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A QUESTION has been raised openly, and in our columns, in respect of the formation of Metropolitan District Grand Lodges. So far the proposition appear to us very crude and hasty, and not based on any very careful study either of our English system, or even the provisions of the Book of Constitution. Like all proposals for change, those who make them ignore difficulties, and overlook obstacles, which however must be dealt with by the reasonable and the practical. In the first place, the idea of a District Grand Lodge in England is bad; worse than this, it is absurd. District Grand Lodges can only be formed in distant parts, whose separation from our English head quarters renders concessions and special privileges needful and advisable. We could not weld into our English Provincial System, District Grand Lodges in any shape, and therefore any such proposal will be inevitably scouted and rejected. Neither does any one, in fact, seem to realize the financial loss which must accrue to our Benevolent Fund from any such proposal on the abstract. If all our Metropolitan brethren are to form part of distinct bodies, like the provinces, the capitation payment for benevolence for London will all be reduced one half. A very sensible amount. These two small points, and many others, require grave consideration, and cannot be dismissed either in silence or understood in impetuous hurry. And at the same time we say this, we think that there is a certain amount of reality in the proposal, which may fairly demand careful consideration by our rulers. We must, however, here beg to observe that such discussions can only be permitted as respectful suggestions. The GRAND MASTER is alone the fountain of Masonic honour, and can alone decide how many Provincial or District (as in our Colonies and Dependencies) representatives of himself he thinks fit to appoint. No action can properly or legally arise from public discussion or abstract resolutions, as Grand Lodge itself could not, in our opinion, pass any such resolution favouring such ideas without invading the direct and distinct prerogative of the GRAND MASTER. Such a rearrangement and increase of provinces must come from the “proprio motu” of the GRAND MASTER alone. Still there are advantages in the way of a friendly discussion, keeping these facts and points clearly in view. A slice of Middlesex, off Metropolitan Masonry, has already been taken off, and we confess we see no reason why H.R.H. the G. MASTER should not be advised to divide Middlesex into two more Provincial Grand Lodges. Our esteemed Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT would still be Senior Prov. G.M., and his province might be enlarged; while a Provincial Grand Lodge, including the City, and placed under a City magnate as Prov. G.M., might commend itself to many minds. Whether there would be room for a third, to take in central and a portion of suburban Masonry, towards Bayswater and Kensington, &c., is a matter which would require careful consultation and adjustment. But the idea of four District Grand Lodges has been capped by the proposal for six,—and if six, why not any number? We may recur to the subject shortly, in respect of its comparative advantage and disadvantage; but we have said enough to day to evince our desire thoroughly to ventilate the subject, and to express our sympathy with the proposal, on certain reasonable and definite grounds. We may add that the argument of a P.P.G. Officer in respect of Cambridge is not to the point at all. Cambridgeshire is a territorial arrangement, and whether the lodges are few or many does not touch the question, unless, indeed, we are prepared to abolish territorial jurisdiction and local names, just as H.R.H. the G.M. humourously said on Saturday last, the fine regiment of Buckinghamshire militia was now termed the *Third Oxfordshire*. We think it but right to add in conclusion that those who wish for this great change hardly realize

the revolution in Metropolitan Freemasonry it must occasion. If these Prov. Grand Lodges are formed, henceforth the GRAND SECRETARY'S office will be closed to the members of these Provinces by the Book of Constitutions, as all points and questions relating to Provincial members and matters must be settled primarily by the Provincial authorities. Will our London brethren like this?

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THE voting at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Election was very remarkable, and deserves attentive consideration. The highest male vote amounted to 2630; the lowest to 880. The highest of the three deferred, though elected, candidates polled 864; the lowest 805. There were twenty-eight male candidates elected, of whom twenty-five were immediate, three deferred. The highest female vote was 2096; the lowest 407. Of the three deferred elected candidates, the highest polled 1403; the lowest 1373. It is noteworthy that the three highest unsuccessful candidates polled each considerably over 1300 votes, and the next three over 1000. Indeed, the polling has been abnormally high. The 111 candidates were divided into forty-eight men and sixty-three women, of whom twenty-eight were elected from among the male list, and only, we are sorry to remark, thirteen from among the female candidates. This is a large margin, and a list which we should seek in some way, and by some extraordinary effort, as it appears to us, materially to reduce, otherwise next May we shall in all human probability have a still heavier one. Here comes in the use of a second election, and it is just possible that the income of the Institution might be largely increased by the purchase of votes. It is true that for the guinea the electors for the Boys' and Girls' Schools obtain their two votes, but so great is the popularity of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, that we are rather inclined to think the duplication of the voting would bring in, as the saying is, much “grist to the mill.” As it is, twelve months is a long period of waiting for many old candidates, and many die, as our records tell us, before they can be elected. It is however fair to observe and remember that there are two sides to every question, and such a change is a very startling innovation on, a serious alteration of, the laws of the Institution, and requires calm, anxious, and searching discussion. At the recent election the voters had practically to deal with 81,078 votes. Of these 38,982 were male votes; 3766 carried forward, and 35,216 issued, making a total of male votes of 38,982. Of female votes 11,413 were carried forward, and 30,683 were issued, making a total of 42,096, and a grand total as we said above of 81,078. These are figures to make us think a little.

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THE sum of £20 13s. 1d. was handed over by Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON for the Hervey Fund, to the Chairman, to be divided among the four unsuccessful candidates, male and female respectively. The two males are S. L. CAFFE and J. LEWIS, and the Widows were M. A. WATSON and E. LAFFITEAU.

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Is there not a defect in our present charitable system of aid and relief, of annuity and education, which wants attending to, and calls for a change? It seems to us that a system of intermediate relief might fairly be inaugurated, by which those who had been accepted by our Charities and placed on the lists might receive help for their schooling, as regards the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and some slight assistance as regards the Annuity Fund, if in receipt of no other Masonic allowance. A remark made by a poor candidate struck us the other day, “while the grass grows the horse starves,” an old proverbial saying, which has a good deal of homely worth and wisdom in it. We throw out this idea for abler heads than ours, and for the benefit and consideration of all whom it may concern.

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THE financial statement of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is a most prosperous one, and reflects the highest credit on the officialty of that excellently-managed Charity, a true Charity in every sense. Professor

HUXLEY made some amusing and caustic remarks in proposing the toast of "The Artist's Benevolent Bund" the other day, as to the small amount often spent on the professed objects of charity themselves; but, as Freemasons, we can point with pride to the fact that we are giving annually the large sum of £11,600 per annum to our annuitants, male and female, and that the permanent income of the Institution is only £2741 6s. 2d. per annum. Our benevolent Craft, all honour to it, gives in one way or the other as in 1881, £12,400 in round numbers for its maintenance and development. As our readers are aware, the Institution has two funds, the males and the widows. On the males the receipts were £14,268 5s. 2d., the expenditure, £11,190 9s. 1d., leaving a balance of £3077 16s. 1d. The receipts for the Widows' Fund were £12,166 14s. 10d.; the expenditure £10,514 17s. 7d., leaving a balance of £1651 17s. 3d. It is always difficult for "outsiders" to decide what is the amount necessary for what are called "working expenses" and such figures can only be satisfactorily settled by those conversant with the routine and needs of the Institution. There must always be a sum at call to meet emergencies; and it is a proof of wisdom and forethought, good management and commendable thrift, to put by something in fair weather for a rainy day. There is an amount on each division of £1500 placed at call, and the investments for the Male Fund have amounted to £1494 7s., and for the Widows' Fund to the same amount. We must again repeat that we think the annual report is a credit to the Institution and its management, and will give entire satisfaction to the subscribers and the Craft.

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ALL the readers of the *Freemason*, and they are many, will rejoice to hear of the signal honour conferred by Her Majesty the QUEEN on our distinguished Bro. the LORD MAYOR of London, whose public services are so many and so meritorious, and will heartily wish him many long years of health and happiness.

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WE call attention to an amusing letter elsewhere, professedly from a Tangerine brother, though whether that letter is really written by him, or has been dictated by some ingenious and interested friend behind the scenes, must remain an open question. The letter is amusing, we repeat, because we are told by our brother from Tangiers we do not understand our own language, and that he understands it better than we do ourselves. We flatter ourselves, however, that we do know the meaning of the QUEEN'S English. Unfortunately for him, too, we have been in Morocco, and know Tangiers well; and we can only repeat that Morocco has *no dependencies*, in the English sense of the word. It has provinces, but not dependencies. Our allusion to Ceuta and in respect of Melilla, Spanish convict settlements, was meant for polite chaff, the absurdity of the names adopted, and of apparent geographical ignorance, and of which our reference to "good old Gib" and mysterious Timbuctoo, we should have thought, would have convinced our critic. But perhaps our excellent Tangerine brother can hardly be expected to understand English chaff, though he need not probably have gone far to find a convenient brother who did so.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, presided; Bro. Montagu, D.P.G.M. Dorset, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Junior Vice-President's chair. The other brethren present were—

Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Montague Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorset; J. H. Mather, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; William Stephens, P.M.; L. F. Littell, A.G.P.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27 and 1260; T. Cull, P.M. 1446; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; John Messent, P.M. 231; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Rev. Thomas Cochrane, G.C.; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; E. W. Wilson, W.M. 169; T. Ransom Sachs, P.M. 435; John Noyes, P.M. 58; Charles A. Solbé, W.M. 1789; Horton Adkins, W.M. 1261; Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 1964; A. J. P. Stevens, W.M. 1298; Charles James Cuthbertson, W.M. 27; W. B. Blackmore, P.M. 140; Henry Roberts, P.M. 79; John Mason, P.M. 309; W. F. Smart, W.M. 766; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395; G. P. Gillard, W.M. 657; J. L. Jones, W.M. 1744; W. G. Kentish, W.M. 1293; J. Boulton, W.M. 1056; W. Beazley, W.M. 172; W. H. Wyatt Sargent, P.M. 1099; George Drysdale, W.M. 222; John O. Carter, P.M. 209; Henry Lansdell, W.M. 4; John Waugh, P.M. 1563; Lewis Bryett, P.M. 1828; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 1351; Albert Trott, W.M. 1593; Augustus Day, W.M. 166; John Fish, W.M. 1327; Alfred Brookman, W.M. 1657; W. G. Lemon, W.M. 1601; E. Zwinger, W.M. 715; L. C. Haslip, W.M. 813; George Cowell, W.M. 198; George Willson, W.M. 1321; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; W. J. Cattermole, W.M. 217; Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; E. E. Barratt Kidder, W.M. 12; Henry C. Burt, P.M. 622; Thomas Ducas, P.M. 95; Hewitt Rogers, P.M. 898; Wm. Lake, P.M. 131; George Brown, W.M. 140; W. A. S. Humphries, W.M. 45; H. Potter, P.M. 11; Geo. W. Dixon, W.M. 1871; James W. Baldwin, W.M. 1326; G. Pitt Lewis, P.P.G.S.B., 484; Wm. H. Dean, W.M. 1900; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The Board of Masters had submitted to them the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge of 7th June.

The brethren confirmed grants to the amount of £215 recommended at last meeting. There were thirty-five new cases on the list. Of these three were dismissed, and four deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £910—consisting of one £150 (£150); one £100 (£100); three £50 (£150); three £40 (£120); four £30 (£120); eleven £20 (£220); one of £15 (£15); three £10 (£30); and one £5 (£5).

The lodge was then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last, Col. Creaton in the chair.

There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, T. S. Howell, C. Hammerton, Col. J. Peters, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. H. Matthews, Robt. Grey, D. M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. Letchworth, A. H. Tattershall, E. M. Money, C. G. Brown, E. Baxter, Capt. H. G. Colville, Edgar Bowyer, H. A. Dubois, C. H. Webb, Peter de Lande Long, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the CHAIRMAN said, referring to the discussion which took place at the meeting last month, with regard to Bro. Molesworth's proposal as to the admission of a girl to the School by purchase, that on that occasion Bro. Raynham W. Stewart undertook to ascertain what had been done in similar cases in the Boys' School. Bro. Stewart had made his enquiries and found that nothing had been done. There had been no case of an admission of two brothers into the School at the same time. Bro. Stewart, who was unfortunately unable to be present to-day, had written to him (Col. Creaton) to say that he had carefully looked into the bye-laws, and was of opinion that two sisters cannot be admitted into the School at the same time. The Chairman added that he had also himself carefully considered the matter, and he ruled that two sisters cannot be permitted to be in the School at the same time.

Bro. RICHARDSON said that he felt as clearly as possible that there was no necessity for a petition in a case of purchase. And as there was a strong doubt about the meaning of these particular laws, he would move that the bye-laws relating to this point be referred to the Grand Registrar for his opinion.

The CHAIRMAN said that every candidate to be eligible must be duly qualified, and that she would not be qualified unless the petition had been approved.

Bro. RICHARDSON did not consider that the petition was a qualification. The qualifications were that the child must be legitimate, the daughter of a Freemason and so on.

Bro. WOODFORD seconded Bro. Richardson's motion, as it was desirable that no doubt should be allowed to remain on this question.

The CHAIRMAN then put the motion that the report of the Grand Registrar be obtained, which was carried.

The SECRETARY reported that Bros. Dr. Hope, Smith and Montuuis, who had been nominated as candidates for election on the House Committee had retired, and thereupon the Chairman declared the present members of the House Committee elected.

The CHAIRMAN also declared the present members of the Audit Committee duly elected.

Bro. TATTERSHALL said that it had been remarked to him that the House Committee was a close borough, and he had told his informant that he would give notice of motion that each year one fourth of the members should retire, and should not be eligible for twelve months. He, therefore, gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court to be held in July, "To insert in Rule XXXVII., after the word 'Trustees,' the following words: 'That three members shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election until after an interval of twelve months.'" He had also to propose that Mr. W. G. Weber, the senior Clerk in the Secretary's office, who was in so bad a state of health that the doctors advised that a long sea voyage was necessary, and who, in order to go to Australia, had tendered his resignation (which, in ordinary course, would take effect in September), be granted three months' leave of absence, so as to enable him to go at once. He had also to propose, that as Mr. Weber's expenses he had ascertained could not be less than £63, and as he had a wife and three children, that three months' salary be paid him in advance, and he would further suggest that a further donation be made to him.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that this Committee had no power to make the donation. It would require a resolution of the Quarterly Court.

Bro. TATTERSHALL then gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in July: "That three months' leave of absence be granted to Bro. Weber with payment of three months' salary (£37 10s.) in advance, and that a donation of £25 be added to that sum."

Bro. RICHARDSON said that the next business was very important. Upon a suggestion that some improvement in the drainage system at the Institution should be effected, it was resolved to obtain a full report first upon the present condition of the drainage system there. This had now been done, and the result was very much worse than had been expected. The place had been built thirty years ago, when it was out in the country, but since that time a numerous town had sprung up, which had interfered very much with the sanitary condition of the place. The Premises Committee, to which this matter was referred, had employed the Sanitary Engineering Company to examine the drains, and they had found that the pipes all went down straight into the sewer; the pipes all converged from the various buildings into a cesspool under the playground, which in its turn was relieved by the sewer. The estimated cost of the thorough repairs or alterations which were considered absolutely necessary was, he was sorry to say, no less a sum than £1297. In the face of the report the Premises Committee thought it best to get the report of Professor Corfield, who stood at the head of the profession as regarded all such matters. Professor Corfield had been over the place; he had only had time to make a preliminary report, but he agreed entirely with the report of the Sanitary Engineering Company, though of course he had not seen that. Here were two separate authorities come to the same conclusion as to the unsatisfactory state of the Institution; the matter must be met in some way. They traced the scarlet fever they had had at the school to this cause. The proposed alterations were necessary, but without the consent of a Quarterly Court the expense could not be incurred. He suggested that the Premises Committee should be authorised, and that a special Court should be called to give the authorization. Col. Leech, a high government official, had gone over the place and pointed out several things that were wrong and several things that were wanted, and offered to go through the reports of these Sanitary Engineers and say whether they were right or wrong. He had therefore to propose to call a special court to authorise the alterations at an expense not exceeding £1300.

Bro. GLADWELL supported Bro. Richardson's motion. If they undertook the care and education of over 200 girls they were bound to do their best to preserve their health. He thought that the Committee might give the authorisation, and merely ask the General Court for a bill of indemnity.

It was then arranged that a Special General Court should be called for the purpose named.

Bro. LETCHWORTH gave notice of motion that Bro. Dr. Hope be appointed honorary physician to the Institution.

One petition was approved, and the candidates name ordered to be placed on the list; and one petition was a second time deferred for further inquiry.

Bro. TATTERSHALL also gave the following notice of motion: "To add to rule LXIII., after paragraph 2, the words, 'Provided that there be no sister in the Institution at that time.'"

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following appeared in a portion of our last issue:— ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 19th inst., under the presidency of Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer.

Bro. TERRY, the Secretary, read the annual report, and also the following Auditors' Report:

We, the undersigned, having audited the Treasurer's account from the 1st of April, 1881, to the 31st of March, 1882, inclusive, and the several vouchers having been produced, do find the same correct.

