 1217, the following sentence occurs (I. 103), in speaking about the building of a castle: "Ex cemento et lapidibus constructa;" and (p. 104), "Superficies autem muri trulle equalitatem et cementarii operam representet. Cancelli debitis distignantur proporcionibus." The gloss of this work which is principally written in the Anglo-Norman dialect of the French language of that period, explains the words as follows:

Cemento, ciment; *trulle*, plane.

Cimentarii, maszun.

In a metrical vocabulary, perhaps of the fourteenth century (I. 181), the word *cementarius* is explained by "dawber," which appears to be its original meaning.

An early fifteenth century MSS. has (I. 194) *Sementarius*, Ac. Mason.

The same meaning is given to the word in a "Nominale" of the fifteenth century (I. 213), and in another part of the same MS. (p. 235) we have, *Hoc cementum*, cyment, and *Hic simentarius*, a waller.

The word *Latomus*, stan-wyrhta, appears in Archbishop Alfrie's Vocabulary, tenth century (I. p. 19) together with *Lapidicina vel lapidicedum*, stan-hywet. In the dictionary of John de Garlande, written in the first half of the thirteenth century (I. 137), it is said:—

"In aula mea hec architectari feci, &c., &c. Hec fabricantur cum securi (hacht) &c. &c., et cum calce latomus cum lathomega (reule) amussi (a squyre), et cum perpendicularo (plommet) ponderoso (hevy)."

In a metrical vocabulary written probably in the fourteenth century:—
"Est faber (smyth) fullo (towker)* *latamus* (mason), *penularius* (skynnere), atque *carpentarius* (carpynter) est *cementarius* (dawber) aleptes (leche)."

The "Nomina artificiorum" of an English vocabulary of the early fifteenth century offers the following explanations:—(I. 194.) *Hic littamus*, a mason, and in a "Nominale" of the same century (I. 213.) *Hic latamus* a mason. *Hec Latomega*, a mason ax; *Hic petro-nis*, a mason schype; *Hec regula*, a mason rewle; *Hoc perpendicularum*, idem, *Hec amussis*, a mason lyne.

The following may be added from Britton's "Dictionary of Architecture:—

"Richard de Gainsborough, or Gaynisburgh, an architect, or mason, employed at Lincoln Cathedral in the thirteenth century. His gravestone still remains, and bears the following inscription: 'Hic jacet Ricardus de Gaynisburgh, oym cementarius hujus ecclesie, qui obiit, duodecim. Kalendaram Junii, Anno Domini, MCCC.' . . . (the concluding figures are obliterated)—'Walpole's Anecdotes,' by Dallaway, I. 211. John de Gloucester is styled in a precept of Henry III. †, 11th May, 1250, 'cementario suo' (his plasterer), and is granted a freedom for life from all tallage and tolls throughout the realm. The nature of his services are unknown, except that in another precept he is directed to make five statues of kings, carved in free-stone, to be given by the king to the Church of St. Martin, London—'Walpole's Anecdotes,' by Dallaway, I. 25. Odo, termed in an old record 'camentarius,' was employed in building the tower of the Church of St. Lucien at Beauvais, about the year 1078, when that church was rebuilt—'Whittington's Hist. Survey,' p. 54, and 'Hawkins's Gothic Arch.,' p. 107. ‡ Odo, Prior of Croylund, during the supremacy of Abbot Joffrid, superintended the re-erection of the church and monastic buildings which had been destroyed by fire in 1091. He was assisted by Arnold, a lay brother and experienced Mason, 'cementarie artis scientissimo magistro.'—Continuation of 'Ingulphus's History,' by Peter of Blois, p. 118. A second conflagration about 1163 destroyed all the works of this architect—'Britton's Arch. Antiq,' IV., 88, 89."

In the return to a commission for inquiring into the state of the Tower, in the ninth year of the reign of King Edward III. (1335-36) §, we have the names of Petrus de Tytemerssh, Willielmus de Ramesey, Reginaldus de Whytham, et Robertus de Dippenhale, "cimentariorum," as well as the "carpentariorum," &c., &c.

The early and late use of the word Free-mason is a subject upon which I have for some time been collecting notes, and am led by them to agree with "Masonic Student" in his remarks at the end of his letter of July 23rd. Much as I wish that an opportunity would occur of placing the full notes collected by Mr. Papworth in the hands of those interested in the subject, still the non-connexion of the early Freemasons with the Freemasons of 1717 is very far from a settled fact, and I cannot help thinking that to dogmatise on the subject at present is a little premature.

As there are several editions of "Rymer's Fœdera," it is to be regretted that only so loose a reference as "Syn XVII., under the date 1396" has been given.

KILWINNING MANUSCRIPT.—This is a copy of the "Constitutions," which belongs to the Mother Kilwinning Lodge, and is transcribed, as Bro. D. Murray Lyon points out in his history of the Lodge of "Mary Chapel," Edinburgh, by the same scribe who wrote the minutes of that lodge from 1675 to 1678. Hence the date of the transcription is about that time probably. The MS. is clearly not an indigenous Scottish MS., but is a copy of an English form, and, as Bro. W. J. Hughan has previously pointed out in "The Old Charges," an "indifferent copy" of the Grand Lodge MS. F. It was first published by Bro. W. J. Hughan, from a copy by Bro. D. Murray Lyon in "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," and subsequently by Bro. D. Murray Lyon himself in his history of the Lodge "Mary Chapel," Edinburgh.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

* Or dyer.

† "Rot. Claus," 43, Hen. III, M. 10.

‡ Wimmholde, also called "cementarius," was concerned in the rebuilding of the same church. "Felib. Vie des Arch," IV., 193.

§ Bayley's History and Antiquities of the Tower of London, Lond. 1821. App. to part I. p. ij.

* The pages refer to the English translation by Rev. J. A. Giles, D.C.L. Bohn, 1852.

† William of Malmesbury. Bohn, 54 n.

‡ Ibid, p. 54.

§ Translation by Dr. Giles, p. 227.

Canada.

ALLOCATION OF THE GREAT PRIOR.

Read before the National Great Priory of Canada, United Orders of the Temple and Malta, at Hamilton, Ont., on 12th July, 1881.

(Concluded from page 385.)

The present British Templar Order professes to be in a modified form a perpetuation of the Ancient Chivalry of the Crusades, which the Craft had always claimed affinity to, unknown to the world at large. This may have arisen during their early intercourse from a similarity of ideas on metaphysical questions, and the more enlightened religious opinions, entertained in common by the experienced leaders and learned clerks or ecclesiastical brethren of the Templars, and the scientific rulers of the Secret Architectural Societies—the spirit of the rules and regulations of the Military Order closely resembling that which prevades the Masonic system. From whatever cause, Templary now completes a perfect system of Speculative Free Masonry, teaching in the "Craft" and "Royal Arch" the universal doctrine of the Fatherhood of the Most High, and common brotherhood of the children of the dust, without reference to religious sects or creeds; whilst the "United Orders of the Temple and Malta" assure the Christian Mason, the completion of his Masonic career by publicly proclaiming his belief in *that faith*, comprised in the Apostles' creed which formerly constituted the basis of the Masonic character.

The organisation and rules of the Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem (Malta) were similar to those of the Templars, but as they existed long after the Templar Order was suppressed a number of additional rules were added.

The modern Templar system, as connected with Freemasonry in Great Britain and Ireland during the last century, being the combined "Orders of the Temple and Malta," it appears to me strictly correct to continue this system, by attaching a Commandery or Priory of Malta to the Templar Preceptories, to commemorate the absorption of a portion of the deposed Templars (after the suppression) with the Order of St. John. Our revised Ritual of Malta is merely intended as a short explanatory historical addition to the Order of St. John, consequent on their accession to the Island of Malta in 1530, and is of modern and Masonic compilation. The object of both Orders being alike, viz. the defence of the Christian faith, the union with that of "Malta" cannot be prejudicial to the status of the Templar Order as now constituted by us, or be considered as assuming any claim to be an offshoot of the existing civil branches of the Chivalric Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The jealous rivalry, terminating in violence, bloodshed, and bitter animosity, which unfortunately prevailed between them during the Crusades, although both were the bulwarks of the Christian host, together with the fact the Order of St. John *still exists*, never having been totally suppressed as were the Templars, has been brought forward as an objection to its being continued in connection with Templary. I do not agree with this objection, neither can I see the necessity or propriety of eliminating it from our Templar system with which it has always been so closely connected.

The Order of Malta as a chivalric institution had ever been obedient to the Church, which was opposed to modern Freemasonry, a secret society that had withdrawn themselves from its influence and protection, and the later Grand Masters of the Order, who were obliged to give way to Papal influence, issued *edicts* forbidding the meetings of the fraternity on the Island; but, notwithstanding these restrictions, Freemasonry existed and was patronised by the Knights, and continues to flourish in Malta to the present day. For a full account of these transactions I refer you to a most interesting history of Freemasonry in the District of Malta by Bro. Alex. M. Broadley, barrister-at-law, &c., of Tunis, North Africa, lately published by Bro. George Kenning, of the London *Freemason*.

Having shown the connection that exists between Freemasonry, the Templar Order, and that of St. John, it appears necessary to make some reference to the existing civil branches of the latter Order.

Pope Leo XIII., in 1879, revived the Dignity of Grand Master in Italy, with the rank of a Sovereign Prince, placing the Order under the exclusive authority of the Papal See.

The other branches in Europe, since the expulsion of the Sovereign Order from the Island of Malta in 1798, are independent bodies—those of Bradenburgh, in Prussia, and the English Langue, in London, Protestant.

The legitimate revival of the sixth or English Langue has been proved in the most satisfactory and convincing manner, although the Roman Catholic branch refuses recognition, but this is not to be wondered at, as the Papal claims to everything seem to become more intolerant and rigid every day. The English Protestant branch is presided over by His Grace the Duke of Manchester as Lord Prior, holding its chancery at the old Gatehouse of St. John's Hospital, Clerkenwell, London, and strictly carries out the original intention of the founders of the Order, by administering relief to human suffering and help to the sick and wounded in war, to which is added rewards for acts of bravery in saving life, objects that are most commendable. When we contrast these motives and acts with the unfortunately almost useless "United Orders of the Temple and Malta," I do not feel our boasted Templary is of the slightest use. "*Pro utilitate Hominum.*"

The question has been frequently asked—What useful purpose does Templary seem to have in view? With great regret I must answer, *none*, and still we profess to be a revival or a continuation of the old historic Orders. Unless we enter into some path of extended usefulness, it is almost in vain to expect it will ever become of any practical benefit to mankind. Templary is so impregnated on this continent with the idea that it is only a mere ornamental appendage to Freemasonry, as an imitation military body, that I doubt if it will ever be anything else until there is a new departure, embracing the cause of suffering humanity or in some other tangible shape of practical benefit to society, and occupying (in Masonry) a high and useful position such as that of the English Langue, St. John, so unpretending in its Christian charity, devoid of all display to attract the sympathy and admiration of the public.

As we call ourselves and claim to be a religious Order, it becomes our duty to promulgate the orthodox doctrines of

Christianity, and repel the insidious attacks of the "Free-thinker" who, regarding the Holy Spirit as a mere myth, would reduce Christianity to his own level, and overthrow the great characteristics of Templary—belief in the Divinity of Christ and the Holy Trinity. Fratres, without this belief there can be no representation of the old religious Order of the Temple. A universal Masonic Degree of Templary is *not* the "Templar Order," being but the assumption of a name it has no claim or title to whatever. The "United Orders" teach the doctrines of the Holy Trinity, but the nature of the Trinity is not defined; it is the simple description of the "Apostle's" creed, and so long as the Orders are founded upon the cardinal doctrines of the Christian religion, the dogma of the Trinity must be accepted. It has been well said, "If that is left out, there is nothing in the whole system of Christianity that may not be omitted and still be considered Christian." Beware, then, of the wily sophistry of the sceptic. Once admit the small end of the wedge of doubt, and the Christian fabric is in danger of being shaken to the foundation.

I would wish to draw the attention of the Order generally in all Provinces of the Dominion having a Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter to the advisability of completing their "English Rite" of Freemasonry by the formation of Provincial Grand Priories, when a sufficient number of Preceptories have been established, to be independent bodies, but still holding allegiance to the National Great Priory of Canada; for it should be kept in mind that in the year 1780 the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York, officially declared that the Order of Knights Templar constituted the fifth Degree in Freemasonry. This completed the "English Rite," commonly, but erroneously (as shown by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro) called the "York Rite," viz., the practice of the three Craft degrees, followed by the Royal Arch, while Templary covers the whole, but altogether as a separate matter. These contain all that is required in the teachings of the old system of Freemasonry, for whatever merit the numerous other Degrees and rites that now flood the Masonic world undoubtedly possess to interest and instruct the Masonic student, whose pursuits lead him in that direction, they are not of sufficient practical utility or importance generally to the members of the Craft to repay the time, great expense, and research necessarily involved in acquiring a knowledge of them. There is one circumstance worthy of notice, trifling as it may appear, but in trifles we are often indebted to the knowledge of matters of greater importance. It has been observed that at laying the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral, H.R.H. the Grand Master wore the Grand Cross of the Temple, and his Templar jewel, showing how much he still continues to exhibit a warm interest in the Order; it also implied that he considers the Templar Order the climax of the "English Rite of Freemasonry," its badge being the only one worn by him as a Mason, in addition to that of the Craft.

Fratres, with all reverence and respect, let us heartily unite in the prayer that, "May God bless the Prince of Wales," our Royal Grand Master.

It is my opinion and advice that Great Priory and every Preceptory be called upon at once to procure complete sets of our proceedings from the establishment of the Order in Canada, and have them bound for reference. The want of them in time to come will be most seriously felt and regretted. It is also most desirable, in fact, enjoined, that presiding Preceptors take the earliest opportunity after the proceedings of Great Priory are published, to cause them to be read in open Preceptory, and made known to all members. Copies can be procured from the office of the Grand Chancellor. I consider it the duty of the head of an Order to give all the information in his power, and, if possible, correct existing errors, which can only be accomplished by a departure from mere formal details, adopting a system which will be found most useful to historians in collecting everything into one work; rather as a chronicle than a mere report of transactions.

For the proceedings of this year I have added an appendix explanatory of many of the customs and usages of the Orders we represent, with a revised schedule of badge designs and paraphernalia for your consideration and approval. I may here state that in "Convent General Statutes" relating to Insignia, two very great errors appear. The "Cross of the Order" is called a "Cross Patent." No such term is known in heraldry, the mistake being evidently a misprint for "Pattee"—the heraldic term for open or spread out. This cross is generally depicted as formed of four equilateral triangles joining in a small centre point, into which form it has been corrupted by those ignorant of its true shape and character, viz.—an equal-armed red cross, wider at the extremities, to symbolise the Christian religion extending towards and embracing the four quarters of the globe. Another mistake is in calling the Grand Master's "Baton of Office" an "Abacuss," a name applied to objects of quite a different nature to that of a Baton; the correct name is "Baculus," from "Baculum"—a Staff, Baton, a Sceptre.

In conclusion, I would recommend Great Priory to decide definitely at this meeting the question of introducing an out-door uniform as an addition to the established costume of the Order, in such preceptories as may amongst themselves be in favour of adopting it, without its being a compulsory measure, or interfering with the prescribed regulations. So far as I am concerned, it is not my intention to influence the Fraters, or throw further obstacles in the way of what may be considered a harmless innovation of our customs, and wish it to be understood that preceptories are at liberty to make their own rules as to the time and places in which this uniform is to be worn, without any restriction whatever as to the right of doing so. I am always glad to be able to conform to your wishes, and assist in affecting such changes as may be considered desirable, when they are not in direct violation of the constitutions, and my vows of allegiance to H.R.H. the Supreme Grand Master, who has honoured me by the appointment of Great Prior to represent him in this nationality, a distinction I appreciate and value more highly than any other that could possibly be conferred upon me in the Masonic Fraternity. We are all equally bound not to infringe, or permit to be infringed, the general regulations on which the Order is founded and governed; and be assured, Fratres, my sole object has ever been to uphold the dignity of the Order, and preserve it from innovations contrary to its true meaning, without any desire to interfere with your prerogatives. I am now the only link that connects us with the Mother Country as one of the Independent branches of Templary in the British Dominions, and as long as I am spared by divine mercy I shall at all times be ready to do my utmost for the advancement and prosperity of Canadian Templary, and

maintain its declared complete independence, whilst preserving the old Constitutions from violation, confidently looking forward to a continuance of that loyalty, harmony, unity, and good feeling which has hitherto prevailed characteristic of the Masonic Fraternity in the British Empire, more particularly the Christian United Orders of the "Temple and Malta." Let our aspirations then be, Fratres, for "The Glory of God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men."

DEATH OF THE WIFE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF CANADA.

The lamented death of Mrs. Graham, the amiable wife of Dr. Graham, of Richmond, Canada, took place on Sunday morning, the 14th ult. The deceased lady had been ill for some weeks, but until Saturday no fatal result was expected. The telegrams announcing the event seem to have been misread at the Montreal office, and the morning papers on Monday made it appear that "Dr." Graham had died, and the Masonic fraternity of which the doctor is Grand Master was thrown into a state of great excitement. The mistake was corrected on Tuesday, greatly to the relief of the lodges. The Craft, however, everywhere manifested their sympathy and respect by calling emergent meetings and appointing delegates to attend the funeral. Accordingly on Wednesday, the day appointed, the trains brought a large number of prominent Masons to Richmond, twenty arriving from Montreal alone, every one of the city lodges being represented, including the three principal officers of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. There were also present a number of brethren from other provinces.

The places of business closed at noon, and the village put on an appearance of gloom. The funeral cortège, which was one of the largest ever seen here, started from Dr. Graham's residence at half-past two.

On arriving at Chalmers' Church, of which the deceased lady was an active and beloved member, the procession opened, and the hearse and mourners passed through the ranks, when the coffin was carried into the church, where a funeral sermon was preached by the pastor, the Rev. F. M. Dewey. The pulpit and seats for the mourners were draped in black cloth, and the edifice was crowded to the door.

On the procession re-forming it proceeded to the burying-ground of the English Church, where, after a short prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dewey, all that was mortal of Almira Graham was committed to the earth, and the friends of her lifetime bid a last and sorrowful adieu.

Mr. Foster, Mr. Bedard, and Mr. Snow placed all their vehicles at the disposal of Dr. Graham for the occasion, and every one seemed sorrowfully enthusiastic in contributing to make the funeral in every way worthy of one who in life had troops of friends, and whose memory will be revered for many a day.

Deacon M. Marshall and Franklin Graham, Esqrs., of Vermont, were among the mourners at the funeral, and M. C. Jones, Esq., of Iowa, brother of Mrs. Graham, and George Graham, her eldest son, arrived too late.

GRAND LODGE OF GREECE.

In accordance with established custom, the annual festival of this Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Athens, on the evening of the 22nd July.

The festival was preceded by a meeting of Grand Lodge, presided over by Bro. Professor Nicholas Damaschino, Rector of the National University, and Pro-Grand Master Mason of Greece.

The minutes of the last meeting of Grand Lodge, by which the election of Bro. the Prince Rhodocanakis, of Scio, as Grand Master for the years 1881-1884 was confirmed, having been read, the Grand Director of Ceremonies made the customary proclamation of the Imperial Grand Master, declaring the Prince Grand Master by his many titles; and the Grand Master's acceptance of the position was saluted by the brethren upstanding in ancient form.