MALE FUND.

Table with columns for Balance 31st March, 1881, Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance on this account.

Balance on this account ... 3077 16 1

WIDOWS' FUND.

Table with columns for Balance 31st March, 1881, Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance on this account.

Balance on this account ... 1651 17 3

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Table with columns for Balance 31st March, 1881, Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance on this account.

Balance on this account ... 59 13 7

Examined and found correct—

Signed { A. H. TATTERSHALL, R. B. WEBSTER,

Freemasons' Hall, 15th May, 1882.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we shall all have heard that report with great satisfaction, and I therefore propose that it be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. ADLARD: I beg to second that.

The motion having been seconded, was put by the Chairman and carried unanimously.

The SECRETARY then read the report of the Committee of Management, whereupon it was moved and seconded that the same be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. WOODFORD: I beg to propose that Bros. Goode, Stean, and Quitmann be elected to form part of the Committee of Management.

Bro. ADLARD: I have much pleasure in seconding that proposition.

The Chairman having put the motion to the meeting, declared Bros. Goode, Stean, and Quitmann duly elected.

Bro. TERRY: Mr. Chairman, I beg to say that Bro. H. G. Warren, hitherto one of the Auditors, finds it very inconvenient to attend to perform the duties of the office, and desires therefore to retire.

Bro. ADLARD: I beg to propose that Bros. Tattershall, Webster, and John J. Berry be elected Auditors.

This motion having been seconded, was put to the meeting, and the proposed Auditors were declared duly elected.

The CHAIRMAN: The following brethren, having offered their services, will receive proxies: Bros. Bowyer, Clarke, Stean, and Davies; and the following brethren, who have also offered their services, I appoint to be Scrutineers: Bros. Webster, Matier, Perryman, Percival, W. Stephens, Watts, Bellerby, Hood, Dilley, Newton, Berry, Liddall, Crutch, Cubitt, Goode, Cummings, Calderwood, Dewar, Hickman, Timothy, Rolleston, Killick, R. Taylor, Chesworth, E. F. Storr, Parkhouse, and Barham. Brethren, having been appointed Scrutineers, you will please retire to another room, and have the goodness to appoint one of your number to be your Chairman.

Bro. TERRY announced that, in consequence of deaths which had occurred since the proxies were issued, the number to be elected was twenty-eight men and thirteen widows; of whom twenty-five men and ten widows would be immediate annuitants, and the remaining six vacancies occur. Bro. Terry added that no proxies would be received after three o'clock.

The CHAIRMAN: I now declare the poll opened. The result of the poll was not declared until half-past six, in consequence of a scrutiny being demanded as to one of the returns. The following were the successful candidates:

MALES.

Table listing successful candidates for Males with their respective votes.

DEFERRED.

Table listing deferred candidates: William James H. Jones, Jarvis Horsfield, Morris W. West.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Table listing unsuccessful candidates: Samuel L. Caffé, Joseph Lewis, James L. Langley, Charles Benjamin Bennett, Frederick John Knott, Richard White, Thomas William Sewell, George Henry Talbot Dyer, Francis Joseph Wirtzfeld, James Hayter, George Ensell, John Inwood, John Patterson, Daniel Heigho, Charles Sarl, Alexander Reid, John Sugars, George Cole, William Harrison.

FEMALES.

SUCCESSFUL.

Table listing successful female candidates: Betty Moorhouse, Anne Crossman Hambly, Frances Exley, Eleanor Elizabeth Dover, Elizabeth Frances, Elizabeth Mary Mongar, Mary Roach, Mary Ann Bentley, Ann Biles, Mary Ann Aston, Eleanor Gregory, Maria Miller, Hannah Lumb.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Table listing unsuccessful female candidates: Mary Ann Watson, Eliza Lafittau, Ellen Morrison, Elizabeth Pearson, Caroline Golding, Mary Nowlan, Lillias Greig, Ann Roberts, Ann Wakefield, Amelia Wallis Davis, Isabella Elliott, Zelia Emmerson, Ellen G. Beattie, Charlotte Muruss, Phoebe Ann Rumsey, Caroline C. H. V. Buckley, Elizabeth Mary Thomas, Eliza Haynes, Annetta T. H. Wood, Fanny Stubington, Caroline Sarah Louisa Pratt, Sarah Ann Allen, Elizabeth Mary Ann Child, Elizabeth Chapple, Margaret Rowell, Sarah Greathead, Emma Bowen, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Russell, Harriet Evans, Mary Geary, Mary Smith, Sarah Ann Chrisp, Naomi Gambell, Mary Pelton, May Marianne Rodgers, Ellen Potter, Jane Maddick, Charlotte Copeland, Mary Crisp, Louisa Cathcart, Sarah Fenning, Jane Greenwood, Harriet Matilda Madeley, Sarah Rigarfsford, Sarah Coates, Harriet Caswell, Annie Parker, Jane Penman, Isabella B. Healy.

The CHAIRMAN announced that he had received from Bro. Sir John Monckton a sum of £20 13s. 1d., as the first payment from the John Hervey Memorial Fund, which sum would be divided between the first four of the unsuccessful candidates. The recipients would therefore be—Males: S. L. Caffé and Joseph Lewis; Widows: M. L. Watson and E. Lafitteau.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY.

The fact that during the past week a deputation from the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons has attended at Buckingham Palace, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to present an address of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen on her recent Providential escape from assassination, brings the body to which the deputation belongs before the public, and therefore some facts in connection with the progress of Freemasonry in this country may not be uninteresting.

which should exist among Masons to other and baser purposes. In Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, in the same way as here, no political significance is attached to the gatherings of Freemasons.

The progress which the Fraternity has made in this country since the commencement of the present century is truly astounding. In or about the year 1800 there were between fifty and sixty lodges which acknowledged the jurisdiction of the Grand Master of England, and they numbered at most some 1500 brethren. At the present time there are under the rule of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, no less than 2000 lodges, which in all number about 140,000 members. Besides these there are the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, which, though closely akin to that of England, yet have separate rulers. They have also enormously increased in numbers and power since the commencement of the nineteenth century. Freemasonry seems to have a peculiar fascination for the American mind, and we should be rather under than over estimating the number of brethren in the United States if we gave their sum total at three quarters of a million. It has been alleged by people hostile to the Order, that Freemasonry in England only flourishes because a Royal Prince is at the head of the Craft, and all his brothers are associated with it. That this is not the case we have conclusively proved by the quotation as to the number of the brethren who exist on the continent of America. There can, however, be no doubt that since the Heir Apparent was elected to the position in Masonry which he so well and worthily occupies, the Craft has, from the fact of its occupying more public attention, made great strides in the country, and it continues daily to advance further on the path of prosperity.

There is a notion abroad that a great part of the enormous funds over which the Grand Lodge and its affiliated lodges have control is devoted to banqueting, or, in other words, to eating and drinking. This is not the case. All the money collected goes for the purpose of maintaining the three great Masonic Charities, viz., the old people, the boys, and the girls. Every lodge is bound annually to contribute a portion, and a large portion, too, of its funds to the support of these excellent institutions. The other monies collected are in great majority of cases expended in relieving the immediate necessities of poor and destitute brethren and their families. It is only necessary to glance at the list of grants which the Board of General Purposes makes monthly to the needy to see how much great and useful work is accomplished by the Freemasons of England. Instead of being, as their enemies represent them, a body of men taking delight in a few idle forms and ceremonies and the pleasures of the table, they, on the contrary, are the greatest charitable and benefit society ever yet established. The good they do is incalculable, and most of it is done by stealth. The men who manage the machinery and do the work of this great institution, do it at frequent personal inconvenience and discomfort. All the thanks and all the reward they get is the knowledge that they are instruments in forwarding a great and glorious cause. The watchword of the Order is, charity and brotherly love, and all genuine Masons act up to the great lesson it inculcates.—Court Circular.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR.

We recently gave a brief sketch of the Masonic career of Bro. the Lord Mayor, on the occasion of his appointment as Grand Junior Warden. Her Majesty, since then, has signified her intention of conferring upon his lordship the dignity of baronetcy, with the twofold object of marking her sense of the service rendered to the public by the Corporation of London in preserving Epping Forest, and to commemorate her recent visit of ceremony, when she declared it open to the public for ever. Under these circumstances, it seems to us to be a fitting opportunity to supplement our former notice with a few particulars as to his career outside the limits of the Craft. Bro. J. Whittaker Ellis was born in 1829 at Richmond, Surrey, where he was educated under the care of the Rev. W. Allen. At the early age of fifteen he was articled to the firm of Musgrove and Gadsen, of Old Broad-street, and in 1854 became a partner in that of Messrs. Fairbrother, Ellis, Clark, and Co., of which he is now the sole representative. He was elected member of the Court of Common Council in 1864, and eight years later was unanimously chosen Alderman of the Ward of Broad-street. He served the office of a Sheriff of London and Middlesex, and last year attained the height of his ambition—the Lord Mayoralty of London.

BRO. THE EARL OF KINTORE,

Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales, &c., who has kindly consented to preside at the fourteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be held at the Crystal Palace on the 19th July, is one of the most distinguished members of the Craft in Scotland. He is Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire, a Trustee of Grand Lodge, and representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; First Grand Sojourner of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and Provincial Grand Superintendent of Angus and Mearns; Admiral in the Chapter of the Temple; M. Ill. Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of the Order of the Red Cross, and Intendant General of Forfar and Kincardine; Patriarch and Grand Com. of the Patriarchal Council K.H.S.; Supreme Magus on the High Council of the Rosicrucian Society; G. Marshal of the Royal Order of Scotland; and Ill. G. Architect, Supreme Grand Council of the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. We augur well from this for the Mark Benevolent Fund. It stands to reason that one who devotes so much of his time and energy to Masonry, and its various branches and offshoots, will not lack the requisite will and power to advocate the cause of this young but excellent Institution; and equally well are we persuaded that the members of the Mark Degree will support him loyally.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Her Majesty the Queen has made a donation of £50 on the occasion of her assuming the position of special Patroness of the Institution.

Bros. Earl Derby and Viscount Sherbrooke were amongst the Royal Commissioners in the City Companies who attended the last meeting.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

EIGHTY-FOURTH

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

WEDNESDAY, 28th JUNE, 1882.

ROYAL PAVILION, BRIGHTON.

THE Rt. Hon. THE LORD MAYOR,

R.W. Bro. SIR JOHN WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart;
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Particulars and every information on application to the Hon. Secretary,

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.S., *V. Pat.*

Office:—6, FREEMASONS' HALL, W.C.,
18th May, 1882.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

The Right Hon.
LORD HENNIKER,
M.W. Grand Master.

The Right Hon.
THE EARL OF KINTORE,
R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

The Summer Half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 6th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s. each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting, and 17s. 6d. if taken on that day, and it is requested that every brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 3rd of June.

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25th May, 1882.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 19th May, 1882, V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON, J.P., Grand Treasurer, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 28 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 47 candidates, and 13 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 63 candidates, when the following were declared duly Elected:—

MALES.	Votes.
Bro. Hubbard, Wm. H.	2630
" Belcher, Wm.	1632
" Woodbourne, Jas.	1597
" Worley, Geo.	1505
" Jolly, Chas. Stuart	1475
" Munn, James	1324
" Darling, Robert	1218
" Barlow, Wm. C.	1148
" Lewis, Horatio	1142
" Marks, Solomon	1109
" Whitehead, Joseph	1104
" Watts, Robert	1102
" Maxwell, Thos.	1054
" Wilson, Wm. Amos	1024
" Hall, John	993
" Parker, Thos. J.	988
" *Johnson, John	985
" *Vorthington John	941
" *Mucklethwaite, R. W.	922
" *Higson, Thos.	920
" *Burton, Joseph	907
" *Platt, Wm	903
" *Townend Edward	893
" *Longstaff, Geo. Thos.	891
" *Roberts, William	880
" Jones, Wm. J. H.	864
" Horsfield, J.	854
" West, Morris W.	805

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Moorhouse, Betty	2096
" Hambly, Anne C.	1841
" Exley, Frances	1581
" Dover, Eleanor E.	1565
" Francis, Elizabeth	1564
" Mongar, Elizabeth M.	1525
" Roach, Mary	1448
" Bentley, Mary A.	1433
" Biles, Ann	1425
" *Aston, Mary A.	1407
" Gregory Eleanor	1403
" Miller, Maria	1388
" Lumb, Hannah	1373

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next Election.

These marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

The Three lowest on the Poll (both male and female) will be placed on the List of Annuitants as vacancies occur.—By order.

May 19, 1882. JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ELECTION, MAY 19TH, 1882.

BRO. W. H. HUBBARD

desires through this medium to thank those brethren whom he has not already had, or may not have, an opportunity of thanking, either personally or by letter, for their kind support upon the occasion, an aggregate of 2630 Votes having been recorded in his favour, placing him at the head of the Poll by a very large majority.
Hampton Wick, S.W.,
24th May, 1882.

TO OUR READERS.

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To Correspondents.

We this week commence to number the Notes and Queries, which will simplify future reference to them.

Our attention has been drawn to a report of the speech of the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. for Warwickshire, &c., at the Girls' School Festival on the 10th. In proposing "The Health of the Duke of Connaught," Lord Leigh is reported to have said "We are about to have a new Prince joined to the Royal Family, who is to be the next Grand Master of the province." What his lordship did say was, "He congratulated the Duke of Connaught on the marriage of the Duke of Albany, the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire."

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Allen's Indian Mail," "Colonial Standard," "Jewish Chronicle," "Keystone," "The Freemason's Chronicle," "West London Advertiser," "The Hull Packet," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Broad Arrow," "Printing Times and Lithographer," "Masonic Review," "The Citizen," "The Court Circular," "El Taller," "Bulletin du Grand Orient of France," "New York Dispatch," "New York Banker and Broker."



SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1882.

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.]

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot follow "A P.P. Grand Officer." Why has he selected the number of six? Some of his names appear to me very absurd, such as "London."

In this respect Bro. Stevens's proposal has the advantage on the score of simplicity and directness.

But I doubt very much whether District be as good a name as Provincial; and, above all, I fear whether we are not in danger of forming Grand Lodges within Grand Lodges, an "imperium in imperio," unless we are very careful. I think it just possible that there is a solution possible and rational settlement of the whole question, namely, the formation of two or more Provincial Grand Lodges for Middlesex, and which creation might be defended on more grounds than one, which, as the discussion proceeds, I shall be glad to be permitted to point out.

Indeed, the whole question of Provincial Grand Lodges requires consideration, as I am one of those who venture to be of opinion, in which I hear I am not singular, that the time has fairly come when some of our larger provinces might be safely divided, with good effects to Freemasonry in general and particular. At the same time we must not forget that all we can say or do is by suggestion. His Royal Highness the Grand Master alone has the prerogative of appointing Provincial or District Grand Masters.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
ANOTHER P.P. GRAND OFFICER.

THE LODGE AL MOGHREB AL AKSA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a native of the country called by the people of Europe Maroc, or Morocco.

I understand English enough to speak, but I do not write it with ease, so please forgive my errors.

Allah has given to all men, says one of our Arabic proverbs, two eyes to see and two ears to hear, but only one tongue to speak with and one hand able to hold a pen.

We are to learn from this that we should only tell one half what we see or hear.

But, my brother, I think you must be made in a different way; for it seems to me that you can have but one eye to look at your own side of a question and one ear to take in one version of a history.

Whilst you have tongues, as many in number as the leaves of a tree, and hands to hold pens as numerous as are the legs of the father of centipedes.

These tongues and these pens you use to spread your own ideas, which are not always as indisputable as were those of Suliman Ben Davuad. I take for example what you and your correspondent says about my country having no dependencies.

Your friend says "Morocco is an Empire, and I was not aware had any dependencies." What words of foolishness are these? I might as well write England is an Empire, and therefore has no dependencies. My Grand Master and Brother, Sidi Stewart Patterson, did not mean what your friend in his innocence of the geography of these parts supposes he did. He did not mean that the Spanish presidios of Melilla and Ceuta, or the negro city of Timbuctoo, were dependencies of my country. But the dependencies to which he referred are those cities, countries, &c., known as Taroudant, Aghadir, Draha, Figuig, Tafillit, &c., &c., which are as much dependencies of the two great central kingdoms, Maraksh and Fas, which form the heart of the Empire, as are any of the possessions of the British Empire whose centre is found in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

I remain my dear Brother, fraternally yours,
ABDASLAM BENARAIS.
M.M. and Junior Warden of the
Lodge Al Moghreb al Aksa.

Tangier, 24th day of 2nd Tumad,
A.H., 1299.

"DAVIS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of last week, you inform the world, in a short paragraph, that a brother who, like myself, rejoices in the Welsh patronymic "Davis," and whose Godfathers and Godmothers, in their wisdom, thought fit to give him Christian names, commencing with initial letters identical with my own ("R. R."), was recently elected a member of the "United Wards Club." Several of my acquaintances have, not very unnaturally, supposed that I am the "Bro. R. R. Davis" upon whom this honour has been conferred.