The appointment of officers of Grand Lodge for the three years ensuing, under the mandate of the Imperial Grand Master, were then announced, and the officers were elevated to the position to which they had been called:—

Bro. Professor Nicholas Damaschino was again proclaimed Pro Grand Master; and Colonel Spiridon G. Karaiscaces, late Secretary of State for War, Deputy Grand Master, amid the cheers of the assemblage. Bro. Constantine Dosti, Professor of Criminal Law in the National University, was appointed Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Spiridon Aravantino, one of the Court Judges, was appointed Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Nicholas Rhado, the Attorney-General, was appointed Grand Chaplain; Bro. Athanasius Durutti, Grand Treasurer; Bro. Andrew Kalyvas, Grand Secretary and Registrar; Bro. Professor Emmanuel Galani, Secretary for Foreign Correspondence; Bro. John Negrofonte, banker, Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. the Chev. Michael Rhodocanakis, Chargé des Affaires of Sweden and Norway, Junior Grand Deacon; Bro. Maximilian de Rothschild, Grand Superintendent of Works; Bro. John Mindler, First Reporter of the House of Commons, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Dr. Alexander Olympios, Grand Steward; Bro. Paul Zolas, banker, Inner Guard; and Charalambos Nikolaidis, Kt. S., Sub-Director of the Royal Post Office, Grand Tyler to the Grand Lodge.

After the transaction of the usual annual business, Grand Lodge proceeded in procession from the Temple to the Great Hall, where an elegant banquet was provided by the Grand Stewards.

After the banquet the loyal toasts were given, and the services of the Grand Master were also warmly acknowledged.

A dance followed, which was honoured by the *élite* of the Athenian society.

THE INNER TEMPLE LIBRARY.—Contrary to the practice which has hitherto prevailed in the Long Vacation of entirely closing the Inner Temple Library during September, it has this year been decided to keep it open every day during that month, except Saturdays, between the hours of ten and two o'clock. On Saturdays it will be closed. During October the library will be opened daily from ten to four.

£20 to £500.—TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—A pamphlet; how to open respectably from £20, post free. Address H. Myers and Co., 103, Euston-road, London; and at Birmingham, Established 1855. Wholesale only.

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ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

This company is formed to purchase patents for inventions connected with the reform of sanitary works, and as a commencement, arrangements have been made to acquire the exclusive right to use in Great Britain and Ireland three patents, Nos. 5,102, 5,103, and 5,227, dated December, 1880, granted to N. Talard, of Paris. One of these patents refers to a system of inodorous emptying of all receptacles for sewage, and does away with all dirt, annoyance, and the unhealthy mode at present in use.

This system has been at work in France for some considerable time, and in Paris for the last nine months, and has proved a very great success, both in a sanitary and financial point of view. In the prospectuses of the Paris Company, it was stated that with a given quantity of work the profits would be equal to 27 per cent. The Company are actually doing about 25 per cent. more work than was expected, and though the machines are working day and night continuously, they are not able to keep pace with the demand.

Licences to use the system have been sold for large sums to various cities and towns; amongst others, to—

Table with columns for location, amount, and total. Locations include Reims, Epervay, Chalons sur Marne, Vitry le Francois, Soissons, Sedan, Mezieres, Charleville, Chateau Thierry, St. Quentin, Lille, Roubaix, Tourcoing, Douai, Valenciennes, Arras. Total amount £24,000.

In all of the above towns the system is in successful operation, and the Companies are making large profits, both from payments for the work of emptying and sale of the manure. Negotiations are also continually being entered into for concessions to other towns.

The process requires but to be seen to be appreciated. Its simplicity, cleanliness, and absence of all danger from the emission of noxious gases are at once apparent, and it strikes the spectator with surprise that such a process should have remained so long undiscovered.

In Paris the price paid for extraction is regulated by the Municipality at 5 francs per cubic metre, or about 3s. 9d. per cubic yard, whilst the cost here by the present mode of emptying is seldom less than 10s. per cubic yard, and generally very much more.

The success of the Paris Company has been fully equal to the expectations of the promoters. At the half-yearly meeting just held the shareholders were so thoroughly satisfied with the result of the working that they are about to extend their operations and provide further sets of apparatus, &c.

From the fact that there are so many towns in England still entirely dependent on the present system, it is estimated that the revenue which the Company would derive would be considerably more than that obtained by the Paris Company.

The price to be paid to the vendor is £75,000, of which one-third will be taken in fully paid-up shares of the Company, the vendor paying all expenses up to allotment.

The only agreement entered into is one between T. Lawrie on the one part, and J. Mackenzie of the other part, as Trustee for the Company, dated 25th July, 1881.

The usual application will be made to the Stock Exchange for an official quotation.

In the event of no allotment being made the amount paid on application will be returned in full.

The agreement, together with the memorandum and articles of association, can be seen at the offices of the Solicitors to the Company.

Prospectuses and forms of application for shares can be obtained at the offices of the Company, and from the Bankers, Solicitors, or Auditors.

JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount acknowledged, 6th August ... £717 9 0

Table of subsequent receipts from various lodges including Lindsey Lodge, Pelham Pillar Lodge, Oliver Chapter, Franklin Lodge, Hereward Lodge, Hamilton Lodge, Duke of Connaught Lodge, Hyde Park Lodge, St. John the Evangelist Lodge, and Walter Adlard, W.M. 1483.

Remittances, and all communications in regard to the above-named fund should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Bro. R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256, Melville Lodge, Wallington, Surrey. Cheques to be crossed "London and Westminster Bank," account of "John Hervey Memorial Fund."

To Correspondents.

TYLER.—Usually in rotation.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "The Freemason," "The Australian Freemason," "The Sunday Times," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Allocation of the Great Prior of Canada," "The New Zealand Freemason," "The Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "New York Dispatch," "Letts' Popular Atlas," "The Masonic Herald," "The North China Herald," "The Peoples of the World," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Hebrew Leader," "Notes on St. Botolph Without, Aldersgate," "Retton Reggs," "The Thirty-sixth Report of the Young Men's Christian Association," "The Blue," "Boletin Masonico."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1881.

Original Correspondence.

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

NEW LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is, I know, not the thing to write letters referring to editorial comments, but as I happen to know a good deal about new lodges, I should like to briefly refer to your comments of a few weeks since.

It is somewhat difficult to understand why some petitions are rejected and others granted, but I am bound to admit that most of the new lodges have been successful.

There is one great fault to be found with many new lodges, and that is the hasty admission of candidates; too often a necessity from one point of view, for the banquets must be paid for, and it is impossible to cover the cost by the subscriptions, as new members are sure to attend very regularly. As a consequence, each regular meeting brings four or five candidates, and there are usually two or three emergency meetings. It would be interesting and useful for the Board of General Purposes to have prepared a tabulated statement of the number of initiates during twelve months of the London lodges from 1600 to 1800, and I am mistaken if in some cases upwards of thirty will have been admitted in a year.

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When I saw the query of "Novocastrian" in your edition of the 20th ult., I thought that the writer of the "Annals of the Northern Counties" was in error when he wrote about Freemasons in the reign of King John.

I cannot find any record amongst our northern lore to indicate that there was a lodge in existence; and suppose that the paragraph should have been free men, or free merchants, both of which bodies being in ancient times established. In point of fact there are several guilds at the present, the members being freemen, without so many privileges, which were curtailed a few years ago.

Yours fraternally,

ROBT. WHITFIELD.

Reviews.

DICTIONNAIRE GENERAL DE L'ARCHEOLOGIE ET DES ANTIQUITES. Par ERNEST BOSCH, Architecte. Firmin Didot, Paris, 56, Rue Jacob.

This is a very well printed and compact work, of 576 pages, illustrated by 450 engravings. M. Ernest Bosch is well known as the writer of the work "Dictionnaire Raisonne d'Architecture et des Sciences et Arts qui s'y Rattachent." The present work is evidently very carefully done, though we think we note a little want of fulness and research in respect of early authorities and mediæval customs. Thus, for instance, though he gives "Maceria," he omits "Macon" and "Maconner," and so when he comes to "Tegula," a Tile, hence our Tiler, Tegulator, he

does not seem to remember the Norman French Thuile, Thuillier, but merely mentions "Tuile," the more modern form. And yet he had "Roquefort's" invaluable "Vocabulaire" to study and fall back upon—a mine of information. An idea has occurred to us while looking over this useful little work whether "Macon" may not after all come from "Maceria," rather than from "Mansio," inasmuch as "Maceria" seems to have represented what we call "rubble work," and seems to point to Roman work—the "Romanum opus" perceptibly. But Roquefort seems to prefer Mansio as the "root" of Macon and Maconner, and his authority is so high, especially as regards "Low Latin," from which Norman French came, that, though we mention the idea, we lay no stress on it.

EARLY DRAWINGS AND ILLUMINATIONS, &c.

By WALTER DE GRAY BIRCH and HENRY JENNER.

Samuel Bagster and Son, 15, Paternoster-row, London.

This work, published in 1879, has recently been studied by us, and we, therefore, think it well to call the attention of brother students to it, as it is a most useful handbook of reference to all who spend earnest hours in the British Museum, seeking for illuminations and early drawings of various kinds. The well known reputation of the two "experts" who edited the work are a guarantee both of correctness and care in making such a catalogue; and we, therefore, think it right to mention the book to many like ourselves who are glad of all helps in archeological researches.

WORD FOR WORD FROM HORACE.

By WM. T. THORNTON, C.B. Macmillan and Co., London.

Our holiday hours have led us to take up our Horace once again. It may be that, were we "up at books," we should not be able to construe some well-known lines as deftly as we did "favente Riddings" a good many years ago, and, therefore, we have not been above trying to realize how others render our "old familiar friend." We have studied Mr. Martin's flowing verse; Mr. Conington's skilful versification; Lord Ravensworth's elaborate rendering; not even forgetting old Francis, and one or two more; but we confess we were a little startled with some very close renderings, so close as almost to seem poor, bald, and common place! As an illustration of this, let us take the well-known 35th Ode of Horace, lib. i., and see how Mr. Thornton has it:—

"Farcus Deorum cultor et infrequens.

Insanientis dum sapientie
Consultus erro; nunc retrorsum
Vela dare, atque iterare cursus
Cogor relictos; namque Diespiter
Igri corusco nubila dividens
Plerumque, per purum tonantes
Egit equos volucremque currum,
Quo bruta tellus, et vaga lumina
Quo Styx, et invis horrida Tænari
Sedes, Atalanteus que finis
Concutitur. Valet una summis
Mutare, et insignem attenuat deus,
Obscura promeus. Hinc apicem rapax
Fortuna cum stridore acuto
Sustulit, hic possuisse gaudet."