As I have not the pleasure of knowing my worthy namesake, and do not wish to rob him of his laurels, having never previously heard of this club, I venture to ask you to insert this letter.

I am, dear sir and Brother, very faithfully and fraternally yours,

R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256, 1851, and 1892, Z. No. 7.
Carey-street, Lincoln's Inn, and Wallington, Surrey.
23rd May, 1882.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL—A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice that in your editorial remarks upon the Girls' School Festival, that you put down the contribution sent up by Derbyshire as £449 10s. This you will perceive, by adding up the list which appeared in your issue of the 13th, should be £459 10s.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,
PERCY WALLIS,
W.M. 850.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me through your valuable paper to call the attention of those brethren who have had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Weber, the Assistant Secretary to the Girls' School, to the fact that that worthy brother resigns his office at the end of next month, on the advice of his doctor, in consequence of his having contracted lung disease, and that there is no hope of his recovery unless by taking a long voyage to Australia, which he is about to do. I hope that the services of Bro. Weber will not be forgotten, more especially by the House Committee of the Girls' School, who, I believe, have it in their power to reward a good and faithful servant by granting to our brother, if not a twelve months' salary in advance, at least six months, to assist him in paying his passage, and obtaining those little comforts so necessary to a sick person on a long voyage.

Yours fraternally,
W. A. W.

HIRAM'S TOMB.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The last part of "Picturesque Palestine, Sinai, and Egypt" (Virtue and Co), contains a description of the tomb of Hiram, which must be interesting to all Masons. The explorer writes:

"The ride to Hiram's tomb may be accomplished from Ras el Ain as easily as from Tyre, following the lines of the aqueduct for two miles, then turning towards the hills, which here rise very gradually from the plain. Hiram's

tomb, Kabi Hiram, as it is called, is by far the most interesting relic of Tyre left intact, and is very near the little village of Hanawieh. It stands slightly retired from the brow of the uplands, close by the wayside, cornfields behind it and a quiet orchard ground in front. Whether it be the tomb of the great Phœnician monarch or not there is no possibility of proving. One argument for its great antiquity is its extreme simplicity, and its dissimilarity from any sepulchral structure of the Greek age.

The tomb of Hiram, for so we love to believe it as call it, is a grand massive sarcophagus, laid on a massive megalithic pedestal of dressed limestone, but without any trace of the Phœnician or Jewish bevel, standing in solitary desolation, and commanding the sea and that city of Tyre over which Hiram ruled. The pedestal is composed of three courses of great stones, more than twelve feet by eight, and six feet thick. The third course is still thicker, and projects over the others. On this is placed the great sarcophagus, hollowed out for the body; and over it still remains the lid, slightly pyramidal in form, a single block twelve feet long by five feet thick. Immediately behind the tomb two flights of steps have recently been opened out, and evidently are coeval with it, and leading to a vaulted chamber, not under but exactly behind the mausoleum. This was cleaned out and examined by Renan, but no trace of inscription or indication of its purpose or date discovered. The explorer states that this is the Hiram who supplied the architect, the workmen, and many of the materials for the temple."

It is difficult, perhaps, to make this account fit in with the Masonic tradition of Hiram's burial. But it is well to remember that traditions become very much distorted by time. Tradition, however, states that Solomon gave the body of Hiram a magnificent sepulchre, and the description of this tomb confirms it. If it is not the tomb of our Master it may be that of his father. At any rate it is a piece of antiquity associated with the building of the temple, and, therefore, of deep interest to the Fraternity. It would not be an expensive business to bring the sarcophagus to this country. A national Masonic subscription would supply the funds.

[This extract appeared in the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror," and was answered by our learned and lamented Bro. E. A. Shaw. The tomb is the tomb of Hiram the King, not of Hiram the Builder.—Ed. F.M.]
Yours &c.,
RICHARD BENNETT, P.M. 1299.
Liverpool.



WOLFF'S LITERARISCHER SCHATZGRABER. KOSSLINGSCHER BUCHHANDLUNG. Gustav Wolff. Leipzig.

This is a remarkable collection of Masonic, Rosicrucian, Illuminati, Jesuit, Templar, and Chivalric works put out by Gustav Wolff, of Leipzig, and made still more remarkable by a trilingual introduction and by trilingual notes of our Bro. Findel, also of Leipzig. So far, these parts have appeared down to Marbach, (the other parts are rapidly completing), No. 680, and we note many works valuable to the Masonic student and critic, and important for the Masonic collector and bookworm, while they are still more needful for many libraries, which, so far, are only in an inchoate state. Some of the works mentioned are now rare, and costly to obtain in London, but unless sold can be procured either through Williams and Norgate, or some other foreign bookseller, at comparatively reasonable prices. We recommend all our readers who interest themselves in such matters to write direct to Gustav Wolff, bookseller, Leipzig, who will be ready to answer their queries and meet their wishes. The present editor of the catalogue has merely taken the idea of Kloss' famous "Bibliographie," &c., as the dominant factor of his catalogue, and we gladly welcome such a very careful and valuable contribution to Masonic bibliography in 1882. May Bro. Findel's notes enhance its correctness and attest its value, and we feel sure that both in England and America Masonic Dry-as-dusts and Masonic bibliomaniacs will greet it heartily and peruse it carefully, thanking the publisher, and admiring the spirit of literary activity, as well as a taste for Masonic archaeology, which have determined and illustrate this valuable, useful, and expert publication. We propose in a second review to call attention to some of the rarer works. Of course, as all Masonic book collectors know, a large portion of foreign Masonic literature is taken up with controversial works relating to the Jesuits, the Illuminati, and the High Grades, and the Strict Observance, and the disputes and debates arising out of such peculiar claims and such conflicting schools. To our English Masonic Students a large proportion of such works is comparatively worthless, and utterly uninteresting, owing to the lapse of time, and other obvious reasons. Indeed, the names, even of the greater part of similar works which Kloss's careful industry enumerated, and later writers have alluded to, are unknown to English Masonic Students. And, on the other hand, many German and foreign works of value, like the tractate of Karl Heimsch, alluded to a week or so ago, have remained unknown for the most part to English readers. Therefore the value of such a collection for Masonic criticism and bibliography is very great, and we hope this catalogue will be carefully studied by the expert and the reading Mason.

THE BLUE.

This "serial" of the scholars of Christ's Hospital is worth perusal and deserves encouragement. We have before noticed it with approval, and are pleased to do so again, and hope that its circulation may prove considerable. "A Ride to Pelin," and "Pernambuco," are amusing and original, and for those who still like a "Vulgus," as it used to be termed in an old school of famous memory, we append two very good ones:—

J. LI. to J. D. W.

Nos infelices! post prandia venimus illic:
Sustulit heu! gelidum mensa superba cibum.
Sic hospes, parvam postquam conspexerat Evam,
"Ista habet in nostro corde puella locum."

Translation.

Your boys came later than their host could wish,
And found "cold comfort" in a "lordly dish,"
But little Eva, with her smiling face,
Found in my heart a warm and welcome place.

J. D. W. to J. LI.

Felices pueri, quorum incorruptior aetas
Vix sentit, gelidus sit caleatque cibum.
Nos quoque felices, nostrae si contigit Evae,
Cum Phœbo et Musis, cor habitare tuum.

Reply.

Happy is boyhood! Much it heedeth not
Whether the food it gets is cold or hot.
And happy we since our own child hath part
(With Phœbus and the Muses) in my heart.

SUMMER TOURS IN SCOTLAND.—Official Guide—Glasgow to the Highlands. David Mac Brayne, 119, Hope-street, Glasgow.

Notwithstanding the opening up of innumerable watering places and centres of attraction in the United Kingdom, by the penetration of the iron horse into districts which until lately have been literally "Rambles beyond Railways," the attractions of the Northern Tour remain undiminished, and the glorious scenery of Scotland finds yearly more and more admirers. From Glasgow to the Highlands is a right "Royal Route," and the official guide published by Messrs. David Mac Brayne will be found a perfect vade mecum of information to the traveller who takes that route. As a rule, we do not care to follow "official guides" when on pleasure bent, but as this is throughout a sea trip, or rather a combination of sea, river, and canal, the advantage of "sticking to your ship" is obvious. A carefully executed bird's-eye view of the whole district, with numerous coloured illustrations of places of interest on the way, render this guide attractive to others beside intending tourists, and will, no doubt, draw the attention of many this year to the beauties of Scottish scenery.



1] ANCIENT MASONIC MEDAL.

A friend has shown me a curious old silver jewel, of which I give a description. The shape is as of old Mark jewels (diamond shaped), and about two inches long on each side. *Obverse*—Within a pear-shaped border, the All-Seeing eye, from which are issuing tears. The eye is surrounded by clouds. Below is a pair of compasses opened to an angle of ninety degrees, within which are enclosed a pair of pillars, surmounted by globes, and standing on a Masonic pavement, on which are also three burning tapers, the open Bible, and two square stones. Above the lights are the sun and moon, over a square; on the sides of the compasses are two mallets, seven stars, a ladder of three steps, and hand holding a plumb line. Outside the border, at the corners of the jewel, are the level, plumb, and the monogram I. H. S. *Reverse*—(within a similar border)—a blazing sun, below which is an arch and two pillars; below the keystone of the arch is a tetragrammaton. Between the pillars an altar stands on three stones, lettered H. Z. I. respectively; above the altar is a circular disc, with the letters J. H. T. L. thereon; at the foot of the altar is a coffin. By the side of the coffin stands a knight in armour, with a sword upraised, and at his feet are a skull and cross bones; behind him is a cross planted in the ground. On the other side of the coffin is a cock, at the edge of a tessellated pavement. Outside the border are an ark, square, and compasses, and letter G.; and in exergue, in two lines, "Lodge No. 410." The jewel is pierced at the top corner, and was worn suspended to a ribbon one and a quarter inches wide, striped alternately with purple and scarlet. My own impression, in which I am confirmed by Bro. Hughan, who has seen the jewel, is, that it is a member's jewel, or medal, of the York Lodge (now No. 236), which, according to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," was numbered 410 from 1781 to 1791. If I am correct in this impression, the age of the jewel will therefore be from 90 to 100 years. Three other old English lodges have, however, borne this number—viz. "Four Old Lodges" and Hughan's "Masonic Memorials"—viz.: Cornubian Lodge, Launceston, in 1769, since extinct. Lodge of Perfect Union, Leghorn, in 1775, since extinct. Marine Lodge, Calcutta, 1814 to 1832. From the fact of the Knights Templar emblems on the reverse, coupled with the fact that the Templar Degree, according to Bro. Hughan, was worked in York in the Redemption Chapter of Knights Templar, under Grand Master Dunckerley, in 1793, and that it was also worked as early as 1779, under Grand Lodge of all England, at York, I think there can be no doubt of its identity as a member's jewel of the York Lodge.

JAMES NEWTON.

2] THE MASONS' COMPANY.

Is there any brother who can by any means obtain permission as an expert to study the early minutes of this Company, which, I believe, only date from after the fire of London? So far, many attempts have been made, but in vain. I remember seeing in the *Freemason* some time back some furnished extracts, which illustrated certain points as far as they went, but then they were only second-hand; and though I, for one, do not doubt either their correctness or reality, it would surely be well to trace the testimony of an expert Masonic student. Many well-known names might be mentioned in respect of possible searchers of the greatest moment. ALPHA.

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



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this "Time Immemorial Lodge" took place on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, when, before a numerous assemblage of the lodge and of visitors, Bro. Batley, W.M., conferred the Sublime Degree of a M.M. on Bro. Lagart, senior. After some normal business, the brethren adjourned to the social circle, where a most agreeable evening was spent, the aesthetic arrangements of the gathering in every department of taste, menu, or hospitality being much admired and appreciated, thanks to the care of the excellent Steward of the lodge, Bro. J. Sampson Pierce, P.G.D. and P.M. All the officers of the lodge were present, and after a pleasant reunion the brethren separated until June, according to the invariable custom of "Old Antiquity," at an early hour.

Bro. R. Gresley-Hall, 4, and Bro. Major Anderson, H.M. 50th Regiment, returned thanks for "The Visitors." Bro. Major Anderson, who has just returned from the Transvaal, mentioned in his speech a very interesting incident which recently took place in the war between the English Government and the Boers as a proof of the universality and advantages of Freemasonry. He stated that an English wounded officer, seeing a combatant Boer near him, made the signal of distress, which was instantly answered by the Boer, who, amid a heavy fire, came to his rescue, and carried the wounded officer into a place of safety. Bro. Major Anderson's speech was much applauded.

We think it right to add that the Lodge of Antiquity has sent up a Steward to each of the Charities this year, and that the Steward for the Boys' School Festival is Bro. Batley, W.M.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—On Friday evening, the 19th inst., an emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room of the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. There was a fair attendance, the W.M., Bro. Cowley, being supported by Bros. T. Grumant, S.W.; Hiram Henton, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Treas.; James Moss, Sec.; Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, J.D.; G. P. Bertini, I.G.; W. Scurr, D.C.; Carlo Grassi, W.S.; A. B. Church, Tyler; Ernest E. Smith, I.P.M.; W. Simmons, P.M.; F. W. Cash, J. D. Graham, Charles Westall, and H. Wilde. The following visitors were also present: Bros. D. Rose, P.M. 73; H. Vickery, G. P. Coltar, S.W. 1622; T. O. Harding, J.W. 559; R. J. Wishart, S.D. 1789; C. F. M. Mundy, 1261; and J. Mayhew, 1400.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. C. Westall was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and Bro. Wild was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being worked in a manner highly creditable to 1559. Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee then invited the brethren to assist him in the ceremony of laying the last stone of the Church for the Deaf and Dumb, at Deptford, of which he is vicar designate. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

A banquet was served in the Crown-room to which the brethren adjourned. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. Ernest Smith, P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Cowley," who he stated had worked with him (Bro. Smith) through the various offices which led to the chair of K.S., and had discharged the duties of each minor position with the same thoroughness he was now discharging that of the chief of their lodge.

Bro. Cowley replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial reception of his health, and assuring them that he should continue to do his best to please them while he remained W.M. of the New Cross Lodge.

To the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. Ernest Smith replied. He informed the brethren he was gradually merging into a patriarch, although it was not so many years since he was installed in their lodge. Since there had been no more steps for him to take and he had passed the chair, he had a feeling that he was growing old in Masonry, more especially when he saw around him children of his, and those he had initiated, already decorated with the collars of office. He assured the brethren that the interest he had taken in the lodge when in the chair would not be relaxed now that he had gone over to the minority, i.e., joined the Past Masters.

To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Tom Harding, J.W. 559, replied in a humorous speech, in which he claimed not to be considered a stranger, but an old friend, inasmuch as, although this was his first visit to them, he was in the habit of associating with so many members of the New Cross Lodge in a club of instruction to which he had the honour of being Preceptor. Bro. Charles Mundy also replied. Some high class music was provided at intervals by Bro. Westall (piano), W. Scurr, flute, and Hiram Henton (oboe), Bro. Grassi lending material vocal assistance.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. Neville Greene, W.M.; A. McDowall, S.W.; G. C. Mathams, J.W.; W. McDougall, Treas.; W. C. Claridge, P.M. 1685, Sec.; C. Brown, S.D.; A. Haig Brown, J.D.; A. H. Sandle, I.G.; W. J. Tasman, M.C.; L. V. Walker, and L. M. Williams, Stwds.; J. Lackland, Tyler; M. L. Levey, P.M.; J. D. McAlpin, F. Bell, H. F. Bing, W.M. 1597; C. G. Brown, and W. Tyrrel. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524; H. F. Newberry, 218; F. J. Chambers, 1589; and C. Hawkesley, S.W. 1196.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner and the minutes of the consecrating meeting read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Messrs. Jas. C. Tilt, John Geen, Robt. Hy. Tayton, George Gregory, and Ed. Woodley Smith, which proved unanimous in their favour. The ballot was then taken for Bros. S. W. Fraser, 1670, and H. H. Nuding, 1924, and having been pronounced in their favour, they were duly elected joining members. The W.M. then duly initiated the five candidates, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

After partaking of supper, the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, including that of "The Initiates," who suitably responded.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this progressive lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, West-street. There was a goodly muster of members and brethren present. The proceedings commenced shortly after seven p.m., when the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assumed the chair, and was supported by his officers, viz., Bros. J. Wood, I.P.M.; J. Mout, S.W.; A. Simpson, as J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M., M.C.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; E. W. Shewbrooks, S.D.; W. F. Carmon, J.D.; W. Dalrymple, I.G.; W. Brown, S.S.; R. Ferry, Organist; and J. Curry, Tyler. There were also present Bros. R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, P.M.; J. T. Corking, J. Atkinson, W. Whitfield, M. Fardulli, R. Brason, W. Garbutt, T. Shephard, W. F. Brown, T. Thompson, G. G. Davidson, J. Davison, C. Green, J. A. Dixon, T. Tucker, W. Richardson, Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; J. Usher, P.M. 481; C. B. Ford, S.W. 481; T. Dinning, J.D. 481; M. Watson, 481; Shaptoe Robson, 481; W. Mayer, 1643; J. Braithwaite, P.M. 1427; J. T. Taylor, P.M. 1076; J. Page, P.M. 406; H. S. Bird, S.W. 1664, and others.

The ballot was taken for the candidates, who were all elected. The Rev. Thos. Metcalfe, Messrs. J. F. Corbitt and John Todd, being in attendance, were initiated by Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M.; and the J.W. explained the working tools. The lodge was afterwards raised, when Bros. Thos. Thompson and M. Fardulli were made M.M.'s by the W.M., who explained the tracing board and the working tools.

The lodge was duly closed after a proposition for initiation, and the brethren retired to the refreshment room, where the remaining time was occupied in harmony.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was also held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., to pass eligible candidates. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Wood, I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., and he was supported by Bros. Robt. Whitfield, P.M., as I.P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M. Treas.; David Sinclair, P.M., M.C. as Sec.; C. B. Ford, as S.W.; R. W. Sisson, as J.W.; A. Simpson, as S.D.; W. F. Carmon, as J.D.; Wm. Dalrymple, I.G.; W. Brown, S.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; W. Garbutt, T. Thompson, W. F. Brown, W. Whitfield, W. Richardson, and others.

Bros. W. Stafford and T. Shephard were passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Wood, acting W.M., who also explained the interesting tracing board in a satisfactory manner. The working tools were given by Bro. Ford, S.W.

The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board and spent a happy evening.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. Wm. Bagnall, W.M.; Thos. Shorrocks, S.W.; Henry Paulden, J.W.; John Roberts, P.M. Treas., P.G. A.D.C.; Duckworth, Sec.; Thos. Sawers, S.D.; Cliffe, J.D.; John Roger Lever, P.M., Org.; Samuel Lawton, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; R. Timperley, P.M., P.G.D.; Thos. Fairrie, P.M.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D. of C.; G. T. Mullock, P.M.; J. C. Hind, P.M.; R. L. Spencer, — Apostolo, Taylor, B. Battye, S. Bramwell, J. Mountain, P.M.; J. Allison, W. Ashworth, and T. Guest. Visitors: Bros. H. P. Robberds, P.P.G. Org.; J. Kershaw, P.M. 300, P.G.D.C.; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no other business, the W.M. delivered the traditional history and explanation of the third tracing board to two brethren who were raised on a previous occasion.

Some discussion took place as to the advisability of organising the usual summer picnic, when it was eventually decided to have one in July, and a committee appointed to make arrangements for it.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a supper, which being concluded, the usual toasts were honoured, and the W.M. proposed a special toast, which was "The Healths of Bros. R. Timperley, P.M., P.G.D., and John Roberts, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.," whom he said had been recently honoured with provincial rank. Bro. Bagnall said he felt very proud, as he was sure every member of the Caledonian Lodge was, of the distinction which had been conferred upon two of their brethren, the more so as these honours were totally unexpected by the lodge, as they were by the recipients. He felt sure, that no one better deserved them than Bros. Timperley and Roberts, and no two brethren appreciated the honour more, and in wishing them long life and happiness he called upon the members to drink their health.

The invitation was very heartily responded to, and the two brethren returned thanks, shortly after which this pleasant gathering broke up.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the North-Western Hotel. Present: Bros. James Senior, W.M.; T. Wood, P.P.G.R., I.P.M.; John Baker, S.W.; John Mottram, J.W.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., Chap.; F. Woolley, Sec.; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Wooldridge, J.D.; T. E. Fowle, P.M., D.C.; T. Rigby, I.G.; W. D. Batkin, H. Thorn, and W. Brown, Stwds.; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; J. Bodenham, P.M.; R. Heath, J. Bervon, F. Espley, A. F. Whittope, A. C. Podmore, H. Newton, and W. P. Duncalfe. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Barnett, P.M. 526, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. L. White, 1573; and T. Evans, 1520.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and Messrs. Parton and Belcher, two candidates for Freemasonry, were then admitted into the lodge and duly initiated by the W.M.; the charge being delivered by Bro. Mottram, J.W., in an impressive manner.

On the the proposition of Bro. Wood, I.P.M., the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to be placed on Bro. Storer's list as Steward for the Boys' School.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refresh-

ment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to; the W.M., Bro. Senior, being complimented all round upon the excellent manner in which he had performed his first ceremony.

HEATON NORRIS.—Egerton Lodge No. 1030.—The installation meeting was held and St. John's Festival celebrated on Monday, the 15th inst., at the George Hotel. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. L. Vaughan, W.M.; J. B. Hamond, S.W.; W. Pemberton, J.W.; Thos. Meadows, P.M.; Treas.; Walter H. Vaughan, Sec.; W. Hope, S.D.; Kenneth MacLean, J.D.; J. L. Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. E. Lanc.; A. E. Ferns, I.P.M.; A. H. Boucher, S. Kershaw, James W. Abbott, P.M., D. of C.; W. Meadows, P.M.; Wm. A. Vaughan, Jas. Cookson, E. G. Lingard, G. Baker, W. Hartley, R. Basnett Preston, E. Hardon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and J. Meadows, Tyler.

Visitors: Bros. Geo. Mellon, V.W.D.P.G.M.; Wm. Gaultthorp, P.P.G. Org.; Samuel Bednall, 1055; Thos. Hassall, W.M. 1213; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D. of C.; William Booth, W.M. 104; John Marshall, W.M. 323; Richard Barlow, S.W. 1147; Thos. Elliott, P.M. 1147; Wm. Brandon, P.M. 1219; Jas. Wright, P.M. 1459; Carl Got, P.M. 645; Richard Wright, W.M. 993; W. H. Bibby, P.M. 993; Col. Wilkinson, P.M. 104, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; J. M. Hamilton, J.D. 277; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was duly opened in the usual manner, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In the Second Degree the W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Hamond was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Geo. L. Vaughan, and the customary formalities having been observed, he was conducted with all due rite and ceremony into the chair of K.S., and on the re-admission of all M.M.'s proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. A. E. Ferns, P.M. then invested and addressed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Geo. L. Vaughan, I.P.M.; A. Pemberton, S.W.; William Hope, J.W.; E. G. Lingard, Treas.; Walter H. Vaughan, Sec.; Kenneth McLean, S.D.; Saml. Kershaw, J.D.; Jas. W. Abbott, P.M., D. of C.; Harper H. Boucher, I.G.; and Joseph Meadows, Tyler. The three addresses were ably delivered by Bro. Walter H. Vaughan, and, in fact, the whole of the work was executed in a masterly manner, reflecting the highest credit on the lodge, which is fortunate in possessing such efficient officers. The ceremony being finished, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, which was prepared for them by the host, Bro. Willoughby, in a manner rarely if at all equalled by any hotel proprietor in the provinces. When the repast was concluded, the W.M. proposed the usual leading toasts, which were responded to with the usual Masonic spontaneity.

In proposing "The Health of the V.V. Deputy P. G.M., Bro. George Mellon," Bro. A. E. Ferns, P.M., said the fact of the V.V. Deputy Prov. Grand Master having been amongst them would, he considered, be a red-letter day in the history of the lodge, and he (Bro. Ferns) very much regretted, as he was sure all the brethren did, that on account of indisposition the V.V.D.G.M. had been compelled to leave them, as it was the first time he had honoured them with his presence. They had with them five Provincial Officers, two out of the number, Bros. Vaughan and Hardon, being members of their own lodge, and they were exceedingly pleased to see them. Without further preface Bro. Ferns said he would ask the brethren to drink "The Healths of the V.V.D.G.M. and the Present and Absent Prov. Grand Officers."

The toast was well received and heartily drunk, after which Bro. J. L. Vaughan, P.P.G.R., responded.

The I.P.M., Bro. G. L. Vaughan, proposed "The Health of the W.M." and said it was a very pleasing duty to propose what he considered was the toast of the evening. He felt sure Bro. Hamond had Masonry at heart and would do all he could to conduct the affairs of the lodge in as efficient a manner as they had hitherto been conducted. It had given him (Bro. Vaughan), very great pleasure to instal Bro. Hamond into the chair of K.S. that day, and he trusted the newly invested officers would do (as he should) all in their power to support their new W.M., whose health he now asked them all to drink.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Vaughan for his kind remarks, and the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast. The W.M. went on to say that Bro. Vaughan had referred to the able assistance he had received from his officers during his presidency, and he (Bro. Hamond), trusted he should always receive similar support.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," who had that day so ably installed him in his present position, spoke of the arduous work which had fallen to Bro. Vaughan's lot during the past year, there being on one occasion four hours' work to go through. At the same time, no matter how heavy or varied his duties had been, Bro. Vaughan was always equal to the occasion, and had performed his work to the satisfaction of them all. In so ably fulfilling the office of Installing Master that day he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in quoting the remarks concerning it which had fallen from the lips of the V.W.D.P. G.M., who said "the work was well done, and he had seldom seen it done better." In conclusion, the W.M. said he had very great pleasure in presenting Bro. Vaughan with a Past Master's gold jewel, as a testimony of the respect and esteem in which he was held by them all; and called upon the brethren to rise and drink his health, which was accordingly done; after which Bro. Vaughan returned thanks.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and after a most enjoyable evening, the brethren separated.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The members of this lodge met on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. J. B. Sargent, W.M., presided, and there were present: Bros. Lambourne, P.M., P.P.G.P.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Charles W. Duke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., S.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Hon. Treas. as J.W.; C. R. Chandler, P.M. Prov. G.P. Sec.; Henry Kimm, as S.D. (*Freemason*); T. Walder, as J.D.; James F. Richardson, I.G.; William C. Tilt, J. A. Middlemas, Charles, Martin, Charles Armstrong, B. Culwick, and Jesson, Tyler. Visitor: Major de B. Cooper, W.M. 1840.

The lodge was opened in due form and the

minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The business included passing Bros. W. T. Jordan and R. Hughes to the Second Degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M.

There being no further business the lodge was then closed, and after a plain but pleasant supper had been partaken of and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, the brethren separated.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).

The last meeting of the members of this lodge, prior to the summer vacation, took place on Monday evening at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a very large gathering of the brethren. The "Israel" bears a notable name for charity and excellent organisation in the province, and its meeting on this occasion, presided over by Bro. Maurice Aronsberg, W.M., again displayed the vitality which has so long distinguished its existence. There were present, besides the W.M., Bros. S. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; H. A. Tobias, P.G.S. of W.; R. Robinson, P.P.G. Reg.; M. Hart, P.M.; Treas.; A. Levy, P.G.D.S. Griguland; M. P. Tieski, S.W.; J. Saber, J.W.; A. Jones, P.M.; S. Schonstadt, P.M., M.C.; P. S. Levy, H. Gabriel, A. Lyons, S. Jacobs, H. Ellis, B. Woolf, R. Johnson, Alfred Levy, R. Abrahams, B. Siemins, H. Sagar, Toope, H. De Frece, Hooker, Capstick, Jos. Shoop, Philip Barnett, George Prag, Abraham Lyons, D. Stern, D. Solomons, F. Davies, H. Archer, O. Goldner, W. Bull, M. Baum, D. Galnelsen, J. Ballard, J. Winsor, P.M. 241; J. Lipman, and others.

The visitors included Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; Defries, P.M. Lodge of Tranquillity; James Pendleton, J.W. 241; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; John Ballard, P.M.; Barnes, W.M. 1380; John Senile, Sec. 216; Askew Bucknall, S.W. 662; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M. 1609; and others.

The business of the lodge was carried out in a most exemplary manner under the direction of the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers.

At the banquet which followed, the usual toasts were given, and during the evening Bro. Tobias gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that a donation of five guineas should be voted from the funds to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

The W.M., in response to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M., bade the brethren good-bye for three months, and expressed a hope that on the resumption of their meetings he would find them all in health and strength.

HATFIELD.—Cranbourne Lodge (No. 1580).

This lodge, one of the most successful in the Province of Hertfordshire, held its installation meeting at the Red Lion Hotel on Tuesday last. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. S. Hellier, who was supported by the officers of the outgoing year: Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, P.M., D.P.G.M. Herts; Edgar Bowyer, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; John L. Mather, P.M.; Robert H. Halford, P.M.; and William Bausor, P.M. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Captain Bedford Pym, 77; William Poore, P.M. 106; George Briggs, P.M. 1572; C. K. Killick, P.M. 782; H. M. Williams, Org. 1669; T. S. Carter, P.M. 403; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; and H. Shillito, 25.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Catling, of St. Mark's College, Chelsea, who was proposed by Bro. Page, and seconded by Bro. Webb. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. C. K. Killick, P.M. 1693, who had been selected at the last meeting to fill the chair of the Cranbourne Lodge for the seventh year of its existence.

The outgoing Master ably performed the ceremony of installation, and in due course the following officers were appointed: Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M. 1278, &c., S.W.; Henry Beadell, J.W.; G. F. Cooke, Treas.; James Terry, Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. R.M.B.I., Sec.; W. J. Thody, S.D.; W. J. Crutch, P.M. 1278, J.D.; R. C. Read, Org.; A. Eade, I.G.; C. H. Reed, M. of C.; W. London, Asst. M. of C.; J. Gibbs, Steward; J. S. Webb, Asst. Steward; and Thomas, Tyler.

Bro. Hellier delivered the addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren, and took his seat amid hearty congratulations. The duty of initiating Mr. Catling, the candidate named, was the first event that claimed the attention of the W.M. Bro. Killick performed the ceremony in a most competent way, and created a deep impression on the aspirant for the privileges of our ancient Order. The report of the Audit Committee having been presented and adopted, the W.M. was elected as the representative of the lodge on the Board of Finance of the province. Routine work followed, and lodge was closed.

The banquet was capitally served by Mrs. Ward, the hostess of the Red Lion Hotel, and justice was done by all present to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Killick gave the loyal toasts, which were heartily received.

In replying for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke expressed the gratification he had felt in visiting Hatfield, with its many historical associations. He confessed he had been somewhat seduced from the allegiance he owed the lodge by the charming features of Hatfield House and its surroundings, and felt under deep obligation to Bro. Shillito, who had acted as cicerone for the occasion. The Grand Secretary referred to the presence of Bro. C. K. Killick, sen., the father of the W.M., and to the pleasure it must afford him—an old Master himself—to see his son placed in the highest position to be obtained in a Masonic lodge. Personally he congratulated the W.M., and hoped he might have other opportunities of visiting the lodge.

In giving the toast of "Bro. T. F. Hasley, M.P." Bro. Killick said the brethren had looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to have the honour on this occasion of a visit from the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master. At the last moment, however, a telegram had been received stating that important Parliamentary business prevented the attendance of Bro. Hasley.

The toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and other Provincial Grand Officers" was next given, special reference being made to the zeal displayed by Dr. Iles, and to the way in which his services are at all times appreciated by the Freemasons of the province. Dr. Iles, in a well considered speech, thanked the brethren for the cordial reception they had given him. As for the Provincial Grand Officers, they were picked men, who knew and fully

appreciated their responsibilities, which he was sure they would strive to fulfil. He was gratified at seeing the hospitality of the members so liberally exercised; visiting from lodge to lodge was productive of much good, it showed what might be copied, what ought to be avoided. He referred to the birthday of the lodge; he had remarked then that they had brought forth a very healthy child; he had watched it in its infancy, and could but be satisfied now it had reached maturity. Bro. Iles paid a high compliment to the outgoing Master, Bro. Hellier, and prognosticated—from what he had that day seen of the ability of Bro. Killick—a happy term of office for the new Master. He then spoke of the estimation in which the Cranbourne Lodge is held as a contributor to the Masonic Institutions, and urged the brethren at the lower end of the table to emulate the good deeds of the older members.

"The Health of the Initiate" was the next toast brought forward, and Bro. Catling modestly but expressively acknowledged the honour done him.

Bro. Hellier proposed "The Health of the W.M." From what they had seen of the ability of Bro. Killick, it was clear the brethren had acted wisely in entrusting to him the guidance of their lodge.

The reply of the W.M. was brief, but well to the point. From the first he had taken a deep interest in the lodge, and nothing on his part should be wanting to continue it in its present flourishing condition.

"The Visitors" were next complimented; and Bros. Killick, sen., Captain Bedford Pym, and Shillito replied. Bro. Killick, sen., was pleased at the several allusions that had been made. He had had the pleasure of seeing his son installed Master of another lodge, wherein he (the speaker) has the honour of acting as the Secretary. He felt assured the Cranbourne Lodge would sustain its prestige under its present Master.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M., in order to save time, would give the toast in its corporate capacity, and would include their Treasurer and Secretary. He specially referred to the ability displayed by Bro. Hellier in carrying out the duties of the installation, and in the name of the lodge presented him with the Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Hellier, after acknowledging the kind remarks of the W.M., said he scarcely could find words to thank the members for the kindness they at all times had shown him. He felt he had only done his duty, but at the same time was none the less gratified at the way in which his efforts seemed to be appreciated.