"A sparing and infrequent worshipper—

While steeped in an insane philosophy—
I went astray; now back again am I,
Compelled to set my sail, and to recur
To my old courses. For the Sire of Heaven,
Who the cloud masses with his fiery sheen,
Cleaves mostly, has athwart the clear serene,
His thundering steeds and flying chariot driven,
Whereat the stolid earth and torrent streams;
Dark dens of odious Tancerus and Styx
And Atlantean liminary peaks
Shuddered. That Deity can all extremes
Of high and low reverse; the mean uprear,
And the proud humble. With shrill dissonance
Rends fortune, snatches off the plume from hence,
And joys in having placed it otherwhere."

Even this assumed word for word rendering shows how difficult it still is to translate old Horace, and all but impossible it is to do justice to the inimitable original.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

It may interest Bro. Gould to know that in W. S. O. Okeley's "Development of Christian Architecture in Italy," (he was a travelling Bachelor of Cambridge University), published by Longmans in 1860, the church of the "SS. Quatuor Inoronati" is said to be a "Basilican church," and to have a "rich angular" tower, or campanile. It is, as Donovan says, a fourth century church.

MASONIC STUDENT.

I may also add that there seems to be an illumination of the Four Crowned Martyrs, 18,851, f. 484, B., which press mark, I fancy, denotes "additional MSS." My reference comes from "Early Drawings and Illuminations," by Walter Birch and Henry Jenner, a very useful book, 1879, page 90.

M. S.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

In the "Book-worm," edited and illustrated by J. Ph. Berjeau, June 1st, 1868, is the following note: "An Archæological Society has been formed, under the name of the Masonic Archæological Society, to discuss the antiquities and history of Freemasonry, of the philosophic and mystic sects, secret, societies, &c. The council consists of the Earl of Dalhousie, Messrs. Glaisher, C. H. Gregory, Hyde Clarke, Leeson, M.D., J. E. Saunders, W. Smith, W. Bollaert, W. Burges, Col. Clerk, R.E., Alderman Spiers, and the Rev. Walter F. Short, with Dr. Hyde Pullen as Honorary Secretary." I shall be obliged by information as to whether this society still exists, and whether it issued any publications.

H. R.

THE ROSA MYSTICA.

In a recent interesting description of the tomb of an ancient Mason, by Bro. W. H. Rylands, which appears in the September number of the "Masonic Magazine," and which I happen to have seen in advance, the able and intelligent describer mentions a "curious orna-

ment," a "rose with five petals," and another "which may also be intended to represent a rose." I call attention to this fact to ask the question, have we not here, curiously enough, in the earliest Masonic monument so far known, the "Rosa Mystica" of an Hermetic order?
 ROSY CROSS.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. DELVES, P.M., PRECEPTOR OF CORINTHIAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1382.

The members of this lodge met in goodly numbers on the 30th ult., at Bro. W. C. Clark's hostelry the George, Cubitt Town, E. The officers of the mother lodge, mustered well and filled their own positions in the lodge, which was opened at seven o'clock. Bros. W. J. Millington, W.M.; G. V. Limm, S.W.; G. B. Smith, J.W.; J. Delves, Preceptor; Middleton, Sec.; Parkinson, S.D.; H. Doring, J.D. Past Masters C. Scarell (Hon. Sec. Testimonial Committee), Carnaby, Hodges, Finch, Sharyes, Breden, Webb, and many others.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. MILLINGTON said the brethren were all aware for what purpose they were gathered there—it was to present a testimonial to their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. J. Delves, one of the first initiates and a P.M. of the Corinthian Lodge. Addressing Bro. Delves, the W.M. said he was authorised as W.M. of the lodge to offer this jewel, and he hoped and trusted Bro. Delves, would live long to wear it, and that the G.A.O.T.U. would give Bro. Delves health and strength long to be among them, that the brethren might have for many years the benefit of his valuable instruction.

Bro. DELVES, who was heartily received, thanked them very much for the kind mark of their esteem and appreciation for the little he had done. He could not see how he had deserved it, but when he saw the names of the P.M.'s and brethren upon the list he was forced to conclude they had seen something to render him worthy of such a gift. He therefore accepted it in the kind spirit with which it was given. He had entered Masonry at a mature age and determined to take any position which they might offer. The first step was the Junior Steward, and in time he had attained the summit of his ambition—the Master's Chair—During that period he had not done more than any one present would do—that was to do his duty. Since he had been chosen as their Preceptor he had been often disappointed to find so few rally round him to keep the lodge in good working order. It was disappointing to the Past Masters to give so much of their time regularly and not have enough brethren present to open the lodge. He hoped the brethren, and especially the officers of the Corinthian Lodge, would attend and benefit by the instruction, and thereby enable themselves to discharge their duties to the mother lodge in an efficient manner.

Bro. P.M. FINCH congratulated the lodge upon the step they had taken that evening. As the old Preceptor to the lodge he felt proud to see his old friend and brother Bro. Delves presented with the jewel. He was especially pleased with the inscription upon it. "Palman qui meruit ferat." After Bro. Delves had received the congratulations of the brethren, a letter was read by Bro. Scarell, P.M., from Bro. H. Marlet, P.M., the first W.M. of Lodge 1382, expressing regret that he could not be present. The following brethren were elected members: Bros. G. H. Stephens, J.D. 1623; J. Taylor, J.D. 554; P. Wilson, 861; G. Martin, 1382; and R. Britton, 1278. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

The jewel is a handsomely chased Past Master's jewel, with the following inscription on the back: "Presented by the members of the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction to Bro. J. Delves, P.M., as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor. August, 1881." On the face, in massive letters, is "Corinthian, 1382. Palman qui meruit ferat. 1881."

About fifty brethren sat down to a varied and plentiful repast, which gave the highest satisfaction, Bro. Clark superintending the arrangements most efficiently. At its conclusion "The Queen and the Craft," and the other Masonic toasts were duly proposed and heartily received.

Bro. DELVES, as I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Millington had during his year of office discharged his duties for a young Mason in a manner which reflected credit alike upon himself and the lodge.

After a capital song by Bro. Nye, the W.M. returned thanks for the kind and hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Referring to the presentation, he said if ever a Mason was worthy of one Bro. Delves certainly was. To Bros. Delves and Carnaby the lodge might be said to owe its existence, they having paid it most unremitting attention, and made it a pleasure to attend and learn from them. It had afforded him (the W.M.) the highest satisfaction to make the presentation, and he wished it had been three times more valuable. However, he was sure Bro. Delves would appreciate it as from the givers.

The W.M. next announced that Bro. Clark, their host, had not only laid the banquet liberally, but had informed him he would not accept any payment for the banquet or the wine served with it. Bro. Delves had also informed him that he would put on the champagne, &c., required.

These announcements, although deemed too liberal, were acquiesced in, and added greatly to the harmony of the evening.

"The Preceptor" was next honoured in flattering terms, and Bro. Sifers having sang "Tom Bowling,"

Bro. DELVES replied. He thanked them for the kind and hearty reception which had greeted his name, and also for the especial mark of their favour pinned upon his breast. It was the proudest moment of his life he could recollect. He had much to thank his predecessor in the office—Bro. Finch. Had it not been for him at the outset of his career, and the confidence Bro. Finch had inspired in his breast, he should never have arrived at the position he had. That brother had said, "Go on, and persevere, and when the time comes for you to go into the chair you will thus render yourself fit for your duties." The jewel upon his breast was some evidence of the value of Bro. Finch's advice, and whenever he (Bro. Delves) looked at it would not only afford him pleasure, but bring pleasant recollections of the brethren who had presented it to him. (Cheers.)

"The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bros. WILLIAMS and SIFERS, Bro. Dr. Cross favouring the company with a capital recitation.

The W.M. said that one of the most pleasing duties which devolved upon him was to ask them to drink to "The Health of the P.M.'s." They had good ones in the Corinthian Lodge, all of them able and willing to act for the good of the lodge.

Bro. Parkinson having favoured with a song, P.M.'s HODGES, FINCH, and CARNABY severally responded.

"The Officers" were next toasted, the W.M. thanking them for their assistance in the lodge, and for so kindly attending to assist in the pleasing duty of the evening.

After replies from the officers, and a song vigorously sung by Bro. Milton,

Bro. C. H. WEBB, P.M., addressed the brethren. He could not leave the room without returning his hearty thanks to Bros. Clark and Delves for their kind hospitality. The lodge, in presenting their Preceptor with a jewel, had wisely chosen a Past Master's jewel, which Bro. Delves could legally wear in any lodge. Bro. Webb wished the lodge of instruction every prosperity. Having so gifted a P.M. as Preceptor they had but to attend to make it a most useful and successful one. The duties of a Preceptor were most onerous. He was open to much criticism, and that not only from those qualified to judge, but from the unqualified, who would frequently ask questions and expect instantaneous answers upon subjects which, if they did but know more about Masonry, they would never think of raising. He trusted they would all support their Preceptor, and would learn their duties in a manner agreeable to their vow when obligated. Those duties could be legitimately learnt only in the lodge of instruction, and he hoped brethren would seek for them there alone.

Bro. CLARK, the host, next came in for a bumper toast, and, in reply, said he could assure the brethren nothing had given him more pleasure during the last three years than to cater for the brethren of the Craft at his house. When he found so excellent a brother as P.M. Delves about to be the recipient of a well earned mark of esteem, he, having received many kindnesses from him, resolved to do all in his (Bro. Clark's) power to render the evening a happy one. He was proud to see so many brethren there to partake of what he had provided, but if there had been double the number present there was sufficient for them ready, and would have been more than double the pleasure he felt in catering for them. (Cheers.)

After another song by Bro. Milton, "The Masonic Press" was toasted, a hearty welcome being offered to Bro. Stephens, thanking him for the reports that had appeared, and which the W.M. said would not fail to produce a good effect upon the lodge. This was supported by Bro. Parkinson, who hoped Bro. Stephens would not fail to come amongst them; and the toast was cordially received.

Bro. STEPHENS expressed the pleasure he experienced in being again among them. He had recently been pleased to attend the mother lodge, and judging from what he had seen that evening he felt that the parent had every reason to be proud of its offspring. The hospitality displayed had been of a very superior character; in fact there was only one thing which he had missed, and that was the usually highly-got-up menu. However, they were fortunate in this, for many a pretentious menu was laid upon a table and the viands enumerated were conspicuous by their absence. Here the menu was absent, but the catering had proved both substantial and excellent. He hoped to be enabled to attend and take a part in their working, for he was sure that lodge of instruction working, properly rendered, was the life of good lodge work. (Cheers.)

The brethren shortly afterwards separated, having passed a most enjoyable evening.

THE AUCKLAND MASONIC HALL.

The following description of the Masonic Hall in Auckland, now in course of erection, has been forwarded to us:

"The plans have been prepared with great care and artistic discrimination, and in Mr. Skinner as architect, and Mr. Colebrook as builder, the brethren of the Craft have assurance of a faithful performance of duty. The building will be of brick, faced with cement, in imitation of stone, and handsomely embellished. It will have a width of 36 feet 8 inches, a depth of 77 feet, and an elevation from base to top of balustrade of 40 feet. The street entrance will be approached by a flight of four steps of dressed Raglan stone. The edifice is being constructed after the Corinthian style of architecture, the entrance porch to be supported by Corinthian columns and flanked by two square headed windows. The upper storey will have three circular-headed windows overlooking the street, and garnished with the customary enrichments, while this entablature will rest upon four fluted and four rusticated columns, while surmounting all will be the pediment bearing the inscription 'Freemasons' Hall' in its centre. Over the top entablature also will be a pannelled and open balustrading crowned by eight finials of ornamented balls. The porch already referred to will bear upon its front a grouping of Masonic devices, and each of the two sustaining columns will be surmounted by a spherical ball. The whole of the front from the base upwards will be cemented, and the external walls at the side and rear will have two hands of white brick. The arrangements for ventilation will be constructed on Tobin's method. The porch opens into a vestibule with rooms twelve feet square on either side, which will be respectively set apart for the Secretary and for a library. Immediately opposite the entrance is the doorway leading into the lower main hall—a room forty feet six inches in length by thirty-three feet in width and fifteen feet in height, and lit by four circular-headed windows. Dado panelling to a height of four feet will extend along the walls of the lower rooms and passages, while the ceilings will be of panelled wood, and it will be fitted up with eight circular ventilators. At the rear of this lower hall will be a room designed for the purposes of a lodge of instruction. A door opens out on the side entrance, and also leads to a staircase giving access to the upper storey, the main hall and the lavatories. At the top of the stairs there will be a visitors' room, and thence a short passage extends along to an ante-room, a preparation-room, and a candidates' room. From the ante-room a door will afford admittance to the Masonic hall proper, the dimensions of which will be fifty-four feet long and thirty-five feet wide, with three windows overlooking the street. The hall, of course, will be appropriately ornamented. The building will be roofed with slate, and parapets will be placed at equal intervals all round."—*New Zealand Freemason.*

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ROYAL HANOVER LODGE (No. 1777).—

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 27th ult. Bro. Geo. Clark, W.M., was supported by Bros. C. C. Cruikshanks, as S.W.; F. J. Perks, as J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G. S. of W., I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., &c., Treas.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; W. S. Dunkley, J.D.; T. Wood, I.G.; C. J. Axford, D.C.; J. Daly, Tyler; J. B. Clark, and others.

The first business taken was that of passing Bros. J. Kent and G. Andrews, and raising Bro. W. J. Lee. Mr. Edwin Smith and Mr. G. A. Metzger (a native of Africa) were introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The bye-laws were read. The lodge has hitherto used borrowed furniture, but on this occasion a number of new articles were presented by the W.M. (Bro. Clark) and Bros. H. Lovegrove, H. Clark, J. B. Clark, C. C. Cruikshanks, and F. J. Perks. The lodge had previously possessed a very handsome volume of the Sacred Law, with cushion for same, presented by Bro. H. B. Marshall, also a charity box, the gift of Bro. Dubois, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The lodge was honoured with the presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, who expressed his approval of the working of the lodge.

After the completion of the business the brethren partook of a cold collation, which was served in excellent style. The only toasts given were "The Queen," "The Prov. G.M.," and "The Initiates."

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there was a good attendance of the brethren and visitors. In the unavoidable absence of the retiring W.M., Bro. Dr. S. S. Noakes, the lodge was opened by Bro. W. A. Goss, jun., I.P.M.; and the W.M. elect, Bro. A. T. Blamey, S.W., having been duly presented by W. Bro. T. Perry, P.M., P.P.G.T., the ceremony of the installation was very worthily performed by Bro. W. A. Goss, jun., and the charges given by W. Bro. T. Perry. After the usual honours the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Dr. S. S. Noakes, I.P.M.; Jno. Lane, S.W.; G. J. Pepprell, J.W.; T. Perry, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas. (re-elected); James Murray, Chap.; Frederick Hex, Sec.; B. Knight, S.D.; E. Cranch, J.D.; S. Garcia, I.G.; T. Brooks, Org.; J. W. McKellar, D.C.; H. J. Hex and H. C. Bolt, Stewards; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. Bro. J. Murray was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to Bro. W. A. Goss, jun., for the manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. (in the absence of Bro. Dr. S. S. Noakes) during the past year.

Subsequently the brethren dined together at Bro. H. C. Bolt's, Queen's Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., and in addition to the officers and members of the lodge, the following visitors were present: Bros. W. Wakeham, W.M. 328; W. E. Lamble, P.M. Morning Star Lodge; D. Watson, P.M. 328, P.P.G.D.; W. Norworthy, P.M. 329 and 814, P.P.G. Org. Somerset; Dr. Scarle, P.M. 248; W. MacLean, P.M. 248; C. Richardson, P. Q. Karkeek, and T. D. Keighley.

The usual loyal toasts having been well honoured, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling therewith the names of W. Bros. J. Murray, P.G. Std., and T. Perry, P.M., P.P. G.T., at the same time expressing a hope that the time might not be far distant when, with the co-operation of the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, the Provincial Grand Lodge could be invited and entertained in this town. Bros. J. Murray and T. Perry having responded, the toast of "The Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. A. T. Blamey" was next given by Bro. J. Murray, and appropriately acknowledged by the W.M., who alluded to the very satisfactory progress of the lodge, and the goodwill and intention with which he undertook the high and important duties of the office committed to him. The toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Dr. S. S. Noakes, and the Installing Master, Bro. W. A. Goss, jun.," followed, allusion being made to the very satisfactory way in which the latter had performed the ceremony of installation; and Bro. W. A. Goss having suitably responded, the S.W., Bro. J. Lane, proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which was ably responded to by Bros. J. Dodge and W. Bradnee. The toast of "The Newly-Invested Officers" was then proposed by the W.M., who remarked, that in making selection of the various officers he had been guided by their marked attachment to the lodge and zeal for the advancement of the Craft, and had every reason to believe that the several duties of the respective offices would be carried out both harmoniously and satisfactorily during the ensuing year. The toast having been duly honoured and acknowledged by the several officers present, viz., Bros. Jno. Lane, S.W.; G. J. Pepprell, J.W.; Fred. Hex, Sec.; B. Knight, S.D.; E. Cranch, J.D.; S. Garcia, I.G.; J. W. McKellar, D.C.; H. C. Bolt, Steward; and J. E. Newton, Tyler; "The Health of the Visitors" followed, being responded to by Bros. P. Q. Karkeek, T. Watson, and T. D. Keighley, after which the toast of "The Members of the Lodge" was proposed and duly honoured. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was next given, being responded to by W. Bro. J. Murray, P.G. Std., after which a collection was taken up in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and the Tyler's toast brought one more very sociable gathering to a close. Bros. T. Brooks, John Lane, G. H. Halls, and E. Cranch, contributed much to the harmony and enjoyment of the evening by songs and glees, which were very well rendered.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—

The first meeting of the brethren of this lodge after the summer vacation took place on at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., when there was a very large gathering of the brethren. The chair of W.M. was occupied by Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, and amongst others present were Bros. J. B. Mackenzie, I.P.M.; John Atkinson, S.W.; W. Savage, J.W.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.;

H. P. Squire, J.D.; J. L. Shrapnel, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Asst. Org.; O. W. Sanderson, S.; H. Round, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. L. Shine, J. Keet, W.M. 1356; W. Hildyard, J. Cantor, H. Williams, J. Penny, F. Wilkinson, F. Duncanson, J. E. Rimmer, D. Saunders, C. Buchanan, N. Green, P. Lowndes, F. Emery, J. W. R. Brown, J. J. Monk, J. A. Mercer, G. Martin, W. Johnston, J. O. Marples, J. Ashley, J. Bayliss, E. Brammall, W. Cook, E. Graham, and others.

Mr. H. J. Lethcote was duly initiated, Bros. Buziau, Chambers, and Wilson were passed, and Bros. Glover and Jones raised during the afternoon, the work being efficiently performed by the W.M. and his officers. At the conclusion of this part of the business, Bro. John Atkinson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. B. McKenzie I.P.M., was elected Treasurer in room of Bro. A. Woolrich (who had resigned, and to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed).

The brethren, after some further business, adjourned to banquet, and during the evening several capital songs were given by Bros. Heywood, Cantor, Rammage, &c., the accompaniments being well played by Bro. R. Burgess.

LANDPORT.—Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1834).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., when a large assemblage of the Craft attended to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. George Mason, of Southsea. The ceremony was carefully rendered by Bro. J. Willmott, P.M. 342; and the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Good, I.P.M.; W. D. Parkhouse, S.W.; G. Farney Brown, J.W.; S. R. Ellis, P.M., Treasurer; John Wesley Gardner, Secretary; George Banning, S.D.; J. Westaway, J.D.; J. S. Gardner, I.G.; James Moody, D. of C.; Henry Bainton, Steward; W. W. Slade, Steward; and J. Exell, Tyler.