In replying for the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Terry regretted Bro. Cook had been compelled to leave; their Treasurer had laboured zealously for this lodge, which he (Bro. Terry) was proud to know was free from all liability. It would at all times be the main effort of the Past Masters to sustain it in a sound financial position.

"The Officers" were then complimented, and the Tyler was summoned to give the parting toast. The proceedings throughout were enlivened by songs and recitations.

LANDPORT.—Landport Lodge (No. 1776).—At the regular meeting of this lodge held on Thursday, the 18th inst., it was carried unanimously on the proposition of Bro. E. S. Main, P.M., that a petition be forwarded to the Grand Lodge praying for a warrant to constitute a new lodge, to be named the Duke of Albany Lodge. The granting of this is very essential, as the Landport Lodge has so many members that the promotion to office becomes slow.

Bro. Alderman W. D. King, P.M., was at the same meeting presented with a testimonial in recognition of the many valuable services rendered to the lodge, in the form of a Life Subscribership to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a similar one for the Girls Institution, and an illuminated address on vellum handsomely framed.

Bro. T. H. Williams, W.M., said that the duty he had been called upon to do was one which gave him a very great amount of satisfaction, as it was meant to convey in a small degree their appreciation of the services of one whom they all so much respected. The Landport Lodge was in its fourth year of existence, and he had been preceded by three Worshipful Masters, two of whom were founders. The latter two had had their services duly recognised in open lodge. At the expiration of Worshipful Bro. Murrell's year of office, the lodge being still young and requiring good nursing, it was thought best to seek for a brother to preside who, by his social position, character, and influence, would materially contribute to the advancement of the lodge. Bro. Main, P.M., and Bro. Cunningham, S.W., succeeded in inducing Bro. W. D. King to accept the office, in addition to the important office which he was at that time filling, that of Mayor of Portsmouth. During his (Bro. King's) term of office the lodge attained that Degree of success as few lodges enjoyed, and the effect of his ruling was still apparent. Although living out of town Bro. King never missed a lodge meeting until his serious illness, which at one time threatened to prove fatal, but from which, thanks to the G.A.O.T.U., he had now recovered. Since Bro. King's health had been restored it had been decided by the brethren of the Landport Lodge that something should be done to show him that they were not unmindful of the great and lasting good he had conferred upon the lodge, and it was now his (W.M.'s) pleasant duty to ask Bro. King's acceptance of two Life Subscriberships in the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the address which had been prepared. The W.M. in conclusion expressed a hope that the Almighty would grant Bro. King long life and happiness.

Bro. King, P.M., who was most cordially received, said that one of the most embarrassing positions for a man to be placed in was to have to listen to his own praises being sounded, and to receive at the hands of his fellows some mark of their appreciation of his services. That being so, he could hardly find words wherewith to express his thanks to the W.M. for the very kind things he had said. It was true he (Bro. King) had taken a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge, and was glad to see it had reached so high a position that steps were being taken for the formation of a new lodge in connection with it, to be called the Duke of Albany Lodge. He was glad to remember that he was the Master of the lodge when that hall was inaugurated, and he hoped that the time was not far distant when all petty differences would be sunk, and that the whole of the Masons of Portsmouth would recognise that building as the home and temple of Freemasonry in Portsmouth. He took some interest in the welfare of the Educational Institutions of the Order, and he could assure them he should

highly value the testimonial of the two Life Subscriberships for which, as well as for the uniform kindness he invariably received at the hands of the brethren, he begged to return them his sincere thanks.

The brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507) A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. H. Goodwin, W.M.; R. Poore, S.W.; H. Williams, J.W.; J. Bute, S.D.; F. Thurston, J.D.; H. Williams I.G.; John S. Terry, P.M. and Sec.; James Stephens, P.M., Hon. Preceptor; E. Francis, J. D. Smith, G. W. Knight, and others.

The lodge was duly opened in the First and Second Degrees, and Bro. Smith, as candidate, proved his proficiency as a Craftsman. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., who officiated in that capacity for the first time. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. Bro. G. W. Knight, 1507, was elected a member. Notices of motion for alteration of portions of the bye-laws were given. Bro. R. Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. No further business offering, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

KINGSLAND LODGE (No. 1693).—On Monday last a large number of brethren attended at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, to hear a lecture by Bro. James Stevens, illustrating the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree. For upwards of two hours Bro. Stevens delighted and interested the brethren by the masterly and conversational manner he handled the subject, and at its close a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to him. Bro. Forge, W.M. 1950, occupied the position of W.M.; Bros. Gilham, S.W.; Pearcy, J.W.; and Trewinnard, Preceptor; also Bros. E. Woodman, S.D. 1950; Ward, 1950; Dixon, 1950; Clarke, 1950; Curtis, 1950; Harvey, Hartham, J. Woodman, S13; Cooke, 186; Marks, Gribble, Higgins, Curtis, King, Needen, Jones, Goddard, Rowston, Ferrar, Gibbs, Cook, Gregory, Osborn, Folé, Hall, W.M. elect 1693; Killick, Jordan, Wheelhouse, Lion, and many other brethren from various lodges.

Royal Arch.

ERA CHAPTER (No. 1423).—The members of this chapter met for the dispatch of business on the 13th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Among those present were: Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., acting H.; Faulkner, J.; E. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z. and Treas.; Dr. Riley, P.S.; Goodchild and Wingett, Assist. P.S.'s; and Gilbert Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, with the following result: Comps. J. Baldwin, M.E.Z.; Faulkner, H.; Haslett, J.; Riley, S.E.; E. Thiellay, Treas.; Goodchild, S.N.; Wingett, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Comp. Wingett appointed Comps. John Mason and Glover as his assistants. A letter of resignation from Comp. Ockenden having been read, a resolution expressive of regret was unanimously passed and ordered to be forwarded to Comp. Ockenden.

Several other communications having been handed in, and a Past Principal's jewel voted to the outgoing M.E.Z., the chapter was duly closed and the companions adjourned to an excellent repast. The usual toasts followed. Comps. W. Hammond and E. Thiellay responded on behalf of "The Principal Grand Officers." "The Health of the M.E.Z." was cordially given by the I.P.Z., and duly responded to. The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" was acknowledged by Comp. Faulkner, and "The Health of the Officers" was coupled with the names of Comps. Goodchild and Wingett. The proceedings then terminated.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).—The annual installation gathering of the companions of this chapter took place on Thursday evening, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There were present Comps. J. Ellis, Z.; Jas. Korn, H.; A. Morrison, J.; Edward Carter, S.E.; C. Fothergill, S.N., and others; and among the visitors were Comp. John Pemberton, P.Z. 1094, P.P.G. Std. B.; Hugh Williams, P.Z. 580, 1094, P.P.G. Std. B.; J. Hocken, P.Z. 673, 220; and J. T. Callow, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. B. The following were regularly installed: Comps. J. Korn, P.M. 1264, M.E.Z.; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570, H.; George S. Willings, P.M. 667, J.; J. A. Cotter, P.Z., Treasurer; Ed. Carter, S.E.; C. Fothergill, S.N.; G. Crute, P.S.; and W. H. Ball was re-elected Janitor. During the evening the I.P.Z. was presented with a handsome jewel, by Comp. Korn, on behalf of the chapter.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Terminus Hotel, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when the following companions were installed: Comps. E. Judd, M.E.Z.; Dr. G. Jones, H.; F. Wood, J.; J. A. Wardell, P.Z., Scribe E.; Dr. T. King, Scribe N.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas.; W. D. Merritt, Prin. Soj.; H. Beecher, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. M. Farr, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and A. Martin, Janitor. There were also present Comps. W. Pissey, P.Z.; E. E. Phillips, P.Z.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.Z.; W. J. Belcham, H. Bacon, and others.

The ceremony of installing the Principals was very efficiently performed by Comp. J. Terry, P.Z., &c., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for his services. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Pissey for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of M.E.Z. during the past year; and a candidate for exaltation having been proposed, the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Bro. Capt. Bedford Pim, ex M.P. for Gravesend, is a candidate for the post of Remembrancer in the Corporation of London.

Mark Masonry.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 188).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 17th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. Taylor, P.P.G.D. Middlesex and Surrey, I.P.M., in the chair; T. C. Walls, G. Swd. Br., S.W.; J. Piller, S.O., acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Handel, M.O.; and Briggs, I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Sanders, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; Fisher, J.W.; J. Stevens, Hon. P.M.; and others. Past Masters' jewels were then presented by the Senior Warden, in the name of the lodge, to W. Bros. W. Wigginton, P.M. (by deputy); W. Hammond, P.M.; and W. Taylor, P.M. Bros. Hammond and Taylor having acknowledged the compliment in fitting terms, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation, which was presided over by Bro. Hammond, who subsequently gave a few of the chief toasts appertaining to the Mark Degree. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

BIRKENHEAD.—Egerton Lodge (No. 165).—The brethren attached to this lodge held their annual installation meeting at the Masonic Chambers, on Friday, the 19th inst. Bro. Henry Jones was duly installed by Bro. E. Friend, and the following brethren were appointed by the new Master as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John R. Ross, I.P.M.; C. S. Dean, S.W.; J. R. R. Keane, J.W.; F. L. Bolton, Treas.; Edward Friend, Sec.; W. Roberts, M.O.; A. H. Covelli, S.O.; Dr. Cornwall, J.O.; Dr. Young, S.D.; J. F. Dean, J.D.; W. Gorst, I.G.; and F. W. Hottaway, Tyler.

The lodge, which has been in existence nine years, and is one of the most successful in the Province of Cheshire, unanimously voted that Bro. Ross be constituted a Life Governor of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution in recognition of his services during the past year.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. E. Clarke, W.M.; B. Craig, S.W., P.G. Stvd.; D. Bell, J.W.; W. Martin, P.M., M.O.; J. Ashworth, S.O.; W. Macaulay, J.O.; J. Harper, Treas., P.G.S.D.; R. Wilson, Sec.; F. T. Allatt, S.D.; W. Swain, J.D.; J. Peel, I.G.; J. Close, Tyler, P.G.T.; J. Black, J. Routledge, G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.A. Sec.; and W. Foster, P.M. 354 (S.C.)

The minutes were read and confirmed, and a ballot taken for Bro. C. Gowan, 1660, which was accepted, and that brother was advanced to the Degree of Master Mason; the lecture being afterwards given by Bro. Dalrymple. The lodge was then closed in form.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL.—A meeting of this council was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was well attended. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, T.J.G.M., Deputy Master, T. Poore, P.C. of W.; F. Davison, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; Alfred Williams, C. of C.; the Rev. W. S. Moses, Chap.; Thomas Cubitt and J. E. Anderson, Marshalls; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Grand Chaplain; the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.; Major P. Dunbar, Captain G. Lambert, J. E. Le Feuvre, R. Roy, D. P. Cama, E. Storr, W. G. Lemon, W. J. Nicholls, F. H. Clemow, H. Dicketts, J. Moon, Cooper Smith, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. H. Hodgkin, M. J. Walker, J. L. Mather, and W. Glynes were duly balloted for, and it proving to be unanimous in each case, they were duly admitted and received into the Degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super-Excellent Master. In consequence of severe and continued indisposition, Bro. the Rev. Raymond Portal having signified his desire not to be again nominated as Master of the No. 1 Council, Bro. T. C. Walls was unanimously elected to that position, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. Poore, D.M.; H. C. Levander, P.C. of W.; F. Davison, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; A. Williams, C. of C.; T. Cubitt, C. of C.; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Chap.; J. E. Anderson, G. Graveley, and R. L. Loveland, Marshalls; R. Berridge and I. W. Adams, Stewards; Major Dunbar, Warden; and H. J. Lardner, Sentinel.

A resolution of commuting the annual subscription by a payment of four guineas having been passed, the council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. This being the annual festival in connection with the Grand Masters' Council, the banquet was well attended, and served in a manner that gave universal satisfaction.

"The Health of the Queen and Cryptic Masonry" having been loyally honoured, the toast of "The I.G.M." followed.

In giving this toast the T.I.M. alluded to the long continued illness of Bro. the Rev. R. Portal, and expressed a hope that he would speedily be restored to health. He also regretted that ill-health should have compelled their Grand Master to resign the chief position of authority in the No. 1 Council, which office he had so worthily occupied since the foundation of the Degree in this country.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Dewar and Davison.

In reply, Bro. Dewar stated that he felt extremely honoured in holding the position of Grand Recorder, more especially as it gave him an opportunity of seeing how flourishing and progressive the Cryptic Degrees were at the present time. Much of the success of the Order was due to the active exertions of the Grand Officers, and he believed that Cryptic Masonry had a bright career before it.

Bro. Davison having also said a few words in response, "The Health of the T.I.M." was flatteringly proposed by the Recorder.

Bro. Walls having acknowledged the compliment, the toast of "The Newly-received Brethren" was enthusiastically drunk.

Bros. Glynes and Mather having replied, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. T. Poore, one of the most efficient and energetic members of that body, was warmly received.

The recipient of the honour having briefly responded, the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable and successful, thanks to the exertions of Bro. Dewar and the rest of the executive, concluded.

New Zealand.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CHURCH AT CAVERSAAM.

The foundation-stone of the new St. Peter's Church at Caversham was recently laid by the Bishop of the diocese, with full Masonic ceremony.

At 2.45 p.m. the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand South, S.C., was opened in due form at the Town Hall, Caversham, by the R.W. Bro. G. W. Harvey, R.W.D.G.M., S.C., who intimated to the brethren present that in accordance with a request from the clergyman and office-bearers of the proposed new church, it was the intention of the R.W. Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham, R.W.D.G.M. Master of Otago and Southland, E.C., with himself, to lay the foundation-stone with Masonic honours. The brethren then, by the direction of the W. Bro. C. de L. Graham, D.G.D.C., E.C., formed a procession, which included its ranks the W.M., officers, and members of St. Patrick's Lodge, I.C.; R.W.M., officers, and members Cargill-Kilwinning Lodge, No. 632, S.C.; R.W. P.M., officers; and members Celtic Lodge, No. 477, S.C.; members St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 432, S.C.; W.M., officers, and members Lodge of Dunedin, No. 931, E.C.; R.W.M., officers, and members Otago-Kilwinning Lodge, No. 417, S.C.; W.M., officers, and members Lodge of Otago, No. 844, E.C. The other lodges represented were Port Chalmers Marine, Palmerston, Hercules, and Lodge of Waitaki, E.C., with the St. John's North-East Valley, S.C. These were followed by brethren bearing the level, plumb, compass, square, mallet, and trowel. Corn, wine, and oil were borne by three Past Masters, and the Bible by Bro. J. Baxter. Next followed four Grand Deacons, two from each Constitution, preceding the District Grand Secretary, W. Bro. S. James, E.C.; the District Grand Treas., S.C.; D.G. Chap., S.C.; Bro. A. Barrett; the D.G.J. Wardens and D.G.S. Wardens of the E.C. and S.C.; R.W. Bro. L. Court, S.P.G.M., S.C.; R.W. Bro. J. Mills, P.S.P.G.M., S.C.; R.W. Bro. Caldwell, G. Steward G. Lodge of Scotland; Bro. J. Baxter, D.G. Swd. Br., S.C.; Bro. Hodge, D.G. Swd. Br. E.C.; Bro. G. W. Harvey, R.W.D.G.M., S.C.; and Bro. T. S. Graham, R.W.D.G.M., E.C.

In this order the procession moved to the site, where a large choir, made up of choristers from St. Paul's, Dunedin, and other churches, sang the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The choir was headed by Bishop Nevill, the Rev. W. Ronaldson, and the Rev. R. A. Kerham. Those taking part in the proceedings having gathered round the stone, the Rev. Mr. Ronaldson offered up a short prayer, followed by the Bishop with the Lord's Prayer. The operation of laying the stone in its bed was then performed in due Masonic form, the usual bore containing coins and copies of current journals being placed in the cavity prepared for their reception. The D.G. Chaplain next offered up a prayer, and the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. T. S. Graham, declared the stone well and truly laid.

The Bishop then gave a brief address bearing on the object which had drawn the assemblage together, first expressing his thanks to the brothers who had performed the work of laying the foundation-stone. The commencement of the erection of a church was always a matter of great importance, and in this instance the proceedings could not do other than have a good influence by promoting harmony and concord in the neighbourhood. Every church has a special good; and this one would be set in a populous district, the particular characteristic of the residents in which was that the majority of them earned their livelihood by the work of their bodies. It would, therefore, be built principally for those who are called the working classes; and he rejoiced that it was so—that it was not intended for the wealthier class, but for all. It would remind those who then saw the commencement of the existence of a church in their midst of that church which was first founded by a poor man, but which was, and still is, open to all sorts and conditions of men. The building now commenced was to be of a large and substantial character, and he would have a fear that it would be a source of anxiety to its promoters did he not see around him men of energy, perseverance, and determination to carry the work through. They could not expect at once to roll off the debt which they had incurred, but must call to aid the energy of every Church member in the neighbourhood, and not have the labour left to one or two to bear. He had the highest authority for recommending them to "go to the ant" and take example of energy from that otherwise comparatively insignificant insect, which never leaves what it once attempts until the work is carried out in its appointed manner. He referred to the assistance rendered that day by the ancient and honourable Fraternity of Masons, not only on account of his having himself passed through every grade of that body up to that of Knights Templars, but specially to point out that it was but yesterday that the Prince of Wales, son of our gracious Sovereign had rendered exactly similar aid and assistance to the Bishop of the newest diocese in England—that of Truro. His (the speaker's) own care in connection with this edifice was the spiritual, theirs was the material; therefore, the two did well in combining. He again thanked the brethren on behalf of the clergy of the parish.