After the customary work of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the spacious dining hall, when about fifty partook of a banquet, served in a *recherché* style by the staff of the Freemasons' Club. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England, in responding for "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," in a lengthy speech bore testimony to the great and increasing interest manifested by the Prince in the promotion and welfare of the Ancient Order. The Grand Secretary, after passing a high eulogium on the other members of the Royal Family, viz., their Royal Highnesses Bros. the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, who were prominent, active, and most zealous Masons, and whose working in the Craft were of high merit, proceeded to point out to the brethren the high, moral effect the influence of Masonry had in uniting all classes in one great fraternal union. After thanking the W.M. and brethren for his cordial and hospitable reception, and congratulating the brethren on their magnificent lodge room and good working of their lodge, the Grand Secretary concluded, amidst the hearty plaudits of the brethren, Bro. Mark E. Frost, P.M., P.G. Treasurer, responded for "Bro. W. W. Beach, P.M., the Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," Bro. Alderman A. Cudlipp, in a speech of some force, proposed the toast of "The W.M.'s and Representatives of the Neighbouring Lodges," which was responded to by the W.M.'s of 237 and 342. The toast of "The W.M." was ably proposed by Bro. W. Edmonds, P.M., and suitably acknowledged. His Worship, the Mayor, Bro. W. Pink, in responding for the toast of "The Visitors," in a humorous speech, detailed some of the onerous and numerous engagements devolving on the head of this great municipality, which prevented him from taking that active interest in the Craft which he desired, and hoped to be able to do in the future.

During the evening some vocal and instrumental music of high merit was rendered by Bros. Sylvester, Brown, Grant, and Cunningham.

The following brethren attended to do honour to the W.M.: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.M., &c., Grand Secretary; Captain Haldane, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Mark E. Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas.; S. R. Ellis, P.M., P.P.G. D. of C.; E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; G. Wilkins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Creven, P.M., P.P.G. S.B.; G. P. Arnold, W.M. 1428, P.P.G.D. of C.; Geo. Grant, I.P.M. 1705; R. J. Turney, P.M. 342; Thomas P. Hall, P.M. 804 and 1776; W. W. Townsend, P.M. 1003; Arthur Cudlipp, P.M. 487; W. Edmonds, P.M.; J. A. Elverston, W.M. 804; Richard W. Downing, W.M. 993; Thomas P. Palsgrave, W.M. 427; H. Adames, W.M. 1776; J. Greve, W.M. 1069, P.G.S.; J. Hayman, W.M. 257; William Judd; J. J. Slade, George Sylvester, George Dean, George Manes, T. Good, W.M. 1834; W. D. Parkhouse, 1834; George Farnay Brown, 1834; J. V. Bacigalupo, Sec. 342 and 1776; George Banning, 1834; John Westaway, 1834; James Moody, 1834; J. W. Gardner, Secretary 1834; W. W. Slade, 1834; Charles Bevis, 1834; J. W. Willmott, 1834, P.M. 342; H. Bainton, 1834; T. V. Box, 1834; and T. S. Gardner, 1834.

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.

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New Zealand.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

The regular quarterly meeting of the District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Hokitika, on Monday, June 27th. The lodge was opened in due form at 6.30 p.m., by the District Grand Master, Bro. John Bevan, acting D.D.G.M., Bros. Blackmore, P.M. 1233; D.G.S.W., Benning; D.G.J.W., Kerr; D.G. Reg., C. Malfroy; acting D.G. Chap., J. R. Hudson, P.D.G.S.W.; D.G. S.D., J. Williams; D.G.J.D., H. Thompson; D.G. Treas., M. Pollock; D.G. Sec., W. D. Banks; D.G. Dir. of Cer., R. Ferguson; D.G. S. of W., J. C. Malfroy; D.G. Swd. Br., A. Koenig; D.G. Stwds., T. T. Clarke, J. Trice, W. Smith, A. Foldi, and H. Scroder; D.G. Purs., E. Kenway; also representatives from every lodge in the district, and a large number of past officers and visitors.

After the formal business of the District Grand Lodge had been disposed of, farewell addresses were presented to the District Grand Master by the past and present officers of the District Grand Lodge, the Pacific Lodge of Hokitika, and the Phoenix Lodge, of Westport, wishing him God speed on his voyage to England, health and happiness during his sojourn there, and a speedy return to his honourable sphere of usefulness. The addresses were couched in the most complimentary and affectionate terms, and were most beautifully illuminated, reflecting the greatest credit on the artists.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, in returning thanks for these further tokens of respect, said that he felt quite embarrassed with these many manifestations of approval from his brethren, following in such quick succession on their previous expressions of good will, on the occasion of his installation in March last, that he really felt that he was not deserving of such a continuous meed of praise, but he accepted with heartfelt thanks the generous tributes of their affection at such a time, when he was about to be separated from them for a season, and to undertake a long voyage to England. In bidding them farewell he would be soled in his journeyings by the recollections of so much kindness, and the true fraternal affection now exhibited towards him, and would refer with pride wherever he might be privileged to meet the brethren in distant lands to the warm hearts that he had left behind in the Westland Masonic District, for none were more loyal, either to their country or to the great Masonic throne; and as life is made up of so many meetings and partings, so our Institution prepares us to look hopefully to the future; and with those feelings upon him he would again beg of them to receive his heartfelt and warmest thanks for their renewed expressions of confidence in him as their District Grand Master, resting assured that the best interests of the Craft would be maintained by the worthy brethren left behind to administer the affairs of the district in his absence.

During portions of his speech the D.G. Master was deeply moved.

The proceedings of District Grand Lodge were of a most interesting character throughout, amongst them the important and praiseworthy resolve to found a Masonic scholarship for the District, to be competed for by the sons and daughters of brethren of various lodges in the jurisdiction. The Board of General Purposes were empowered to draft rules on the subject, and to submit them for approval at next D.G. Lodge meeting.

After the lodge was closed the brethren entertained the District Grand Master at a farewell banquet. Every seat in the banquet room was filled. The chair was taken by the D.G.S.W., Bro. Benning, with the guest of the evening on his right, the D.G.J.W., Bro. Kerr, discharging the duties of the vice chair.

After ample justice had been done to the bountiful fare provided, the CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Master of Scotland and Ireland," which were duly honoured, musically and otherwise.

The D.G.S.W., Bro. KERR then rose and said he had received an unexpected surprise (Greymouth being his home) in having the honour conferred upon him of proposing the important toast of "The Health of the District Grand Master of Westland, Bro. John Bevan." The occasion of their meeting was to bid their loyal brother *bon voyage* and God speed on the journey he was about to take, and to wish him a safe return. It was not long since they had the pleasure of witnessing his installation, and all regretted that they had now to say farewell. They would certainly feel his absence and thereby be all the more hearty in their congratulations in welcoming him on his return. The D.G. Master was revered in the district, and in no part of it more so than at Greymouth, where there was very great regret at his departure now for so short a period, for he was endeared to the hearts of his brethren there for many years past. In now wishing him a pleasant voyage, he expressed the sentiment of every brother, far and near, that every blessing might attend him. The D.G. Master was undoubtedly the second man of importance in Masonry on the West Coast of New Zealand, for he (Bro. Kerr) looked on the late lamented Bro. Lazar as the first, but it must not be forgotten that Bro. Bevan had been for many years the late District Grand Master's intimate friend and colleague, and had, no doubt, done his share in the good government of the Craft, and the mantle now falling on the shoulders of Bro. Bevan, fell upon a worthy Mason. He would, no doubt, visit the lodges in the home country, and tell them that the brethren here were actuated by charity and benevolence, the first great principles of Masonry. They were all very sorry to part with him, even for a short time, for he was a man amongst men, but the knowledge he would acquire in England would prove beneficial to them all. Not only in Masonry did Bro. Bevan excel, but in other walks of life as well. They all knew how eloquent he was, what renown he had gained as a lecturer for the local charities, and to be represented by such a worthy brother at home would redound to their credit.

The toast was most enthusiastically drunk, and with musical honours.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, in responding to the toast, said, he was at a loss to find words wherewith to express his thanks for the encomiums that had been passed upon him by his dear old friend, but as he (the D.G.S.W.) gave the language of those who resided at a distance from

them, made him deeply sensible of the debt of gratitude due by him to his brethren throughout the district for their manifold and united expressions of goodwill and affection. When he looked round the room and saw so many happy faces congregated to honour him, when he recalled the associations of years gone by, the happiness and contentment that had so long subsisted between them, and the renewed expressions of their esteem, he must confess that he felt a sense of sadness creeping upon him akin to that solemn feeling with which he left his parents' home, nearly a quarter of a century ago, to seek his fortune in these lands, and with the reflection that he was about to return to merely the remnant of a once large and happy family, he might, therefore, crave their indulgence for any exhibition of weakness to which all human nature is prone at times. However, Masonry was like a guiding star of faith and hope—to elevate the mind, to gladden the senses, and to remove all the dark clouds of doubt—so that he looked cheerfully onward to a happy reunion again at no very distant period; and that they might rely upon it, with his love of Masonry for the past twenty-three years, that he would during his sojourn in England avail himself of every opportunity of visiting the brethren and examining their stately work, for Masonry contained the greatest truths, and was one of the noblest educators of the mind; it enabled them to look deeply into human nature, and was one of the purest religions ever offered by the Creator to mankind. She was a goodly tree, bearing the choicest fruit, and well rewarded those who looked into her mysteries; a noble book of study and contemplation, for it is essentially a combination and embodiment of so many beautiful realities, opening a wide range of thought, apart from its traditional character, that cannot fail to captivate and influence its faithful adherents in their journeyings through life, for Masonry must not alone be regarded for the ancient usages which it has handed down through all ages unsullied by the voice of time, for the mere knowledge of its mystic surroundings and ritual merely embraces the matter of fact operations of its existence, and not the grand internal organisation raised on the foundations of so stately a structure; but, like all things human, however beautiful and complete may be the external, the embellishment and cultivation of the internal must be regarded as the greatest of all essentials in disclosing unrevealed treasures, and I can make no better or more beautiful illustration of my meaning than that which presented itself to the Queen of Sheba when she beheld the internal magnificence of the temple on the morning of its dedication to the service of God. Thus do I contend a Mason should feel when the beauties of Masonry are revealed to him through a studious contemplation of its great principles and active agencies in the dissemination of its many virtues. Nature itself forms a noble tracing board for the thoughtful Mason—the grand, old hills and verdant plains, the rivers and oceans, and the glorious and incomprehensible majesty of the myriads of rolling worlds add to the volume of thought. He exhorted any of his brethren who might pause on the threshold of Masonry to reflect upon those association of ideas in connection with the time-honoured Craft, and quoted the following, from one of his favourite authors, in support of his plea: "Knowledge has but a limited power when it informs the head only; but when it informs the heart as well, it has a power over life and death, the body and the soul, and dominates the universe." In conclusion, he hoped they would accept his words as the sincere promptings of his heart, and again thanked them for their cordial good wishes and brotherly regard.