Bro. GRAHAM replied in a few appropriate words, expressing the pleasure which the Fraternity felt in assisting at such ceremonies, and a hope that their services would be often required on similar occasions.

The Bishop then pronounced the benediction, and the proceedings terminated.

GREAT JEWEL ROBBERIES.—The public are becoming so accustomed to reading reports of jewel robberies that numbers of the nobility are taking steps to secure their valuables from the attack of the modern burglar, and the demand for Milner's Jewellery Safes is largely on the increase. These are made to fit in cabinets to suit any kind of wood, and are the best and cheapest safeguard against fire and thieves. Milner's Safe Company (Limited), 28, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., have some hundreds of testimonials from gentlemen who have Milner's Jewellery Safes in their possession, and in no instance have burglars succeeded in opening them. Safes are made specially for Masonic Jewellery, Records, &c.

ENGLISH LODGES IN CANADA.

We have been requested to publish the following, which we do with some needful omissions, and leaving the responsibility of the statements to others, which it seems have already appeared in print elsewhere. We by no means intend to approve hereby of attacks on the G. L. of Quebec. But the Freemason has always had for its motto "Hear both sides in a controversy":

To the Editor of the "Craftsman."

It must be a matter of congratulation to some of the fire-eaters of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to note the progress that has been made in the jurisdiction towards actual supremacy, so that now the only foreign intruder remaining on the sacred soil is the Grand Lodge of England, represented by three Subordinate Lodges, which are not all existing in perfect internal harmony.

It does not appear that the question (as such) of supremacy, between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec has been settled, but that the Scotch Lodges heretofore existing have given in their adherence to the G.L. of Q., in spite of the G.L. of S., so that the latter has been denuded of her representative lodges by the action of those lodges themselves, and not by the G. L. of Scotland, treating the question in a broad Masonic view, but simply viewing it from the narrow stand-point of her own pecuniary interest in their continued existence under her banner; but, fortunately for the welfare of Masonry, the children were wiser in their generation than the fathers, and at length realised that their allegiance was due primarily to the Craft, and that the welfare of the Order should not be made subservient to the interests of any narrow-minded Grand Lodge, though the ties that bound the children to their parent were numerous, and no doubt, in many instances, heart-rendering to sever. From the temper of late exhibited by the G.L. of S., it would not be surprising if that G.L. should dare to issue new warrants for this province. There would appear nothing to prevent it, not even the fear of the consequences at the hands of those Grand Lodges who have recognised the supremacy of the G.L. of Q. and pledged themselves to support and maintain it.

In the unfortunate divided position as to jurisdiction in which Masonry has been existing here for so long, it seems to me that it would be well for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec to utter forth a note of no uncertain sound. If the G.L. of Q. is supreme, no lodges have any right to exist here whose members do not recognise her authority; and when the Grand Chapter recognises such as Masons, and confers on them the intermediate Degrees, as well as exalts them to the Holy Royal Arch, she is countenancing and upholding these men in their disaffections to the G.L. of Q., and it would appear to me that these two Grand Bodies should, from having a common interest, work more harmoniously to promote a successful ending of the strife. The same individuals who in chapter recognise these foreign Masons as being regular, and open to have conferred on them chapter privileges, cannot, without stultifying themselves (either as blue or red Masons), object to their continued existence here under foreign authority. They are either regular or irregular. If regular, they must be permitted to continue; if irregular, the competent authority of R. A. Masonry in this province has no right to recognise as regular what the G. L. (composed of the same individuals) has declared to be irregular by her declaration of supremacy. I don't want to see a return to the old days of black-balling candidates for exaltation on account of their belonging to English lodges, because this is a breach of duty and a violation of all that Masons should hold sacred; but I fail to see why chapters should allow themselves to be made tools of by conferring intermediate Degrees on R. A. Masons who still retain their allegiance to a foreign body working in their own territory. It seems too much like aiding and abetting rebellion and disloyalty. If these men are to be treated by some as regular Masons in "red," how can I consequently treat them differently in the blue?

I would have these brethren and companions kindly, but frankly, informed that their continued opposition to the G. L. or G. Chapter of Q. renders it incompetent for us to recognise them as candidates eligible for intermediate Degrees or exaltation. Let them understand that we are really, seriously, in earnest in our struggle for supremacy, and no longer give them cause to think we are acting in a half-hearted manner. We must either blow hot or cold in our assertion of the principle of supremacy. In our cause, nothing is more despicable than lukewarmness. Let us not forget that "Life is real—Life is earnest," and he that puts his hand to the plough and looks back is not fit for the kingdom. No doubt some of the timid time-servers will say this is carrying the matter too far. To such I say, why should we give such men admittance to our chapters and then elect them to fill our principal offices to the exclusion of our own loyal subjects—giving them votes in Grand Chapter that may one day be used to our detriment in deciding some vital course of action? At least, it is but the admission of a possible element of weakness in our governing body of R.A. Masonry. They express openly their disaffection in the blue—if sincere, how can they be otherwise in the red, while making a convenience of us to suit their own individual ends? Imagine for a moment, that you see an English Mason elected to the position of Grand Z., a remote contingency, if you will, but yet not an absolute impossibility in the future.

Think this over, companions—quietly, calmly, dispassionately, and see if you cannot do something by showing a quiet, determined, yet kind front to aid the Grand Lodge of Quebec to an absolutely successful termination to her struggle for that grand Masonic object.

UNITY.

REPLY.

To the Editor of the "Masonic Times."

In reply to "Unity" in the Canadian Craftsman, I will endeavour to meet his assertions by contradictions as to the progress of the so-called and self-constituted Grand Lodge of Quebec, and for reference I have carefully gone over the printed proceedings issued by that body from its irregular formation to the present time.

1870. Members on the Roll ... 1496

1876. To lodges affiliated from G.L. of C. ... 596

1880. Members on the Roll ... 2092

1880. Members on the Roll ... 2343

Net gain in 12 years for 55 lodges ... 251

No. of joinings from 1869 to 1880 ...	2648
„ of withdrawals same period ...	2397
	251
Thus showing that the capital started with in 1869 of ...	1496 members,
And with the 20 lodges in 1876 of ...	596 „
	2092 has progres-

sively melted away.

They also report to have received from the subordinate lodges about £4000 stg., and boast of having expended £150 for benevolence out of that amount in the said period, the balance being assumed to be running expenses. It may be asked how the increase from the formation of that body to the present number of 2343 is accounted for? Simply by adding the strength of the twenty lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who in 1876 joined the G.L. of Q.

Why, Sir, I assert, without the fear of contradiction, that there are more unaffiliated Masons in the province of Quebec than would make up in number two Grand Lodges, each larger than the G.L. of Q.

In contrast to this recent existence of the G.L. of Q., one of the English lodges was constituted in 1770 by the Hon. John Collins, the first Provincial G.M. of Canada, who was appointed to office by the Grand Master of England, the Duke of Beaufort, in 1768, within seven or eight years after the British conquest of Canada from France, in 1759-60. Since the first Provincial Delegation of English Provincial Grand Mastership in Canada, territorially appropriated by England, the Provincial Grand office has been successive and continuous, and has never failed. Another by Provincial G.M. Hon. William Badgley in 1832, and the third by the same hon. brother in 1854, under warrants of the aforementioned dates, issued under the seal of the Grand Lodge of England; thus showing the continued existence of the lodges from long previous to the formation of the G.L. of Q., which has not yet, and I trust will not be recognised by England until the tenets of Masons are truthfully demonstrated by the G.L. of Q. in act as well as deed.

The above will affix its true value to the unwarranted and untruthful aspersions by "Unity" upon the English lodges and upon the Grand Lodge of England, calumniously qualified by "Unity" as foreign intruders upon the sacred soil of Quebec. Why does not the G.L. of Q. act by them as it has acted by the Scotch lodges here? Why not declare both the Grand Lodge of England and its subordinate lodges here clandestine? Simply, because the G.L. of Q. is afraid of the consequences; because that self-sufficient body well knows that England will not be trifled with as Scotland was; and is confident that the observations in the speech of H.R.H. the Grand Master at a banquet at the Mansion House in London a short time ago, will be enforced, to which the attention of "Unity" is specially directed for his benefit, as well as for that of his patrons of the G.L. of Q., who have used his mischievous services in their mercenary behalf.

It would be a blessing if the G.L. of Q., whose plottings "Unity" has lent his tedious and slimy pen to encourage and stimulate, could only be induced to take some decisive action in this connection, to use a vulgar expression, doubtless familiar to Unity, to put their foot in it; the result would be that instead of three English Lodges there would be thirty-three. The Quebec Grand Lodge knows this, and its only means to breed trouble and discord is continuously under some *nom de plume*, like Unity, propagating erroneous statements which are never noticed on this side of the Atlantic nor intended to be noticed here where that Grand Lodge is known and appreciated, but with the hope of catching a vapid notice elsewhere out of Canada.

"Unity" says that want of harmony exists in the English Lodges; but he knows that is false, and I challenge him to prove his assertion. He guardedly refrains from stating what he knows, and tries to make the above assertion collectively, instead of individually, where a Quebec Past Master entered an English Lodge room unobserved previous to opening of the lodge for business, and not being able to conduct himself temperately was compelled peremptorily to retire; and, to save what little reputation he had left amongst the brethren of his own registry, and fearful of the truth being published, caused false information of the matter to be furnished to a Montreal newspaper.

It would be rare wisdom in "Unity" to be advised, to let the English Lodges alone. Scribbling is a known failing, from the present Grand Master of Q. down to "Unity" his henchman, to endeavour by correspondence with Masons in England to breed ill feeling there and discord here by false information; but lately recent revelations have officially opened the eyes of the English Lodges here to the baseness and misrepresentations forwarded by officers and members of the G. L. of Q. It is but common and generally admitted justice to say, that the English Lodges here are first in every good word and work; and it is to their pride to say that they do not allow an English Mason to go about from door to door the same as those from the G. L. of Q.

One of the smallest of the English Lodges here has expended more in benevolence than the Grand Lodge of Quebec, with its fifty-five lodges, has done since its first appearance; and are content with the cheerful performance of their fraternal duty and claim no merit for this act.

As to "Unity's" flippant and disreputable attack upon the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the action of her subordinate lodges here (in fact, by only a portion of their members), it will not be out of place here to inform your readers how those subordinate lodges really did act, and direct at the same time particular attention to the honesty, &c., of the G. L. of Q. in the matter.

The G. L. of Q., either by its G.M. or by some of its officers, has been for some time corresponding with some of the members of the Grand Committee in Scotland who had become partial to the G. L. of Q., but who were not desirous of allowing their actions or doings to be made known by the other members of the Committee, the same parties corresponding with some of the Scotch Masons here without consent or knowledge of the Mother Grand Lodge, and counselling them to renounce allegiance, promising their support in Scotland; and said officers of the G. L. of Q., by secret doings amongst a portion of the members of the Scotch subordinate lodges here, who were called together (not by summons, but by the personal visit of the Master) to meet on the 27th November, 1880, the

same evening being for the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and the secret arrangements made by these astute Grand Officers with only a portion of the Scotch Masons, culminated that evening when the G. L. of Q. sent for them to attend its meeting. The invitation was accepted. These three Scotch lodges, represented by thirty-one members out of a strength of one hundred and ninety, handed over to the G. L. of Q. their Scotch warrants; and, be it to the shame and lasting disgrace of the G. L. of Q., its officers disfigured the face of these warrants, destroying property which was not their own, and received in return *already prepared* new warrants from that Grand body.

Why was not the G. L. of Q. honest in this? Why did it not see that every member of the disloyal lodges was present, or notified, before the W.M. assumed authority to hand over the lodge warrants to a body without title or authority to receive them?

It is true the G. L. of Q. in the beginning of the strife, and with purpose of seeming honesty, by their Committee met the Scotchmen, who agreed to affiliate providing the G. L. of Scotland would sanction them in doing so; on their ascertaining the negative result from Scotland, the loyal members withdrew from any further connection with the proposed separation.

The G. L. of Q. thereupon exhibited its subtlety by stealthy approaches to those of the Committee whom they had selected to conspire with them, and we have the result.

The loyal members of one of the lodges have sent a memorial to Scotland detailing the above, and claiming from Scotland to furnish them with their constitutional rights and privileges. The remaining members of the other lodges are quietly waiting the result.

Let me ask "Unity" to look at the Quebec Grand Lodge Constitution, sec. 33, page 42, where is recorded: "Should the majority of a lodge retire, the power of assembling remains with (7) the minority."

In face of the above, the G. L. of Q., knowing that the constitution of Scotland is the same as its own, except as to the minimum number remaining, which is given to the minority by the Scotch constitution without naming any number, and fully aware, by observation of a record on the minute books of the Scotch subordinate lodges here, that there were more than seven of each lodge who recorded on its books their determination not to sever their Scottish allegiance. The G. L. of Q. allowed those who purloined what was not their own to claim protection, and to shield them in this unconstitutional and iniquitous action.

All the above characteristic proceedings of the G. L. of Q., from its original and peculiar organisation to the present time, explain why it is not appreciated, and why its acts lead to its present weak and normal condition.

"Unity" advises the R. A. Masons under Quebec not to accept candidates from English lodges, and thus expects to force the English lodge Masons out of existence.

But "Unity" here shows his false colours; there are two chapters here under the Grand Chapter of England, which are sufficient for the district of Montreal for years to come.

Will "Unity" tell me how it is that in this province, 500 miles long, and the breadth not yet known, that the Grand Chapter of Quebec has only 384 companions on its roll?

It will be a sore and great grief indeed to me to hear of the mixing up of English and Quebec companions, and specially having reference to the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which was painfully offensive, and at which those who respected themselves retired long before the session was closed to avoid the conduct of some of its officers, the subject of contempt by members of the institution.

Attaching no importance here to the letter of "Unity," we find that such squibs are copied into other publications in Britain and the United States, and my object in thus addressing you, dear Sir, is to properly explain, and to ask the individual brethren in England and Scotland to support the executive of their Grand Lodges.

March, 1881.

LOYAL "UNITY."

New Brunswick.

At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote and amidst the heartiest applause:

"Whereas, Right Worshipful Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, voluntarily retires from that office, which he has filled since the formation of Grand Lodge, after several years previous service as Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge under English registry, his whole term in the office covering the period from 1861 until the present time."

Resolved: "That Grand Lodge desires to express in the heartiest terms its high sense of the efficient and effective way in which that Right Worshipful Brother has discharged all the duties pertaining to the important office of Grand Secretary, by which the affairs of the Craft in this jurisdiction are in a condition entirely satisfactory to Grand Lodge, declaring that by all his Masonic works, by his counsel and advice, by his knowledge of Masonic law and ritual, by his patient and unwearying efforts for the good of the Craft, and his uniform courtesy to brothers of every Degree, he has won for himself an enduring place in the hearts of the Freemasons of New Brunswick."

Resolved: "That while expressing its sense of the loss it had sustained by his retirement from the position he has so long and so worthily filled, Grand Lodge is nevertheless glad to be able to congratulate the Right Worshipful brother that his retirement is due largely to a personal cause of much interest to his friends, his advancement to the head of an important public department of the City of St. John—that of Chairman of the Board of Assessors—with which he has had official connection for a number of years, and to express the hope that he may be long spared to discharge the duties of that honourable position."

The annual dinner in aid of the funds of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, will take place at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Friday, the 16th of June; H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge in the chair, supported by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, with many other City dignities. Amongst the list of Stewards appear the names of many well-known philanthropists, such as the Duke of Argyll, the Duke of Leeds, Lord Shaftesbury, the Earl of Glasgow, &c.

HOME SERVICE CLUB.