The address was warmly applauded.

Bro. BLACKMORE, P.M. 1233, proposed "The District Grand Officers," which was responded to by Bro. BENNING, D.G.S.W., and Bro. C. MALFROY, D.G. Registrar.

Bro. EISELDER, P.D.G.S.W., proposed "The Lazar Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. J. WILLIAMS, D.G.S.D.

Bro. BRAMWELL, P.D.G.S.W., gave the toast of "The Phoenix Lodge of Westport and the Reefton Lodge." Bro. W. D. BANKS, District Grand Secretary, responded for the former, and Bro. J. R. HUDSON, P.D.G.S.W., for the latter.

Bro. J. R. HUDSON, P.D.G.S.W., proposed "Success to the Totara Lodge," which was feelingly replied to by the W.M., Bro. C. MALFROY, D.G. Registrar.

Bro. WILLIAMS, P.M., D.G.S.D., gave the toast of "The Greymouth Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. JAS. KERR, D.G.J.W., P.M., and Bro. BLACKMORE, P.M.

Bro. C. MALFROY, D.G. Registrar, proposed in most eulogistic terms "The Mother Lodge of Freemasonry in Westland, the Pacific Lodge of Hokitika," which was ably responded to by the W.M., Bro. HENRY HYAMS, and Bro. POLLOCK, D.G. Treasurer.

The Tyler's toast brought the interesting proceedings to a close, adding another of those truly enjoyable Masonic reunions to many that have preceded it in the happy and united Masonic district of Westland.

Some excellent singing amongst the brethren during the evening greatly contributed to the success of the proceedings.

New South Wales.

CRAFT MASONRY.

SYDNEY.—Tranquillity Lodge (No. 1552).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on June 9th, presided over by the W.M., W. Bro. Solomon. Four candidates for initiation were balloted for, and one for affiliation. Three of the initiates being present, the ceremony was proceeded with by the W.M., W. Bro. Gabreil, P.M., delivering the charge in an impressive manner. The ceremony was specially noticeable for the very superior music introduced by the Organist. A motion, standing in the name of Bro. W. P. Bretnall, to the effect that in future when a candidate is proposed for initiation, it shall be discretionary with the W.M. to appoint a Committee of three to inquire into, and report on the antecedents and character of such persons, was, after some discussion, carried, and is now a bye-law of the lodge. Notwithstanding the heavy rain which fell, a fair number of members and visitors were present, and remained at the banquet; and during the usual toast to the latter, two visiting brethren expressed a desire to join, and are to be duly proposed at the next monthly meeting. Owing to the somewhat extraordinary flow of conviviality, the season of refreshment was somewhat prolonged.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcestershire will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge, at 12 o'clock at noon, and after transacting the business on the agenda of Prov. Grand Lodge, the brethren will walk in procession to attend Divine service at St. Thomas's Church, at 2.45, p.m., when a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. J. B. Wilson, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, and a collection made for charitable purposes. Banquet will be served at the Talbot Hotel at 4.30. Light refreshments will be provided to the brethren on their arrival at the Talbot Hotel.

The installation meeting of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, will take place on Saturday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 4 p.m. The W.M. elect is Bro. Dr. W. Gibson Bott, and the ceremony will be worked by the outgoing W.M., Bro. J. C. Corpe.

We regret to announce the sudden decease of Bro. Charles Arthur Smith, Past Master and Treasurer of the Rose of Denmark Lodge. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at 1 o'clock, at Old Willesden Church, Church End, Willesden, and was attended by several members of his lodge and other Masonic friends of the deceased.

The consecration of the Commercial Chapter, No. 411, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Thursday, the 5th inst., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. M.E. Comp. J. Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will be the Consecrating officer. The officers designate are, M.E. Comp. M. Vowles, P.P.S.G.W. Notts, P.Z. 47, Z.; M.E. Comp. C. G. Wragg, P.G.S. Notts, P.Z. 47, H.; M.E. Comp. C. B. Truman, P.S.G.D. Notts, P.Z. 47, J.

Bro. John Hogg has in the press "Great Movements, and Those Who Achieved Them," by Mr. H. J. Nicoll. Bro. Hogg also announces "Girls and their Ways: a Book for and about Girls," by One who Knows Them; and "Stories of Young Adventurers," by Ascott R. Hope.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., has given a donation of three guineas to the funds of Ye Antiente Fraternite of Ye Rahere Almoners.

Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft are spending their holiday in the Engadine.

Bro. A. T. Blamey was installed W.M. of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 23rd ult.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter, Principal King of Arms, went to Windsor Castle on Monday morning and placed the banner and regalia of the Emperor of Russia over the stalls of the Knights of the Garter in St. George's Chapel.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Waterlow and Bro. Horace Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., are among those who have promised to take part in the ceremony of laying the memorial stones of a new Wesleyan chapel at Willesden, on Saturday, the 10th inst.

Sir Henry W. Peek, Bart., M.P., has made over a perpetual annuity of £250 in augmentation of the living of Rousdon, Devonshire, the annuity being derived, under the Wandsworth Common Act of 1871, from local rates, as an equivalent for loss of manorial rights, which were originally Earl Spencer's.

Bro. William Francis, of the Mohawk Minstrels, will take his ninth annual benefit on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Agricultural Hall.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught yesterday visited the Volunteer encampment at Aldershot, and inspected the arrangements. Owing to the unfavourable weather the Volunteers in camp had a comparatively idle day.

A small portrait of Lord Macaulay has been presented to the Corporation of London by Miss Elizabeth Beata Macaulay, and has been placed with other gifts in the Guildhall Library.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, Bart., M.P., has not, as reported, become the purchaser of Strawberry Hill, which is still in the market.

The Home Office has sanctioned a payment of £50 to the St. John Ambulance Association, as a contribution towards the expenses of the Metropolitan Police Ambulance classes.

Bro. Sir Julius Benedict, Sir George T. Elvey, Dr. Macfarren, Bro. Dr. Arthur Sullivan, Bro. Brinley Richards, and Mr. H. Leslie are among the patrons of the Brighton Musical Festival and Competition, to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 6th, 7th, and 8th inst.

Bro. Charles Warner's annual benefit concert at the Great Central Hall, Bishopgate, will take place on Monday, when a special company of forty artistes will appear.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a Vice-Patron of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society, has contributed a donation of twenty-five guineas to this royal benevolent society, with, in addition, a special donation of £15 in aid of the Shetland Relief Fund, recently inaugurated by the society on behalf of the Local Relief Committee in the Shetlands.

Bros. Baron H. de Worms, and McIntyre, O.C., voted with the minority in the House of Commons in favour of curtailing the duration of the Long Vacation.

The Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, has removed to the Excise Tavern, 48 and 49, Old Broad-street, and will in future meet at seven o'clock instead of eight, so as to meet the wishes of city brethren.

THE ARTIZANS AND LABOURERS' DWELLINGS ACT.—The Peabody Trustees have purchased of the Metropolitan Board of Works the site of Peartree-court, situate between Clerkenwell-close and Farringdon-road, for the purpose of erecting dwellings under the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Act, and purpose effecting certain improvements adjacent thereto, provided Messrs. Greenwood, clockmakers, of Farringdon-road, who own the adjoining property, give their consent, which they have done, and the vestry of Clerkenwell approve of the plans.—*City Press*.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction has moved from Maddox-street, Regent-street, to Morland's Hotel, Dean-street, Oxford-street. The members meet every Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock.

Bro. Wm. Stephens will be installed W.M. of the St. Mark's Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 1, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern.

The St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, will hold their first meeting after the recess on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., at eight o'clock, at The Moor-gate, Moorgate-street.

Bro. Lord Rife, who met with an accident last week, was moved to Mar Lodge on Saturday last, where preparations had been made for his reception.

Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts will sail for India on October 12th, to assume the command of the Madras Army. He will be accompanied by Lady Roberts.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey gave a garden party at Middleton Park, Bicester, on Monday, at which upwards of 150 of the nobility and gentry of the neighbourhood were present, including the Duchess of Marlborough, the Countess of Jersey and Mr. Brandling, Viscount and Viscountess Valentia, the Hon. Robert Villiers, the Hon. Reginald Villiers, Lady Caroline and Mr. W. H. R. Jenkins, Sir Thomas and Lady Peyton, Sir Henry Dashwood, Captain Dashwood, Mr. and Mrs. Stapes-Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Dewar, Captain Unthank, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Mr. H. Morrell, Mr. Charles Marsham, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tubb, &c.

The health of Bro. Sir J. Macdonald, Premier of Canada, has been entirely re-established since his arrival in England, and Sir John proposes leaving Norwood, where he is residing, next month, en route to Canada, to resume his official duties.