At the annual dinner of this rising club, recently held at the club-house, Park-place, St. James's, Bro. Colonel the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham, presided, and amongst the company present were Lt.-Col. Ray, Lt.-Col. Wigram, Bro. Major Fletcher, Capt. Rutley, Sec. National Artillery Association, Bro. Major Wilde, Capt. and Adjutant Richardson, Bro. Lieut. Davies, Dr. Trent, Lt.-Col. Laurie, Lt.-Col. Cowan, Lt.-Col. Routledge, Bro. Major Gant, Lieut. The Hon. H. R. Molyneux, Capt. Montague, Capt. Tully, Lieut. Henry Wright, Major McIntosh, Lieut. W. Thomas, and others. After due justice had been done to the excellent banquet, Bro. Lord Londonderry, who wore the riband and order of a Knight of St. Patrick, proposed the health of "Her Majesty the Queen," remarking that whenever and wherever Englishmen met in this kind of way the health of the Queen is always cordially drunk, but more especially at the present time, after the recent attempt on Her Majesty's life and the dreadful events in Ireland which have occurred. The health of Bro. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family was also given from the Chair. To the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," General Harris responded for the two former branches of the services, strongly condemning conscription, which can only be staved off by the young men of the country coming forward and volunteering their services, for the defence of their country. Lieut.-Col. Ray, in a most able manner, replied for "The Volunteer Branch." The noble Chairman then proposed "Success to the Club," to which Lieut.-Col. Routledge responded, and impressed upon all officers the desirability of joining this club, to meet and exchange views on the subject they all have at heart, and so to learn from one another things which they can carry back to their own regiments and utilise. The Honourable H. R. Molyneux proposed "The Press" in a somewhat lengthy speech, and though he felt he would be laughed at by some for ventilating an idea that he had long had, said he felt that a great deal of use might be made of our young men who are bicyclists and tricyclists for scouting purposes, forming, as it were, an intelligence department, as in the German Army, for the majority of these young men are well educated. He explained they might reconnoitre, and supply information as to the position, strength, and capabilities of the enemy, for a bicycle rider can penetrate where a cavalry soldier cannot. Different opinions seemed to be expressed by the company as to the practicability of carrying on these novel views. Captain Tully, in responding for "The Press," offered to open the columns of his paper for exchanging views on the subject. "The Health of the Marquis of Londonderry" was then drunk, the proposer remarking that the noble Marquis is a most efficient and active volunteer in the county of Durham, where we know he is much respected by the Masonic fraternity. Great regret was felt at the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Mathias, on account of ill health. The company did not separate until after midnight. We hope the club, which is situated in "clubland," and in almost central but quiet place, will flourish in the future as it has done so far.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- CROWE.—On the 22nd inst., at Blackheath, the wife of Major General Carlisle Crowe, late Royal Horse Artillery, of a daughter.
- DIGGLE.—On the 21st inst., at 36, Dorset-square, Regent's-park, N.W., the wife of the Rev. J. R. Diggle, of a daughter.
- HAWTREY.—On the 21st inst., at Frimley Lodge, Frimley, Surrey, the wife of Mr. Charles S. Hawtreay, of a daughter.
- JAMES.—On the 22nd inst., at Eton College, the wife of Mr. A. C. James, of a daughter.
- MC SHANE.—On the 21st inst., at 98, Clifton-hill, St. John's-wood, the wife of Mr. Charles Victor McShane, of a daughter.
- SMITH.—On the 21st inst., at 3, Grosvenor-terrace, Prince's-park, Liverpool, the wife of Mr. Radcliffe Smith, of a son.
- WILSON.—On the 21st inst., at Stratford-on-Avon, the wife of Mr. Herbert Wilson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BARROW-FOX.—On the 11th inst., at St. John's Church, The Grove, Hammersmith, Herbert Athelstan, son of Mr. Samuel Barrow, of Wandsworth, to Mary Theodora, daughter of Mr. Charles James Fox, M.R.C.S.
- HENMAN-HOPCRAFT.—On the 22nd inst., at St. Mary's, Islington, Frank, son of Mr. Edward Thomas Henman, of Stamford-hill, to Florence Harriet, daughter of Mr. John Hopcraft, of Finsbury-park.
- KNOOP-KNOOP.—On the 20th inst., at the parish church, Loschwitz, near Dresden, Herman, son of the late Mr. Louis Knoop, of Elbe Villa, Victoria-park, Manchester, to Maria Magdalene, daughter of Mr. William Knoop, of Dresden.

DEATHS.

- ABBOTT.—On the 20th inst., aged eleven months and a half, Geraldine Francis, youngest child of George Blizard and Margaret Jessie Abbott.
- DUNT.—On the 17th inst., Mr. Thomas French Dunt, formerly of Cockspur-street.
- FARIE.—On the 20th inst., at Bruton-street, Mr. Robert Farie, aged 69.
- MAY.—On the 22nd inst., at 32, Belgrave road, St. John's-wood, Mary Ann, wife of Mr. W. May, of 13, Bread-street, Cheapside, aged 56 years.
- MILDMAY.—On the 21 inst., at Aix les Bains, Captain Hervey St. John Mildmay, R.N., of Hazelgrove House, Somerset, aged 65.
- NOAKES.—On the 22nd inst., at Blessington-road, Lee, Kent, George Henry, son of Mr. Henry William Noakes, aged 17 years.
- TUFF.—On the 21st inst., Mr. William Tuff, of 105, Hemingford-road, Barnsbury, N., aged 65.



Miss Hilda Hilton has again come to the Royalty, of which she has been the lessee for the past few months. She now plays in a new piece, called "Long Ago," a drama in one act, of which we in England have not many, though abroad they are very common and popular. Here a one act piece is generally looked upon as put on the stage to play the people in. But "Long Ago" is far more than this. It is exciting to a certain degree, and that because Miss Hilton throws all her energy and talent into it. In a certain way the story is something similar to "Odette." In a fit of wildness *Madame le Fontaine* has deserted her husband and child, and taken afterwards to the gambling tables, and become herself a keeper of one, where she has ruined many men and women. To her house comes a young man, who falls ill of a fever; she nurses him, and has an affection for him, for she sees in him a likeness to her own child, who, of course, he ultimately turns out to be. *Dr. Blunt* (Mr. Everill), the young man's guardian, finds him out in this bad house, and bids him return home. *Madame le Fontaine* begs the doctor to allow him to remain, and tells the story of her life to *Dr. Blunt*, who accuses her of being the wife of his old friend, which she denies, but afterwards has to acknowledge. The doctor allows her an hour to consider whether she will reveal herself and her past career to the young man by telling him she is his mother, or bid farewell to him for ever without narrating it, and so allow him to think his mother a saint in heaven, as he had been taught by his father. For the sake of her son she stifles her mother's feelings, but tells him she had once a son like him, and asks him if he had a mother who had sunk as low as she has would he forgive her. He says yes, with all his heart, from a son's love to his mother. She is now happy in knowing that if he knew the truth he would forgive his own mother. The play ends by her dying in his arms, after she has asked him, just to please her, to say "mother." Miss Hilton proves herself fully equal to the demand on her talent in this drama. Mr. Reeves Smith, the young man, plays a somewhat difficult part with great credit, whilst Mr. Everill, as the old doctor, is as good as ever. The merry burlesque of "Sinbad," which follows, still runs on, and perhaps goes better than at first. Altogether the Royalty entertainment is both attractive and various.

At the Opera Comique to-night will be brought out a new burlesque, entitled "The Wreck of the Pinafore," in which Miss Rosa Leo, Bro. George Temple, and other well known artistes will take part. We shall give a notice of it later on. It was at this house that the very popular opera of "H.M.S. Pinafore" was first played in London and proved a source of wealth to every one connected with it.

Bro. Sims' new play, "The Romany Rye," will shortly be brought out at the Princess'. Mr. Wilson Barrett, the lessee, and Miss Eastlake taking the principal characters. It is expected to be a popular piece, Bro. Sims having bestowed much time and patience on every detail of it, and last summer attached himself to gipsy life to study the movements and life of the tribe. We are glad to say Bro. Sims is better now in health. We believe the 10th of June will be the first night of "The Romany Rye."

Almost the whole of the Royal Family have visited the Haymarket to see "Odette." On Monday Prince and Princess Christian and suite were expected but being unavoidably detained attended on Tuesday. Mr. Sardon's play has now become thoroughly established at Bro. Bancroft's house, and will certainly be played until the summer season is over, when we believe arrangements already entered into will be carried out, and Mrs. Langtry return to London.

Bro. Kendal, who has been laid aside for a week with an attack of measles, will, we are glad to announce, soon resume his place as *Lieut. Thorndyke* in "The Squire."

The next comic opera for the Avenue Theatre, by Mr. Harry Paulton, is called "Monteaux Noirs" and will be ready on the 3rd prox., when "Madame Favart" will be withdrawn. Bro. Bracey, Mons. Marius, and Miss Florence St. John will take the leading parts.

Lord Lytton's comedy, "Money," will be given at morning performances to-day (Saturday) and on Saturday next at the Vaudeville. We understand a very powerful cast has been arranged for the occasion.

Bro. Hollingshead, before removing—not extinguishing—the sacred lamp of burlesque, has produced "Little Doctor Faust," from the Gaiety stock. As usual, it has been received, with the same applause and the same favour from the audience as the preceding ones. Bro. Edward Terry as *Mephistopheles* is most amusing. His song of the showman at the fair was encored again and again. The whole of the company, whom we mentioned in our last issue, were applauded in the manner peculiar to the Gaiety. We regret Mr. Roger, an old favourite here, is struck down with paralysis. We recommend those who like burlesque to see Bro. Byron's "Dr. Faust" while they can. On the 20th the French plays begin, and will run for six weeks. During the first three weeks the famous Sarah will play. The following two weeks Mons. Coquelin, from the Comedie Francaise, with his company will occupy the house. The regular Gaiety Company will not play at a neighbouring theatre during the time, as stated by many of the newspapers, but will delight the denizens of Yarmouth, Glasgow, Liverpool, Newcastle, and Manchester. In the autumn an entirely new burlesque is promised, entitled "Little Robinson Crusoe." By the above arrangement we have detailed "the sacred lamp" will still burn, though not in London.



Madame Adelina Patti made her first appearance this season at the Royal Italian Opera on Thursday last, as *Catarina* in Meyerbeer's opera of "L'Etoile du Nord." That the fair prima donna was received with the utmost enthusiasm goes without saying, the floral demonstrations in the shape of bouquets being again and again repeated. Nor is it necessary to say more as to her performance than that, both musically and dramatically, she exhibited equal, if not greater power than before. Madame Valleria, as *Prasovia* sang with brilliancy and effect, and her acting showed great spirit. M. Gailhard as *Pietro*, Signor Lestellier as *Danilowitz*, and M. Dauphin as *Gritzenko*, were also of the cast.

On Friday, Madame Sembrich appeared as *Amina* in Bellini's opera of "La Sonnambula;" on Saturday, "Rigoletto" was repeated, with Madame Albani (*Gilda*) and the other members of the cast whom we mentioned last week. Monday witnessed another performance of "Mignon," the principal lady artistes being Mesdames Albani, Valleria, and Trebelli; and on Tuesday Madame Adelina Patti made her second appearance this season in "Il Trovatore," being supported by Madame Stahl, M. Defries, and Signor Nicolini. "La Favorita" was given on Thursday, and yesterday (Friday) she was to play *Giulietta* in "Romeo and Giulietta," Signor Nicolini, of course, being the *Romeo*. To-night (Saturday) Madame Pauline Lucca will make her first appearance this season in "Carmen," and will, we doubt not, experience a welcome in all respects worthy of so distinguished an artiste.

The German Opera Season commenced at Drury Lane on Thursday last with Wagner's "Lohengrin," and, speaking generally, it may be said that the company which has been brought together by the joint exertions of Herren Franke and Pollini, gave the best representation of this masterpiece of the great German master of to-day which has yet been seen in this country. The chief interest of the audience centred naturally in the *Elsa* of Frau Sucher, and the *Lohengrin* of Herr Winkelmann; and it need only be said that both artistes, the one by her poetic rendering of the part she played, and the other by his grand impersonation of the hero, fully justified the expectations that had been formed of their abilities. Frau Garso-Dely, as *Ortrud*, and Dr. Kraus as *Telramund*, played admirably, and the whole performance was received with enthusiasm. Herr Hans Richter, on appearing at his post of conductor, met with a most cordial welcome.

The second performance took place on Saturday last, when "Der Fliegende Holländer" was presented, and here again Frau Sucher, by her impersonation of *Senta*, proved herself to be an artist of the first rank. Her reading was truthful and poetic, her poses were graceful with naught of stageyngness about them, and her singing was perfectly natural. Herr Gura, as the *Flying Dutchman*, showed the greatest skill as an actor. Fraulein J. Schefsky as *Mary*, Herr Wolff as *Erik*, Herr Ehrke as *Daland*, and Herr Landau as the *Steersman*, gave capable representations of the characters severally entrusted to them.

The third performance of German Opera took place on Tuesday, when "Tannhäuser" was played to a crowded audience in a manner which fully sustained the high opinion previously formed of Herren, Franke, and Pollini's company. The cast was a strong one, the central figure being again Frau Sucher, who, as *Elizabeth*, achieved a still more brilliant triumph than *Senta* in "Lohengrin" on the opening. We need not go far to account for this. *Elizabeth* affords far greater scope for the display of the great artist's powers. The character is a grand one, and well calculated to elicit the enthusiasm of so gifted a lady, there being also ample room for giving full expression to that truth to nature by which the part is characterised. Herr Winkelmann's *Tannhäuser* was a powerful piece of acting, while Herr Gura as *Wolftram*, Herr Landau as *Walther*, Herr Wolff as *Heinrich*, Herr Ehrke as *Bittorolf*, and Fraulein Wesdormann as *Venus*, did their part towards making the performance as complete a success as possible.

There was a numerous audience at Bro. W. Ganz's third orchestral concert at St. James's Hall, on Saturday last, among those who were present being the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck. Liszt's Symphony to Dante's "Divina Commedia" was performed, by special desire, a second time on the occasion. One of the most successful performances was the "Entr'acte à Ballet" from Schubert's music to "Rosamunde," the clarinet solo by Mr. Lazarus being played with his wonted skill and taste, while M. Castognier's oboe solo greatly enhanced the pleasure of the performance. Bro. Ganz, however, is never chary of providing novelties, and the introduction of Vladimir de Pachemann, the Russian pianist, proved a great success; his rendering of Chopin's Concerto in F minor, Haydn's fantasia in C, a rondo in E flat by Field, and Liszt's "étude," "Walders Rauchen," serving to prove that the artist is equally at home in his interpretation of these specimens of entirely different schools. Miss Carlotta Elliot was the vocalist, and the several songs she sang greatly delighted the audience.

The second grand Ballad Concert, at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday last, drew together a very large audience. The programme was unusually lengthy, and the majority of the numbers were loudly applauded; this being especially the case with a fantasia on Scotch airs, by Holm, which was admirably played on the pianoforte by Herr Albert Henning. Among the vocalists were Madame Patey and Messrs. Maas and Thurley Beale.



There are now on view in two separate galleries at 168, Bond-street, two exhibitions of tapestry-painting, one consisting of the "chef d'ouvres" of M. Barthelemy Grénié, and the other of two large tapestry-panels of surprising beauty, which were executed at Buckingham Palace by Mr. Henry M'Dowell, and are being exhibited by the Queen's permission. Mr. Henry M'Dowall is director of both.

The president of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain for the new year is the Duke of Northumberland, and Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., and Mr. Thomas Salt are the trustees. The report of the council shows that great progress has been made by the society during the past year.

Two very interesting papers were read at the meeting last week of the Meteorological Society—one by the Hon. Ralph Abercrombie on "The Diurnal Variation of Wind and Weather in their relation to Isobaric Lines," in which the author showed that the mean diurnal increase of the wind's velocity is explained by the fact that for the same gradient there is more wind by day than there is by night; and, further, that the diurnal veering and increase of rain follow as a natural consequence of the diurnal increase of velocity. The other, by Mr. W. F. Stanley, dealt with the "Mechanical Conditions of Storms, Hurricanes, and Cyclones."

Mr. William Spottiswoode P.R.S., presided at the meeting on Wednesday last of the United Service Institution, when Mr. St. George Lane-Fox read a paper on "The future of Electric Lighting, and the Exhibition at the Crystal Palace."

M. de Neuville's latest picture, "The Cemetery of St. Privat," which is now on exhibition at Messrs. Dowdeswell's gallery, 133 New Bond-street, shows him to be the greatest living painter of battle scenes. The scene represents the close of the struggle made by the French in the little village, who had been left to cover the retreat of Marshal Canrobert's corps before the overwhelming Prussian and Saxon forces.

Professor Lankester has been re-appointed Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy at the University College, London; while Messrs. Frederick Pollock and T. P. Taswell-Langmead, Professors respectively of Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law and History.

Mr. C. Wilford presided at the monthly meeting, on Saturday last, of the Royal Historical Society, on which occasion Bro. Hyde Clarke, D.C.L., read a paper on "The Iberian and Belgian Influence in Britain."

Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods had another great sale of pictures and water-colour drawings at their rooms in King-street, St. James's, on Saturday, the bulk of them being the collection by Mr. G. Cotterell, of Walsall. The sum realised was over £14,000; the highest prices being paid for "The Coral Fisher, Amalfi," by J. C. Hook, R.A., exhibited at the Royal Academy 1878, 1100 guineas; "The Lake of Geneva in the Beginning of the Present Century," by J. M. W. Turner, R.A.—including copyright—830 guineas; "The Race for Wealth," by W. P. Frith, R.A., being the original finished sketches for the larger works, 660 guineas; "Al Duina," by J. Phillip, R.A., exhibited 1858, 670 guineas; "Over the Hill," by J. Linwell, sen., 1872, 610 guineas; "The Harvest Wagon," by J. Linwell, 1862, 560 guineas; "Married for Love," by Marcus Stone, A.R.A. exhibited 1881, 490 guineas; "Brittany Cattle," by E. Van Marcke, 410 guineas; "A View in Devonshire," by F. R. Lee, R.A., with cattle by T. S. Cooper, R.A., 365 guineas; and "Jezebel and Ahab met at the entrance to Naboth's Vineyard by Elijah the Tishbite," by Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., exhibited 1863, 405 guineas.

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society, which was held on Monday, at 12, Hanover-square, under the presidency of Mr. J. Dent Dent, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon was unanimously elected President for the next year. At the invitation of the Lord Mayor and Council of York the show for 1883 will be held on the well-known racecourse in the vicinity of that city.

One of the last letters written by the late Lord Frederick Cavendish bears date the 5th of May, and was addressed to Mr. Illingworth, President of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce. In it his lordship promised to subscribe £100 to the Technical School.

There is now open to the public in Paris an exhibition consisting of one hundred paintings by fifteen masters of ten different nationalities, England being represented by Mr. Alma-Tadema.

At the meeting on Friday last of the House of Commons Committee appointed to consider the merits of the various Electric Lighting Companies, promoted by new companies, gas companies, and corporations, Sir F. Bramwell, Mr. William Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Society, and Dr. C. Siemens were examined at some length.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Mr. William Fettes Douglas, who was appointed President of the Scottish Academy in February last, in succession to the late Sir Daniel Macnee.

MASONIC AND GENERAL NOTICES

The article entitled "English Masonry in 1881" is by Bro. Hughan, P.G.D. It was sent to the "Masonic Record of Western India," but by a strange oversight the Editor left out the name of the author, and we reprinted it in the *Freemason* of last week in like manner. It will be seen that there is no mistake as to Bro. Hughan's opinion of the so-called "Grand Lodge of New South Wales."

The Earl of Kintore, Deputy Grand Master of the Mark Degree of Freemasons of England, will preside at the fourteenth Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which will be held at the Crystal Palace on the 19th of July.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has given the following notice of motion for consideration at the ensuing Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, viz.: "That, having regard to the great increase in the number of lodges in the metropolitan area during the past twenty-five years, and the consequent almost total exclusion of the members thereof from any participation in Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge honours, this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the propriety of sub-dividing such metropolitan area into four District Grand Lodges."

The Ceremony and Sections of the Third Degree will be worked in the United Pilgrims Lodge, this (Friday) evening, at 7.30 p.m., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, together with H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, purpose opening the Convalescent Home for Poor Children at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, on Monday, June 26th.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has fixed Tuesday, the 27th inst., for the annual Stewards' visit and distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green.

The Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, in accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting of the parent lodge, has been removed to the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., where its meetings will be held for the future every Thursday evening, from seven until nine o'clock. Bro. G. J. Gibson, 1531, is the Preceptor and Hon. Secretary, and Bro. Trinder, 704, the Treasurer of the lodge.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, which is held at the Three Nuns Hotel, side of the Metropolitan Railway Station, Aldgate, on Monday evening, the 5th of June. Bro. G. H. Stephens, 1382 and S.D. 1623, will preside, and be supported by the following brethren: Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, J.W.; and C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607 and 174 (Preceptor), I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. T. Jones, S.W. 1607; Second, Bro. G. Jones, P.M. 174; Third, Bro. J. How, D.C. 141; Fourth, Bro. W. Richardson, 174; Fifth, Bro. J. H. Pringle, S.D. 781; Sixth, Bro. W. McDonald, J.W. 1445; and Seventh, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. R. Hammond, 1278; Second, Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607 and 174; Third, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 11349; Fourth, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; and Fifth, Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. A. H. Brown, J.W. 174; Second, Bro. J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076; and Third, Bro. J. Andrews, P.M. 1227. Bro. H. J. Cant, S.D. 1816, is the Hon. Sec. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock prompt, and brethren are cordially invited.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans presided at the dinner of the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, at Willis's Rooms, on the 16th inst. Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, supported the chairman.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will be present at the opening of the new Municipal Buildings at Yarmouth by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Wednesday next.

Bro. Count Munster drove to the meet of the Four-in-Hand Club, a team of chesnuts. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was on the box of Lord Aveland's drag, and not, as usual, on the President's. Bro. Lord Lonsborough drove a neat blue coach pricked out with white, with a couple of bay wheelers and brown leaders. The Mall was graced with the presence of the Princess and Princesses of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

The M.W. the Grand Master, with the Crown Prince of Denmark, and Bro. the Duke of Connaught, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; Lords Powerscourt, Tenterden, Kensington, and Suffield, the Dukes of Abercorn and Athole, Earls Dalhousie, Breadalbane, and Harrington, the Marquises of Londonderry and Donegal, Sir Edmund Lechmere, the Lord Mayor, Lord Bandon, Lord Bective, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Lieut.-General Sir Garnet Wolseley, and Sir J. McGarel Hogg were invited to the State Ball, at Buckingham Palace, held last week.

Bro. Edward Terry took his benefit yesterday (Friday) at the Gaiety Theatre.

Bro. Colonel Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P., as Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, gave his annual dinner on Saturday. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales honoured the proceeding, and responded for the toast of "The Royal Family and the Army and Reserve Forces," and proposed the toast of the evening—"The Board of Works"—for which Bro. the Chairman replied. There were present Bro. Earl Jersey, the Lord Mayor, Sir John Ellis, Sheriff Hanson, and Viscount Powerscourt.

Bros. J. D. Allcroft, Sir Francis Truscott, Alfred Lyon and Edgar Bowyer are Stewards for the festival of the Infant Orphan Asylum, to be held on the 24th prox.; Bro. the Duke of Connaught presiding.

Bro. Lord Kensington, P.G.W., entertained a select company at dinner on Saturday night at his residence.

Bro. Horace Jones, Grand Superintendent of Works, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, presided at a meeting of the Society, when a paper was read by Mr. Slater on "Recent progress in the electric lighting of buildings."

Bro. the Earl of Jersey attended the opening of a home for working girls in Brixton-road, to be named Garfield House. Bro. Lord Jersey has also subscribed £50 to the funds.

Bros. Alderman Sir Charles Whetham, Sir John Bennett, A. J. Altman, Deputy Crispe, A. Brookman, G. N. Johnson, P.G.S., W. H. Pannell, Pearce Morrison, Deputy Saunders, J. Perkins, H. Squire, and Frank Green V.P.B.G.P., were present at the last Court of Common Council.

The Lady Mayoress's reception on Tuesday was more fully attended than usual, the cause being the first reception since the Grand Junior Warden became Sir John Ellis, the company hurrying to convey their warmest congratulations to the Lord Mayor on the distinguished honour conferred upon him by Her Majesty. Bro. Sir John was present to receive personally the congratulations which one and all seemed to consider a well-deserved honour.

Bro. the Earl of Northesk, Bro. the Earl of Derby, and Bro. Lord Kensington were amongst those present at a ball held at Bailey's Hotel, South Kensington, on Saturday, in aid of the Ladies' Work Society. Bro. the Prince and the Princess of Wales, and several members of the Royal Family honoured the ball with their company. The Princess Louise was the prime mover in the matter.

Bro. the Grand Master of Ireland, and the Duchess of Abercorn are expected at Hampden House, from Baron's Court, after the Whitsuntide holidays.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will attend in state the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, on Monday, 19th June, at the Guildhall Tavern, as did Bro. Sir Francis Truscott two years ago when Lord Mayor and G.J.W. Afterwards Bro. the Lord Mayor will give a ball at the Mansion House to the Mayors and Mayoresses of the municipalities of England.

Bro. Sir E. Colebrooke, Bart., M.P., has been elected vice-president of the Royal Asiatic Society for the ensuing year.

Bro. the Hon. and Rev. F. E. Byng, P.G. Chap., vicar of St. Peter's, Cranley-gardens, and chaplain to the Speaker, preached on Sunday in aid of the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, Bro. Lord Bective, and Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, attended the Levée.

Bro. the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Lord Onslow, and Bro. Earl Shaftesbury took part in the debate in Committee of the Union of People's Bill in the House of Lords on Monday last.

Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.W., supported Mr. O. Coope, M.P., at the festival last week of King's College Hospital. The banquet was held by kind permission of the Benchers in Inner Temple Hall.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms moved the adjournment of the debate on the Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Bill in the House of Commons.

The Prince of Wales held a levée on Monday, by command of the Queen, at St. James's Palace. Bro. the Duke of Connaught was present, also the Crown Prince of Denmark. Bro. the Earl of Crawford was presented by the Earl of Desart; Bro. the Earl of Jersey presented the Mayor of Abercorn; Bro. Viscount Powerscourt presented Capt. Mayfield, 2nd Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment; Lieut. Harry Wright, 92nd Gordon Highlanders, was presented by Field Marshal Lord Strathnairn.

The Prince of Wales has, on the invitation of the Lord Mayor and the Mansion House Committee, consented to unveil the statue of Sir Rowland Hill, which is about to be erected at the south-east corner of the Royal Exchange, facing Cornhill. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 17th.

M. Cochery, the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, has asked the chamber for a grant of 250,000 francs, to enable him to establish a State telephonic service between certain towns in France.

Bro. Horace Jones, Grand Superintendent of Works, City Architect, and President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, will entertain the Council of the Institute and a few friends at Limmer's Hotel on June 5th.

The *Whitehall Review* contains a portrait-in-words of Sir John Whittaker Ellis, the Lord Mayor, in which some details of Mansion House life are given.

Messrs. Carter and Co., High Holborn, were among the prize takers at the Crystal Palace Flower Show, on Saturday last.

Bro. Saffery, of Sherness-on-Sea, has received from H.R.H. the Duke of Albany a communication thanking him very cordially for the verses on his marriage sent for his acceptance. Bro. Saffery has also received from General Sir Henry F. Ponsonby a letter acknowledging the receipt of his letter and verses on the late attempt on the Queen, in which he says, "He will not fail to lay them before Her Majesty."

We have to correct an error which appeared in our last issue. Bro. E. J. Barron should have been described as F.S.A., and not F.R.I.B.A. Bro. Barron has just been elected Renter Warden of the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Braziers, and is not a Past Master of that Company.

No Toilet Soap ever introduced to the public has met with such deserved success as "WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP." It cleanses the skin, frees it from impurities, promotes its healthy action, and ensures immunity from infectious disease, and last, and not least, washing with it is a luxury. Purchasers, to avoid disappointment, should refuse all imitations, which are not only useless, but are positively dangerous.—[ADV'T.]

Bro. F. G. Luke, LL.B., of Lincoln's Inn, is a candidate for the City Remembranceship.

Bro. Charles Belton, the Secretary of the Conservative Land Society and the United Land Company Limited, was installed W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on the 18th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren, including several members of Grand Lodge. The Installing Master was Bro. Richard Eve, of Aldershot, P.P.S.G.W., who performed the ceremony in a most able and impressive manner. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint the officers for the ensuing year viz.: Bros. Hewett, S.W.; Pink, J.W.; Collier, S.D.; Ellis, J.D.; and Shollock, I.G. The brethren afterwards spent a most enjoyable evening, the various patriotic and Masonic toasts being fully responded to.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has consented to open an Oriental bazaar, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel early in June, on behalf of the Working Lads' Institute.

The Military Tournament will take place in the Agricultural Hall from June 12th to the 17th, and will be opened by H.R.H. Princess Mary the Duchess of Teck.

The Docks will be closed on Monday next, being a bank holiday, and also on June 3rd, the day appointed to be kept as the Queen's birthday.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson will support Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, at the festival of the Printers' Pension and Corporation, on Wednesday, the 31st inst.

A house belonging to Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, occupied by a man named Scattergood, and situated at Fillougsley, Warwickshire, has been burned to the ground. The roof was of thatch, and being struck by lightning during a terrific storm, it speedily ignited, and all efforts to subdue the flames were futile.

It is expected that the honour of knighthood will be conferred on the Mayor of Plymouth in connection with the recent opening of the new Eddystone Lighthouse.

The great sea serpent has just started upon his annual summer excursion. Captain John Y. Leavitt declares that he has just seen the monster off Cape Elizabeth, on the Coast of Maine.—*The Echo*.

The proceeds of the grand vocal and instrumental concert at the Floral Hall, on Saturday, the 13th inst., in aid of the Royal College of Music, received through Mr. Ernest Gye, amount to £873.

In consequence of the death of Sir John Holker, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chitty has undertaken to preside in place of the late lamented judge at the fiftieth anniversary festival of the United Law Clerks' Society, which will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, June 7th.

It has been definitely decided that the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Hastings and St. Leonard's on Monday, June 26th. The Royal party will arrive at the Hastings terminus about noon, and will drive through the Havelock and St. Andrew's roads to the Park. After the opening ceremony the Royal pair will drive through Robertson-street, and along the sea front to the Children's Convalescent Home at St. Leonard's, where they are timed to arrive about two o'clock. The luncheon, or dinner, will take place at the Warrior-square Concert Hall. The town will be decorated by day and illuminated by night. Their Royal Highnesses will probably leave the St. Leonard's Station between three and four o'clock in the afternoon.

Bro. H.R.R. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, has accepted the invitation of the Council of the Royal Society of Literature to dine with the Fellows of that learned body. The day upon which the banquet will take place is not yet fixed, but His Royal Highness has signified his wish that the date should not be earlier than the 15th of next month. In all probability other members of the Royal Family will be present at the banquet.

Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Radcliffe, 21st Middlesex (Finsbury) Rifles, has resigned his commission.

The Mansion House fund for the relief of the suffering Jews in Russia has amounted to more than £72,000. For some time past the Committee have been engaged in despatching emigrants to America and Canada, and this week 740 have been so sent away.—*City Press*.

The State apartments of Windsor Castle were opened to the public on Friday until further notice.

Upon the news of Sir John Holker's death reaching Preston, flags on the public buildings were displayed half-mast high, and blinds in private houses were drawn.

Bro. Lord Henniker will be installed for the second time as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, on Tuesday, the 6th of June, at Freemasons' Tavern.

Preparations are being made to give a hearty welcome to the Prince of Wales on his visit to Eton on June 5th to unveil the memorial screen in the college chapel, erected to the memory of the Etonian officers who fell in the Afghan and South African campaigns. The Prince of Wales will be the guest of the Provost, and it is expected that there will be a large and distinguished gathering to meet his Royal Highness.

The second annual meeting of the shareholders of the Nineteenth Century Building Society, whose chief office is at Adelaide-place, London Bridge, was held on Monday at the Cannon Street Hotel, the Chairman of Directors, Mr. Waldemar Lawrence, presiding. From the annual report, which was read by Mr. F. Long, the Secretary, it appeared that the business of the past year amounted to the sum of £18,868, and that the Directors had been able to pay interest at the rate of 5 per cent. for the year in addition to a balance profit of £213 carried forward to next year's accounts. The special feature of this society is the attention given to the sanitary condition of the property upon which advances are made. The report was unanimously passed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, June 3, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27.

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, N.
1679, Henry Muggerside, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1044, Mid-Surrey, S.M.H., Camberwell.

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.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, MAY 29.

- Lodge 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
1745, Farringdon (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Mark Grand Masters, M.H., SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, 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, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 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, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
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.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, MAY 30.

No Meetings.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
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.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
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.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley.
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

- House Com. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 895, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
1768, Progress, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-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.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
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.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
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.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

- Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Mark 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
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, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
All Saints, Eagle Tav., East India Dock-rd., Poplar, at 7.30.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2.

- Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., Woolwich.
1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd.
1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's K.T. Precept. 134, Blondel, Freemasons' Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 357 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
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, Lord Stanly, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew B.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, June 3, 1882.

MONDAY, MAY 29.

- Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
Mark Lodge 143, Birchall, Bull Hot., Preston.

TUESDAY, MAY 30.

- Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece, St. Helen's.
979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.
986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
321, Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe.
484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf Ormskirk.
730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

- Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
1565, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater M.H., Runcorn.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2.

- Lodge 1375, Didsbury, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 3, 1882.

All meetings take place at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, except where otherwise stated.

SATURDAY, MAY 27.

Lodge 357, Dublin.

MONDAY, MAY 29.

Freemasons' Hall closed.

TUESDAY, MAY 30.

Lodge 6, Dublin.

Board of Gen. Purposes.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

R.A.C. 33, Dublin.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

Grand Lodge at 8 p.m.

P.M.C. 9.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 232, Dublin.

Great Priory at 8 p.m.

R.A.C. 50, Dublin.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3.

Lodge 238, Dublin.

P.M.C. 4.

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