Messrs. W. H. and L. Collingridge, of the *City Press*, announce the completion and occupation of their new buildings, 148 and 149, Aldersgate-street, which have been erected upon the site of the offices destroyed by fire in April of last year.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.—Sir Brook Kay, Bart., attended a meeting at Gloucester on Thursday, the 25th ult., on behalf of the Duke of Manchester and the Chapter, and presented the medal recently awarded to a man named Everett for a daring act of gallantry in saving life. The Mayor and Corporation were present at the presentation.

NEW ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.—On Monday, it was officially notified the number of Acts which received the Royal Assent in the last session. The total number was 297, of which 72 were public, 219 local, and 6 private. In the previous session, the number was 67 public, 211 local, and 5 private, making 283.

The next meeting of the Mozart Lodge, No. 1029, will be held at Harewood House, 105, High-street, Croydon, on Saturday, September 10th.

The Cholmondeley Lodge, No. 1908, was consecrated on Saturday last by Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., D.P.G.M. Cheshire, at the Commercial Hotel, Frodsham.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., for North Hants, presided at the luncheon given in connection with the Horticultural Show held at Pamber, near Basingstoke, on Monday.

Mr. Street, R.A., recently designed a pastoral staff for presentation to the Bishop of Winchester, and it is proposed to present it at the end of September or the middle of October. It is to be regarded as a gift to the see, and bears a Latin inscription to that effect. The presentation ceremony will take place at Winchester.

Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., responded to the toast of "The House of Commons" at the meeting of the Cheshire Agricultural Society at Sanbach, on Tuesday.

A public meeting, presided over by the Mayor (Alderman David Smith, D.L.), was held at Brighton on Tuesday, for the purpose of deciding upon the desirability of holding a regatta this year, the funds having been entirely absorbed on the last occasion owing to the want of sufficient support. It was unanimously resolved that an effort should be made to organise a series of aquatic races worthy of the town, and the 28th inst. was fixed upon for the event.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales leaves the Solent this day (Saturday) for Liverpool, for the purpose of opening the new docks, and upon the Prince disembarking the Royal yacht, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, commander, will go into Portsmouth Harbour to lay up for the winter.

A special meeting of the Council of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society, presided over by Mr. J. Clarke Mould, solicitor, was held on Tuesday to receive the report of Mr. Henry Wright, honorary Secretary, on the proposed destruction of St. Matthew's, Friday-street, a church with a good congregation at both Sunday services, the rector of which is the succentor and a minor canon of St. Paul's Cathedral—Dr. Sparrow Simpson. Mr. Wright stated he had read the whole scheme of the proposal for the union of benefices of St. Matthew, Friday-street, and St. Vedast, Foster-lane, of which he gave the Council a summary. After considering the various proposals in the draft, and particularly objecting to the sum of £1500 being spent on a rectory-house which is not tenanted, and the handing over of £700 to the Parish of St. Matthew, the Council expressed their surprise that the vestry of St. Vedast should demand £1500 to be spent on that church, when, but two or three years back, they informed the then rector that the church stood in no need of reclamation, and the more so as there are ample parochial funds without robbing the proposed new district. The following resolution, proposed by Mr. G. H. Birch, A.R.I.B.A., and seconded by Mr. Bowes A. Paice, A.R.I.B.A., was unanimously carried: "That the Council of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society, whilst admitting there may be no special beauty in the Church of St. Matthew, Friday-street, yet consider that every opposition should be offered to its proposed destruction, both from principle and on account of many of the provisions in the scheme for the union of benefices." The council also expressed their determination to oppose any legislation which would remove these ancient landmarks of the City.

The "John Hervey Memorial Fund" now amounts to £733 7s. 6d.

Bro. George H. West, Secretary of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana, states, in a letter to the *Masonic Advocate* of Indianapolis, that, including the benefits paid since last communication, the society from the period of its organisation has paid away no less than two millions ninety-four thousand two hundred and four dollars and ninety-nine cents.

The number of patients under treatment at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, for the week ending August 27th, was 909.

Mr. George Tidcombe, sen., having retired from the firm of G. Tidcombe and Son, millwrights, engineers, and founders, on account of his advanced age, the business will in future be carried on as before under the same name by Bro. George Tidcombe, jun., P.M., P.Z., P.G.D. of C. Middlesex.

Bro. William Thomas Davey, schoolmaster, of Bodmin, Cornwall, had been awarded a certificate of efficiency, first division, with a Parliamentary grant of £57 12s., for the year ending Lady Day, 1882.

The Confidence Instruction Lodge will resume the weekly meeting on Wednesday next, the 7th inst., at the usual place, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 7 o'clock.

On Wednesday it was determined to take steps to erect in Exeter Cathedral a memorial to the late Chancellor Harrington, who during his lifetime gave £15,000 to the restoration of the building, and by his will has left his library to the Dean and Chapter, with funds for paying a librarian to take charge of the books.

SEATS IN PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES.—On Wednesday, with the sanction an co-operation of the Vestry of St. Mary, Newington, the National Health Society commenced the placing of seats along the New Kent-road, under trees already existing there.

The session of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., commenced on Friday, the 2nd inst., at six p.m., and will be continued every Friday evening, from six till eight p.m., at the above address, till April, 1882.

Bro. King Kalakua arrived by Wednesday morning's mail train from the Continent, where his Majesty and suite have been travelling since they left England at the end of July. On arriving at Charing-cross Terminus his Majesty was met by Mr. R. F. Syngue, of the Foreign Office, and at once drove to Claridge's Hotel. After dinner his Majesty, attended by Mr. Syngue and suite, went to Drury Lane Theatre.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., has left Wynnstay, Ruabon, for Puy de Dôme, France, on the advice of his medical adviser.

Dr. Bradley, the new Dean of Westminster, is not expected to take up his residence at the Deanery for another month.

Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Berks and Bucks, assisted by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, will consecrate the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894, at the Masonic rooms, High-street, Slough, on Wednesday, September 14th. Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., is the W.M. designate, and the first Wardens are Bros. J. Watson, High Sheriff of Bucks, and A. H. Kennedy. The proceedings will commence at 12.20 p.m. A banquet will be held at the Crown Hotel at five o'clock.

The immortal swim across the Bosphorus from Sestos to Abydos accomplished by Leander and Byron has been eclipsed by that of Lord Clandeboyne, the eldest son of Lord Dufferin, who is reported to have swum across from Therapia to Beicos, a much longer passage, in little over an hour.

The Inner Temple Gardens, which have been open to the public every evening from six to nine during the last three months, was closed for the season on Wednesday night, and will not again be opened until the annual show of chrysanthemums in November next.

At the sixth public annual meeting of the Sunday Society, held in the Freemasons' Tavern, on May 28th, 1881, after addresses by the President, Mr. Thomas Burt, M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven, Mr. Charles H. Hopwood, O.C., M.P., the Right Hon. Earl Dalhousie, Mr. Philip Rathbone, J.P., of Liverpool, the Hon. J. C. Dundas, M.P., Mr. J. C. Wakefield, J.P., of Glasgow, and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Mark H. Judge, it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr. George Howard, M.P., to accept the leadership of the movement in the House of Commons. Mr. Howard addressed the meeting and promised to give notice of motion for next Session, which he did on Tuesday, August 23rd, as follows:—"That, seeing the success which has attended the action of Her Majesty's Government in opening on Sundays the National Museums and Galleries in the suburban districts of London and in the city of Dublin, this House is of opinion that the time has arrived for extending this action to all museums and galleries supported by National funds."

A WINE FOR PRINCES AND SENATORS.—In spite of what some persons may say in favour of non-intoxicating beverages, good champagne will always continue to be universally recognised as the best and most refreshing of all sparkling drinks, whilst it enjoys the power of filling many a ball-room with merriment, as well as loosening the tongues of statesmen. The district of Ay has become probably the most celebrated in the ancient province of Champagne for its grapes, and among the famous brands of that famed region not one has gained popularity to a greater extent in this country than that of Deutz and Geldermann. The wine of this well-known firm is invariably met with on every important occasion, and it is noticed that within the last few days Deutz and Geldermann's "Gold Lack" was specially selected for the banquet given by the Royal Naval Club at Portsmouth to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and some proof of its excellence may be gathered from the fact that this brand was drunk on a former visit of the Prince to the club two years since. Deutz and Geldermann's "Gold Lack" was one of the champagnes supplied at the late Ministerial whitebait dinner at the Trafalgar.—*Morning Post*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, September 10, 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, SEPTEMBER 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

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, SEPTEMBER 5.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1853, Caxton, F.M.H.
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
Red Cross Premier, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.

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.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., High-st., Woolwich.

Mark 1, St. Mark's, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham 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 Edgumbe, 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, SEPTEMBER 7.

Quar. Com. Grand Lodge, 6 for 7.
Lodge 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, St. Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
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, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1321, Emblematic, Horn's Tav., Kennington.

Lodge 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting H. Chap.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Simulation Working.)
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, at 8.30.
St. Michaels, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 8.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.

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.
Unite I 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., Colborne-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, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Hot., Battersea.
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexander Palace, Muswell Hill.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn.
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1929, Mozart, 105, High-st., Croydon.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
" 807, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, Frodsham.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1908, Cholmondeley, Commercial Hot.,
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
Faith Encamp., Leaders-buildings, Wigan.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

LOVEGROVE.—On the 29th ult., at 16S, Loughboro'-road, Brixton, S.W., the wife of Bro. Henry Lovegrove, Grand Mark Sup. of Works, &c., &c., of a daughter.
THUNDER.—On the 27th ult., at Waterloo-street, Brighton, the wife of Capt. G. F. Thunder, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

HILLHOUSE—STANDLY.—On the 27th ult., Bro. William Hillhouse, B.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, Junior Warden of Isaac Newton University Lodge, Cambridge, youngest son of the late John Paton Hillhouse, of Bedford, to Julia Wilson, eldest daughter of Richard Joseph Standly, of Hungerford-road, London.

DEATHS.

ALLEN.—On the 30th ult., at Duppas-hill-terrace, Croydon, James Allen, in his 82nd year.
BAILEY.—On the 27th ult., at Britwell, in his 19th year, Frank, son of Mr. W. Bailey.

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